



Hruska, Kristy <k.hruska@wissahickoncharter.org>

Weekly Wissahickon 10-21-2022

1 message

WCS-Fernhill <fh.frontoffice@wissahickoncharter.org>
Reply-To: WCS-Fernhill <fh.frontoffice@wissahickoncharter.org>
To: k.hruska@wissahickoncharter.org

Fri, Oct 21, 2022 at 2:55 PM

[View this email in your browser](#)



Message From CEO

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

Wissahickon in the Wissahickon

Mark your calendars!
Friday, October 28th, 2022
9-2:30

(rain date November 3rd, 2022)

Students MUST arrive at school on time.
Students cannot be picked up at the park.
There is no early dismissal.

What is Wissahickon in the Wissahickon?

Wissahickon in the Wissahickon is an all day **whole school** field trip to Bluebell Park Meadow/Trails. It is a time to build our community and really get to know our neighborhood and the beautiful Wissahickon, that is our backyard. Your children will partner with younger or older grades to build our community connection and enjoy hiking, fall fun, snacks and activities.

•Please Note•

Because of the size of this event every child will attend unless you choose to opt out your child. If you choose to opt out your child for this trip, we are requesting that you notify your child's homeroom teacher by Monday, October 24th, 2022.

If you would like to chaperone this event please make sure that all volunteer clearances are up to date. Volunteers will be taken on a first come, first serve basis. Please contact Kourtney at kourtney@wissahickoncharter.org if you are interested in chaperoning.

All students should:

- wear good walking shoes (no crocs).
- wear appropriate clothing for the weather.
- bring a bagged lunch and a water bottle.

If your child has a need for an inhaler or any other medications, make sure that it is given to the nurse prior to 10/28/22

Grades K-3rd will take the bus to and from the park.

Grades 4th - 8th will walk there and back.

Essentials

T1 Interim Reports

Interim reports are being sent home with students today. If your student has not received their interim report by Tuesday, October 25, 2022, please contact the Front Office to receive an electronic copy.

Wissahickon in the Wissahickon has moved to the FALL!

Wissahickon in the Wissahickon is an all day **Whole School** field trip to Bluebell Park Meadow/Trails. It is a time to build our community and really get to know our neighborhood and the beautiful Wissahickon that is our backyard. Your children will partner with younger or older grades to build our community connection and enjoy hiking, fall fun, snacks and activities. Because of the size of this event, **every child will attend**, unless you choose to opt out your child. **If you choose to opt out your child for this field trip, we are requesting that you provide us with notice by Monday, 10/24/22. Please let their homeroom teacher know.**

If you would like to volunteer to help, we would love 10 parent volunteers, first come first served, please note the clearance requirements. (Please contact Kourtney at kourtney@wissahickoncharter.org if you are interested in volunteering or if you need more information.)

Mark your calendars: Friday, October 28, 2022, from 9-2:30(that includes travel time)
Make sure your child arrives at school on time.
Grades 4-8 will walk there and back.

*****Each child should bring a bagged lunch and a water bottle.*****

If your child has a need for an inhaler or any other medication, make sure that it is given to the nurse prior to 10/28/22

****No child can be picked up at the park, no early dismissals****

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.

Smiles Program - In-School Dentist

The Smiles program will be at the school on Tuesday, November 29, 2022. A state licensed dentist will be available to provide dental care. Please take advantage of this program if your child hasn't been to the dentist in the last 6 months to a year. You may complete the [permission slip](#) online.

Flat Rate Program

The enrollment period for the flat rate program has ended. If you would like to enroll, please contact Ms. O at a.oliphant@wissahickoncharter.org. To receive your payment, the [parent payment form](#) should be completed on the last day of the month. This form can also be found on the Philadelphia School District website. Please call 215-400-4350 with any questions regarding your monthly payment.

Picture Day

Picture Day is Monday, October 31, 2022. You may order pictures online at www.barksdalephoto.com. The online password is 17591IN.

Recess & After-school Clubs & Extracurriculars Starting Monday, October 24, 2022

Here is a link to the [Club and Extracurricular calendar](#). Here you will find all of the current recess and after school activity offerings. **After-school activities require a family member to sign the student up.** More activities will be added throughout the year as they become ready to roll out, including organized sports. For all questions please reach out to Coach B. (r.berman@wissahickoncharter.org)

5th-8th Grade Families

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

[Fernhill Insurance](#)

[Awbury Insurance](#)

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

Lost & Found

We currently have a very full lost and found! Please check for your lost items, as everything will be donated at the end of the month. The best way to ensure lost items get found is by labeling them.

Attention 8th Grade Families from Your School Counselors:

High school applications for the School District of Philadelphia opened on September 16, 2022. We began our mandatory high school advising meetings. If you have not already done so, 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 to research different high schools in Philadelphia. Please email Mrs. Aitiya at a.hobson@wissahickoncharter.org or Mrs. Meskun at l.meskun@wissahickoncharter.org with any questions or concerns.

On Radar

Tune Up Philly: Kroc Center Location

[Tune Up program](#) site at the Kroc Center is now enrolling. Students receive scholarships to attend and borrow an instrument, with performances at Temple and Kimmel Center this season. Here is a [flyer link](#).

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 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](#).

Reminders

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.

School Calendar

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

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.

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](#).

Important Dates

Friday, October 28th: Wissahickon in the Wissahickon

Monday, October 31st: School Picture Day

Tuesday, November 8th: School Closed for Professional Development

Friday, November 11th: School Closed for Veterans Day



Copyright © 2022 Wissahickon Charter School, All rights reserved.

You are receiving this email because you opted to receive newsletters and notifications from Wissahickon Charter School - Fernhill Campus.

Our mailing address is:

Wissahickon Charter School

[4700G Wissahickon Ave](#)

Wissahickon Charter School

Philadelphia, PA 19144-4235

[Add us to your address book](#)

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#).

