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Weekly Wissahickon 10/28/2022

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Message from Dean Kristi

Dear Families,

I wanted to share some reminders as cold and flu season ramps up.

- If your child has symptoms and feels very sick, they should stay home and you should reach out to let us know they are sick. If they are home for six consecutive days, you will need to present a doctor's note to school.
- If your child has symptoms but feels well enough to come to school, you should give your child a Covid test or reach out to us to share that they need one. Even if the test is negative, you should send them in with a mask.
- Getting Covid vaccines as well as Flu vaccines is a great way to minimize your child's chances of getting so sick that they need to miss school. Reach out to your local pharmacy or visit phila.gov to find out more information about either.

I also wanted to thank all of the family members who have reached out to become volunteers and provide a small clarification regarding the need for clearances. Parents/Guardians only need to provide clearances if they want to volunteer on a recurring basis working with children at school or if they are solely responsible for a group of children on a field trip. If you wish to obtain clearances please click [here](#) to find out more information on our website.

Many thanks,
Kristi

Essentials

Breakfast/Lunch Menu

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

Important Dates

October 31st Picture Day - (No costumes)

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

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

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

November 10th - Awbury and Awbury

November 11th - Veterans Day - School is CLOSED

Picture Day 2022

Picture day at Wissahickon Charter School is this Monday October 31st. Yes, that is Halloween and **NO** you can not wear a costume. Picture forms have been distributed to all classrooms.

Please select your picture package and background on the order form. Complete the order form and add exact cash or check. Checks should be made payable to Tipping School Pictures. The school or photographers

You can also purchase pictures online by selecting your package and background. If ordering online please visit www.tippingschoolpictures.com and enter code TSP2022A. You will still have to submit the picture form with paid receipt and give to the school on picture day.

Awbury Arboretum's Annual Harvest Fest

Join Awbury Arboretum's Annual Harvest Fest on October 30th, 2022

Farmers Market-Handcrafts-Hayrides-S'mores Pit- Delicious Food- Local Brews- Goat Parade- Halloween Fun- Live Music

Featuring Rolling Stones tribute band Brown Sugar

More info [here](#)

The Farm at Awbury

6336 Ardleigh St

11 AM-4 PM

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. We are looking for volunteers so 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.

WCS Device Insurance - Monday is the last day to sign up

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.

On Radar

Extracurricular Clubs

STARTING in NOVEMBER - see Mr Jim for parent permission slip

Futsal Club - Grades 4-8 Tuesdays 3:30 - 4:30

Cheer Club - Grades 6-8 Thursdays 3:30 - 4:40

Basketball Club - Grades 4-8 day 3:30-4:30

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR MORE CLUBS STARTING SOON !!!

PHYSICAL / SPORTS PHYSICAL

*** If any student is planning on trying out for **BASKETBALL** or interested in participating in **CHEER** or **WRESTLING** you **MUST** have a current / up to date **PHYSICAL AND SPORTS PHYSICAL** on file with the nurse. Physical / Sports physical forms can be found on our website under family resources. Please contact school nurse to confirm ****

5th-8th Grade Families - Attendance & High School

Did you know that most of the select high schools in Philadelphia - Central, Girls High, Carver, CAPA, etc. have a 95% attendance requirement for admission? That means a student can have **NO MORE THAN 8 unexcused absences** for a school year. These schools look at ALL Middle School attendance. Let's not wait until they are applying to high school in 8th grade to think about and understand these requirements. Please be sure to have your student here every day/on time. Thank you! - Counseling Team

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



Does your child need a winter coat

WCS received a donation of new winter coats. Please reach out if your child is in need of a coat. We are limited in supplies/sizes but will do our best to accommodate. Please send an email to a.beljean@wissahickoncharter.org. Please include your child's **NAME, HOMEROOM, and COAT SIZE** requested. Coats will be sent home directly with the student unless otherwise specified.

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



Extras
Go Phillies!!!!





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. Please direct all transportation and flat rate questions to our transportation coordinator [Ms. Shonda](#)

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

Follow Wissahickon Charter on Social Media

Follow WCS on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for important school updates and to see student learning and fun in action! And don't be shy- we love it when you like, comment, and share our posts!

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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