

Schools of Innovation, Relationships & Care

Dear WAA Family,

Charter schools were created to be **schools of innovation**—places where learning is personal, relationships matter, and students are known beyond a test score or seat number. At Westinghouse Arts Academy, innovation begins with **care for the whole child** and the belief that strong relationships are the foundation of **safety, trust, and success**.

At WAA, being a school of choice means creating an environment where students feel **safe, supported, challenged, and connected**, and where families and staff are true partners in the work of education.

This week, as we approach Valentine’s Day, we are intentionally centering our community on **connection, kindness, and care for one another**. We will celebrate Valentine’s Day with students on **February 12, 2026**, as a reminder that school should be a place where students feel valued, supported, and seen.

In that same spirit, students may participate in a **\$1.00 optional donation** in support of the **American Heart Association**. This small act reinforces an important message we want students to learn early: caring for others and giving back are part of who we are as a community. Families who wish to contribute further may donate directly at:

 <https://www.heart.org>

Participation is always optional, and all students will be included in school activities regardless of donation.

Rise Up reminds us that innovation is not just about programs—it is about how we treat one another every day:

- Relationships before rigor
- Care before compliance
- Growth through shared responsibility

Rise Up Family Reflection:

How can our families and staff model kindness and care—especially during moments of stress or challenge?

We value your voice. Please take a moment to share your thoughts through our weekly **Rising Up Family Feedback Form**:

👉 <https://forms.gle/8yT1mmQBBv17Knck8>

Why Charter Schools Matter

Westinghouse Arts Academy is a public charter school, and families choose our school because they value safety, innovation, strong relationships, and meaningful educational opportunities for students. Members of the WAA community have the right to share their experiences and perspectives about the importance of public charter schools and school choice. Participation is always voluntary.

Warm regards,

Dr. Anne Clark

Chief School Administrator / Superintendent

Westinghouse Arts Academy