

What If I Have a Question or Concern about WCS?

GENERAL LIFE-AT-WCS QUESTIONS:

When is spring break? What is the music teacher's name? Can my daughter wear striped tights to school?

Check the Student and Parent Handbook or our website (www.wissahickoncharter.org) for general information about policies and schedules, as well as a complete staff directory with telephone extensions and e-mail addresses.

If you don't find what you need, you can ask another parent, your child's teacher, a WPP steering committee member or an administrator (see other side for contact info).

ACADEMIC QUESTIONS/CONCERNS:

Why does my child have so little/so much homework? Shouldn't she be learning long division by now? When should we start thinking about high school options? How come there's no Spanish class for lower-school kids?

Always, speak to the classroom/subject area teacher first with questions about academic content or policy. You can send a note to school, leave a message on the teacher's voice-mail or send her/him an e-mail to arrange a phone conversation or in-person meeting. The Student and Parent Handbook describes what to do if your concerns are not answered.

SCHOOL POLICY QUESTIONS/CONCERNS:

Why are there so many early-dismissal days? What is "take-a-break" time? How come I can't walk my kindergartener to her classroom?

Again, the classroom/subject area teacher may be your best source. You can also ask such questions of your class parent or a WPP steering committee member (come to a meeting or call/e-mail us). You can also leave a question in writing at the front desk to be put in the WPP mailbox.

IDEAS/SUGGESTIONS:

I have an idea for an elective/ a field trip/ a fundraiser/ a way I could volunteer

Great! We welcome your ideas and thoughts. Talk to classroom teachers, "specials" (art, music, Discovery, library) teachers or Hope Engels, middle-school coordinator, about electives, field trips, assemblies or special programs.

For **fundraisers/events**, ask a WPP steering committee member for a copy of our fundraiser guidelines and proposal, or come to a WPP meeting.

To **volunteer**, speak with your child's class parent, classroom teacher, a WPP steering committee member or Kathy Tench, reading specialist. There's a spot for you, whether you have just an hour to spare or the time to take on a bigger project.

WPP MEETINGS/BOARD MEETINGS:

The WPP, Wissahickon Parent Partnership, meets on the **second Tuesday** (generally) of each month from 6-7:30. Child-care is provided. Come join the conversation!

The WCS Board meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. Parents/guardians are always welcome to attend. If you'd like to speak at a board meeting, submit your request/concern in writing to the front desk, addressed to the Board Chair. Be patient; since the board meets just once a month, it may take a little while for a response.

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