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Weekly Wissahickon 10/21/2022

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Message from Dean Kristi

Dear Families,

For the first time this season, I saw frost one morning as I left for school! Sure enough, time is passing quickly and this week marks the time when Interim Reports go home. We have about four weeks until the end of this first trimester which brings the first report card of the year. Now is a good time to check in on how your child is doing and to reach out to your child's teacher with any questions. They will welcome your interest!

It's also a good time to talk with your child about how they feel about school so far. What do they look forward to during the day? What is most difficult? Who are they hanging out with at recess? Is there anything they would change about school if they could? These kinds of specific questions will yield many more details than asking a generic question like "How was your day?". Feel free to share what you learn with us!

Warmly,

Kristi

Essentials

Breakfast/Lunch Menu

<https://www.myschoolmenus.com/instance/1033/district/1048>

Important Dates

October 24th-28th 8th Grade Outward Bound Trip

October 24th- November 7th - Hat, Scarf, Glove Drive

October 31st Picture Day - (No costumes)

November 2nd-4th - 5th Grade Horsham Outdoor trip

November 8th - Professional Development for Staff, School is CLOSED

November 10 - Awbury and Awbury

Picture Day 2022

Picture day is Monday October 31st. No costumes are allowed on picture day. Forms were given out to each class on Monday.

WCS Device Insurance

Wissahickon families, we are extending the time allowed to buy insurance for your student's device. (5th-8th Grade) (Deadline, October 31st)

While it's not required, we strongly encourage all families with Chromebooks to participate in the insurance program.

The cost for device Insurance through WCS is \$27/device. The device Insurance you purchased covers the following;

- Damage caused by accidental drops and spills
- Accidental water damage
- Loss/Theft

There are no deductible costs for families associated with qualified repairs. Families are entitled to a total of THREE (3) accidental damage claims per school year for each insured device. Manufacturer defects and hardware failures are covered by the device manufacturer.

The insurance does NOT cover the following

- Damage caused intentionally or through extreme neglect.
- Any device that indicates an attempt to remove or removal of the labels or tamper-proof stickers.
- Any device that was not issued to the student.

*When a WCS-issued device needs repair, your student can bring it to the building they attend. Students will be issued a temporary loaner device if one is available that will remain at school until which time their originally issued chrome book is repaired and returned. Please allow 10-15 days for repairs. Depending on the type of repair that's needed and the

availability of parts some repairs can take up to 4 weeks or longer. Once the repair is complete your student will be contacted to return the loaner device and receive their original device back. For students/families that do NOT invest in this insurance program, in the event of accidental damage, Chromebook repair costs will be added to the student account and families will be notified. **Families that do NOT participate in the insurance program that has a damaged Chromebook will NOT be able to participate in the insurance program until the damaged Chromebook is repaired.** For reference, the most common damage to a device that needs repair is the screen. **Repair costs for a screen replacement (when not covered by insurance) average \$80. Other, less common, repairs range from \$100 to full device replacement at \$260.** Determination of whether the damage is considered “intentional” or due to “extreme neglect” will be made by a full-time staff member of the Technology Services Department.

Payment Information

[Awbury Insurance](#)

Please note the child(s) name when submitting payment to the school.

Morning Drop-off Begins at 8am (not earlier)

There is no supervision for students before 8am. We require that you wait until this time to leave your child at school. Safety is a serious concern for children left at school before 8:00a.m. The supervising adults do not report to their stations until 800a.m. Therefore, students will NOT be permitted to enter the building prior to 8:00 a.m. The gate will open for cars at 8 AM. See the entire arrival procedures [here](#) for more information.

Flat Rate Program - Form

If you are enrolled in the flat rate program please make sure you complete the [parent payment form](#) by the 1st of every month. Additional information can be found on the [transportation page](#) on the Philadelphia School District website.

Open Enrollment @ WCS for 2022-23 SY

If you already have a child in our school and are interested in applying for a sibling, you will need to apply using Apply Philly Charter. The application is open from Friday, September 23rd and will close on Monday, January 23, 2023. Click [here](#) to apply.

On Radar

Hat, Scarf and Glove Drive

Awbury's Wissahickon Parent Partnership (WPP) is sponsoring a this hat, scarf and glove drive. Please donate new or unused hats, scarfs, gloves and mittens to our children to keep them warm. The goal is to collect 200+ hats, scarfs, gloves and mittens to have during the winter months.

For more information please reach out to the WPP at wpp@awbury@gmail.com



Spam Phone Calls

We have noticed an increase of students receiving spam phone calls through their personal cell phones. Make sure to discuss with your student the importance of not answering phone calls from numbers they don't recognize.

We recommend registering your child's cell phone number (and even your own cell phone number) to the FTC's National Do Not Call Registry (<https://www.donotcall.gov/index.html>). This won't completely eliminate Spam Phone Calls, but it will help decrease them. You can also report Spam Phone Calls on this website.

Tamaj Garner AKA DJ MAJ

Check this out!! Our very own 7th grader Tamaj Garner...Djmaj will be featured on Jumpin215radio on Tuesday October 25th from 8-8:20!!! Be sure to log on to support him.



Awbury in Awbury

On November 10th, WCS staff and students will spend the afternoon in Awbury Arboretum

to celebrate the fall season with our community. In small groups, students will participate in many activities exploring the Arboretum and enjoying fall. We will hunt, discover, and create crafts using natural materials. If you are interested in helping out by assisting with a nature activity or chaperoning, please let your child's teacher know or reach out to Ms. Liz on classtag.

Forest School and Awbury Adventures

Students in the lower school are loving their time at the Arboretum! As the seasons change, it is important to make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for going out in all weather during their assigned Arboretum days. Has your child outgrown their outdoor gear? Consider donating rain boots, rain coats, gloves/mittens and winter boots to the school to make sure all of our students are prepared for FUN outdoors. Thank you!

Wissahickon Swag

If you are looking for Wissahickon swag please visit our [online school store](#)

Here are a few items available at the online store



A Glimpse at our Specials

7th grade studied scale in math class and mapping in social studies. We used these skills in art class to make a collaborative map using grid enlargement and analogous colors.



Extras

Attendance

If your child will be absent, late or you need to send in a note or any documentation pertaining to attendance please do not send them to your child's teacher. Please email all correspondence and documentation to aw.attendance@wissahickoncharter.org

Late Pickup Policy revision

Please be sure to read the entire revised Late Pick Up Policy in our Student and Family Handbook. The handbook can be found on our website, under Family Resources.

Early dismissals

There will be no early dismissals permitted after 2:30 p.m on regular school days and 11:30 on early dismissal days

Lunch

The Front Office will no longer accept lunches dropped off by parents.



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