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Weekly Wissahickon 11/4/2022

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Message from Dean Kristi

Dear Families,

These past few weeks have been truly exciting as our students get out into nature to enjoy the season. We've seen multiple grades at both campuses on overnight trips as well as Awbury at Awbury coming up. I hope our students are making lots of happy memories outdoors.

Today I want to let you know about a new record keeping process in our cafeteria for tracking which students receive breakfast and/or lunch. This accounting is important as we seek reimbursement from the state for our meal program. The system we are using is used by over 27 schools and districts in the area and involves a finger scan. While data points from one finger are used to identify each student, there are no fingerprint images stored and the data cannot be reverse engineered to create a fingerprint. [Here](#) is the letter with more information. Please review this letter and reach out to Tiffany Days Harris (t.days-harris@wissahickoncharter.org) if you have any questions.

Finally, I wanted to turn to the topic of peace and safety in Philadelphia. I believe at this moment that every institution should be reflecting on how it contributes to making our city a safer place. I think we should also ask this question as individuals and families. I'm

wondering how Wissahickon's families are working to make peace. Please email me with your thoughts. I'd love to hear from you!

Peace,

Kristi

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Essentials

Breakfast/Lunch Menu

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

Important Dates

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

November 1-18 - WPP cookie dough fundraiser

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

November 10th - Awbury and Awbury

November 11th - Veterans Day - School is **CLOSED**

November 22nd - Professional Development for Staff, School is **CLOSED**

November 23-25 - Thanksgiving Break - Administrative offices and Schools **CLOSED**

WPP Fundraiser

Please support the WPP cookie dough fundraiser. Forms were handed out to every classroom today.



The poster features a green border. At the top left is a photo of a glass bowl filled with cookie dough, with a wooden spoon resting inside. To the right of the photo is a small white sign with green text that reads: "\$15 COOKIE TUBS DELIVERY IN TIME FOR WINTER BREAK!". Below the photo and sign, the text "COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER!" is written in large, bold, green capital letters. Underneath that, "NOVEMBER 1-18" is written in smaller green capital letters. A horizontal line separates this from a bulleted list of instructions: "Record all sales clearly on the order form", "Accept cash or checks (payable to 'Wissahickon Parent Partnership')", "Use our Group ID #76650", and "Cookies can be purchased online at www.raisemore.com using Group ID# 76650". Another horizontal line follows. Below that, the text "* ORDERS DUE NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 21 *" is written in bold green. Underneath is a small note: "Prize awarded to the highest individual seller. The class with the highest sales gets a pizza party!". Below that is the contact information: "Questions? Email WPPAwbury@gmail.com". At the very bottom, in small green text, it says: "Sponsored by WPP • Proceeds benefit school programs, initiatives, & activities".

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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.

On Radar

5th-8th grade chromebooks

If you have a student in the 5th through 8th grade, please remind them to have their Chromebooks charged and brought to school everyday. When they aren't using them in class, they should have the Chromebook in their backpack. They should not leave their Chromebooks on desks or in the hallways unattended. If your student has more than one Chromebook, please make sure they bring back the one that isn't assigned to them.

If your student is missing their Chromebook, please email us at helpis@wissahickoncharter.org with your students name and we will try to find it

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 ****

WCS SPORTS STARTING TRIMESTER 2 :

BASKETBALL - Grades 6-8th

Boys and Girls Basketball Tryouts - anyone trying out must have a permission slip completely filled out and a current physical/sports physical - see Mr Jim

TUESDAY 11/22 @WCS Awbury Gym

12:30 - 1:30 GIRLS TRYOUTS

1:30 - 2:30 BOYS TRYOUTS

WEDNESDAY 11/23 @WCS Awbury Gym

10:00-11:00 GIRLS TRYOUTS

11:00 - 12:00 BOYS TRYOUTS

WRESTLING TEAM- STARTS 11/29 Grades 4-8th

Practices are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30-5:30 @Awbury Gym 4:30 - 5:30

Get INFO and SIGN UP FORM from Mr Jim

CHEER TEAM - Starts 12/1 grades 6-8

Practices are Thursdays @ Awbury Gym from 4:30 - 5:30

See Mr. Jim for sign up form / tryout info

Homelessness Awareness Month

The Week of November 14th-18th we will be spotlighting homelessness. On the 14th, you will learn a little bit about homelessness and on the 18th, we will all wear red in support!!

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](#)

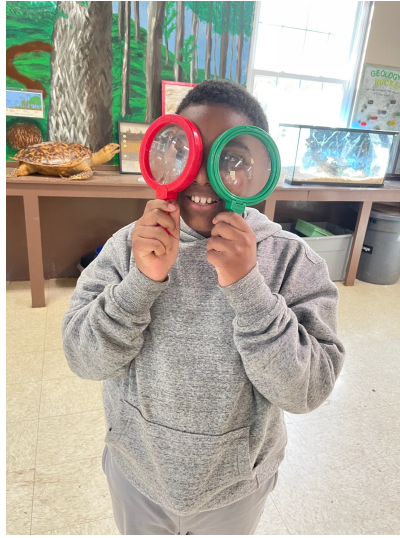
Here are a few items available at the online store



Extras

Horsham Outdoor School

Our 5th grade students had an amazing time at the Horsham Outdoor School



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. Make sure you include your child's first and last name and grade

Flat Rate Program - Form

If you are in grades 1-6 and 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](#)

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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