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## Weekly Wissahickon 9-23-2022

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### Message From Principal

Dear Families,

I'm happy to share that this school year has started off so strong! Students and teachers have jumped into community-building and learning. We have many accomplishments to be proud of already. See below for a few photos. Lovely to see so many of you at the Back-to-School BBQ. It's great to be able to get together again in relative COVID-safety.

Ms. Rebecca Benarroch  
Fernhill Principal

Photos:

London (4th) and Ms Angelica (3rd) celebrating a letter London received from President Joe Biden. Last spring, London wrote to the President about protecting the earth and its creatures, and recently she got an encouraging note back from the President himself!

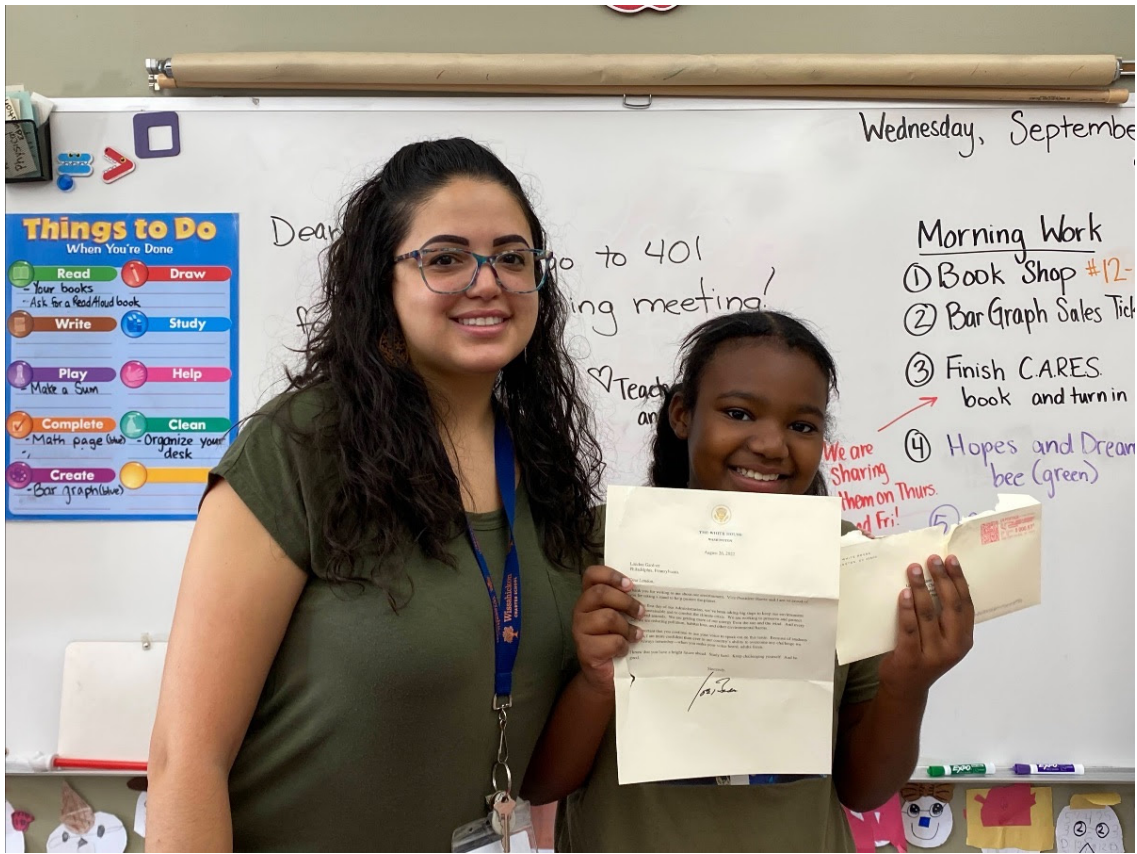
Kindergartners hard at work playing together

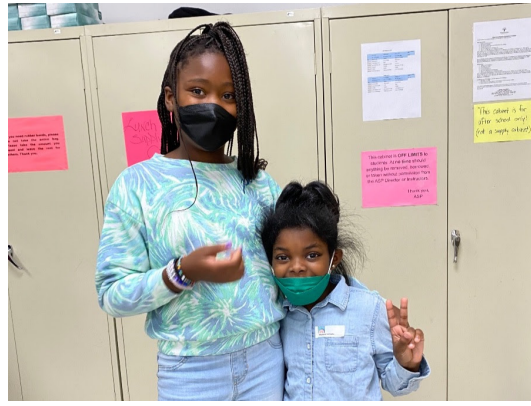
2nd & 4th grade becoming homeroom buddies

5th graders reading Esperanza Rising on Flashlight Friday

7th graders excited for their geography challenge

8th graders experimenting in science





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## **Essentials**

### **Students are marked tardy starting at 8:21 this year.**

You can always find up to date information about our arrival & dismissal plans on our website in the "[Family Resources](#)" tab. There is also a link to this information under the "Drop-off and Pick-up of Students" section in our [handbook](#).

### **Interested in chaperoning for upcoming field trips or volunteering for school events?**

Turn in your volunteer clearances ASAP! All information can be found in the Family Resources tab under Forms. [Here is a direct link for easy access](#). Please follow ALL directions for submission in order for us to keep accurate records.

### **Dress code reminder - no Crocs or slides!**

Students must wear closed toe and closed back shoes at all times. No Crocs or slides, please. We have begun calling home to enforce this if students do not have an extra pair of shoes with them.

### **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.

### **WCS Swag**

You can now order WCS swag from our New Fernhill School Store using this [link](#) from our website under parent payments. Each order you make \$10 is donated back to the school for school community events.

### **Attention 8th Grade Families from Your School Counselors:**

High school applications for the School District of Philadelphia will open on September 16, 2022. We will begin our mandatory high school advising meetings on September 27, 2022. Please use the [MyConference Link](#) to schedule a meeting with your child's counselor here at Fernhill. Student last names starting with A-L will schedule with Mrs. Aitiya and last names M-Z will schedule with Mrs. Meskun. These meetings will happen in person at our school. Masking and COVID Guidelines in place as per any new/updated WSC policies. Students and parents are expected to attend the meeting together. Please sign up for a time that works for you.

Please do not complete this application alone. Completing the application with your counselor assures that it is done correctly and any required documentation is submitted. Remember to have at least 5 district schools picked prior to your scheduled conference in order to complete the application. Do not include Charter Schools or Private Schools for this meeting. Please see [THIS](#) document for some examples of the types of High Schools or visit [www.greatphillyschools.org](http://www.greatphillyschools.org) to research different high schools in Philadelphia. Please email Mrs. Aitiya at [a.hobson@wissahickoncharter.org](mailto:a.hobson@wissahickoncharter.org) or Mrs. Meskun at [l.meskun@wissahickoncharter.org](mailto:l.meskun@wissahickoncharter.org) with any questions or concerns.

Families and students are encouraged to attend the 2022 Philly High School Fair on October 14th or October 15th. This is a free event. If you have a transportation hardship, let your counselor know. Link to Reserve tickets [HERE](#)

### **[Interested in receiving payment for opting out of bus transportation? \(Flat Rate Program\)](#)**

The second enrollment period has begun. The period runs through September 30. To enroll, please complete the [enrollment form](#). For 22-23, you may begin to submit the [parent payment form](#) in September. Additional information can be found on the [transportation page](#) on the Philadelphia School District website.

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## **On Radar**

### **Have a 7th grade student? This program is for you!**

Germantown Friends is providing an **Algebra Readiness Program** for 7th graders with both in-person and virtual options. They aim to provide talented seventh grade students in the Germantown area a strong Pre-Algebra foundation to aid in their readiness for an Algebra 1 course and the high school application process. Topics in the program will focus on preparing students for success on their state tests, as well as exposure to content they can expect to see on high school entrance exams. Flyer attached. [Fill out this form by September 30th to express interest!](#)

### **After School Program Openings**

There are still spots available in the after school program for students in 2nd-5th grade! After school runs daily from dismissal until 6pm. Fill out a registration form [here](#) and please feel free to reach out to Andrea Hegedus, the Recess & ASP Coordinator, at [a.hegedus@wissahickoncharter.org](mailto:a.hegedus@wissahickoncharter.org) with any questions.

### **School Lunch**

All enrolled students of Wissahickon Charter School are eligible to receive a nutritional breakfast and lunch each school day at **no charge** to your household. No further action is required of you.

Please see the link to check out our [menu](#).

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## **Reminders**

### **School Calendar**

As a reminder, our school calendar for the 22/23 school year is [here](#). Please plan accordingly.

### **Has your address, phone number or email address changed?**

Please inform the Front Office of **ALL** changes to your student's demographics.

**Reminder:** In order to change your address, you must submit (2) proofs of residency in addition to the change of address form.

### **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! You can also follow WPP (Wissahickon Parent Partnership) on [Instagram](#).

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## **Important Dates**

Mon, September 26th: School Closed for Rosh Hashanah

Fri, September 30th: School Closed for Professional Development

Wed, October 5th: School Closed for Yom Kippur

Mon, October 10th: School Closed for Indigenous Peoples' Day

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