



PAS WEEKLY UPDATE

WEEK OF June 11, 2018

Mr. Farrell, Principal



Did You Know?

The 18-19 school year begins before Labor Day this year on

Monday, August 27th, 2018.

Mark your calendars for the first day of school!

www.philasd.org/calendar/

Also new next year,
Kindergarten, starts on Monday, August 27th.

Wrapping Up the '17-'18 School Year

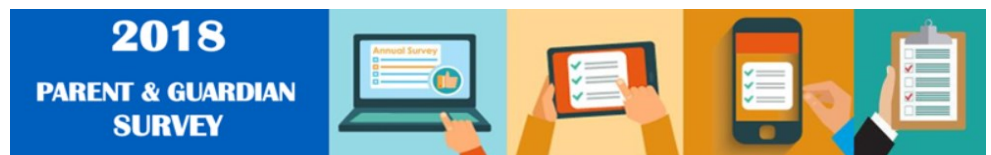
Before we break for the summer, I wanted to thank you for your continuous support of our teacher, staff, community, and students. I appreciate your partnership, volunteerism, and feedback. I am looking forward to a summer of planning and preparation for the '18-'19 school year.



Please note your child should have brought home the following to share:

- End of Year Report Card
- Summer Reading Books and Assignments
- Supply Lists for the Upcoming Year
- Other Important Updates and Fliers!

We also encourage you to check out the **Equity Circle Summer Reading Books**. Similar to last year, we will be hosting potluck dinner book discussions in the Fall. The flier is attached for more information.



2018 Parent & Guardian Survey

In last week's pony, you received an individual flier with your child's student ID number, and a link to the School District of Philadelphia parent survey. If you haven't had a chance to complete the survey, we ask that you take it ASAP!

Yearbooks on Sale!



The PAS 2017-2018 yearbook is now on sale in the main office for \$30.00.
Only 30 remain

END OF YEAR HIGHLIGHTS

We are excited to share many recent accomplishments and achievements from the past few weeks.

A few weeks ago, two middle school and two lower school (4th & 5th grade) teams earned Blue Ribbons at the citywide **Reading Olympics** competition. The teams comprised not only our stellar readers, but those whose passion is emerging.

In Carlisle, PA, PAS earned 1st and 3rd place at **the State Computer Science Fair** (most notably we finally won 1st place in logo design so our SDP PAS students' logo will be featured statewide on all promotional material for the competition).

In late May, PAS classrooms presented their service projects at the annual **Need in Deed Shout Out**. Many class projects had culminating projects and presentations over the past few weeks. Ms. Settle's 7th grade class wanted to shout out those who were able to participate in their Bake Sale on May 31st that raised over \$550 dollars to support orcas in captivity.

Our WHY? Media Club attended a special screening of student documentaries at the WHY? studio. Our students, who have worked on a series of documentaries all year, saw their finished work on the big screen.

Last week, Ms. Downing (School Librarian) and Ms. Deustch (Librarian Assistant), presented their project *Crossing Boundaries through Book A Day at the 2018 Why Reading Matters Conference*.

I would also like to share that Middle School Science Teacher, Mrs. Kearney, has been recognized as an **Edmentum's Educator of the Year finalist**.

Next week, we will have four teachers - Maryann Milewski (2GR), Tia Larese (3GR), Anna Varano (3GR) and Maria Ottinger (4GR) heading to **China** as part of a NFS-funded cross-cultural research project with Temple University. The project, "**CAREER: Algebraic Knowledge for Teaching: A Cross-cultural Perspective**," is a 5-year mathematical research project that enables elementary teachers to better develop students' algebraic thinking. The teachers will have the opportunity to collaborate with math educators in Nanjing, China, and have the opportunity to learn more about the country and its culture. More information about the project is available at https://www.nsf.gov/awardsearch/showAward?AWD_ID=1350068

You can read about many of these accomplishments on our news page:
<https://pennalexander.philasd.org/pas-news/>

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The Palette

A Literary Magazine for the Lower School

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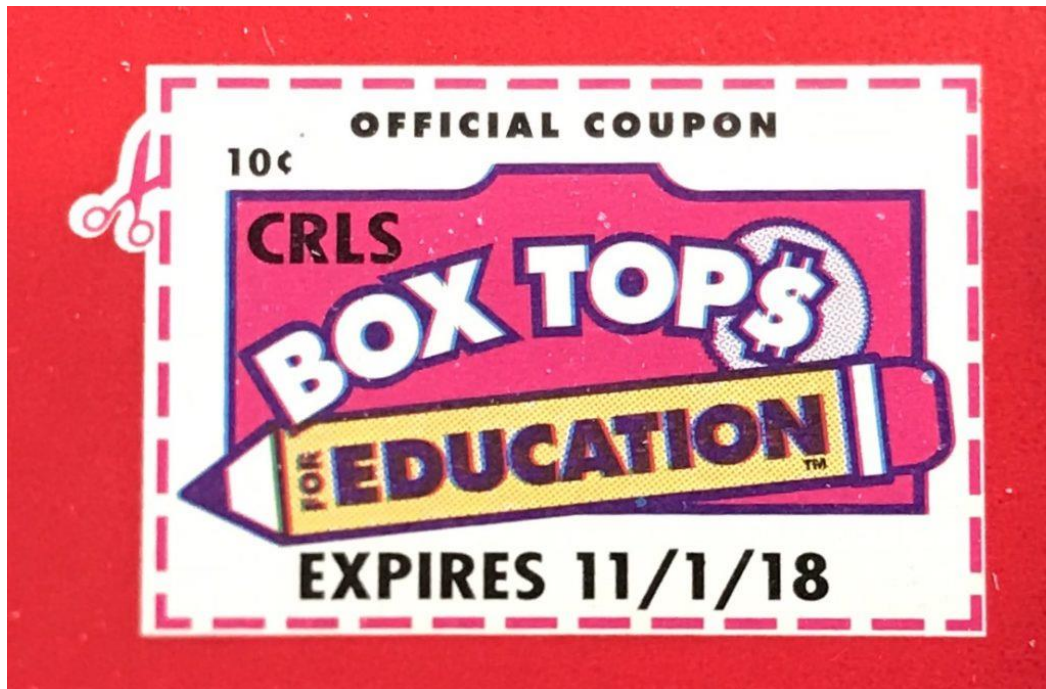
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Click to view the Online Magazine - goo.gl/mxZEgJ
or goo.gl/sZcbq9 for issue version.

Send in Your Box Tops for Education
that you have collected all summer!



Please help us reach our goal of
\$1,000.

Place labels in a plastic bag and send in with your
child in August.

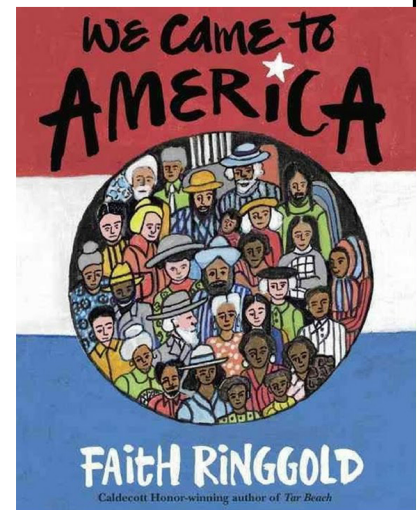
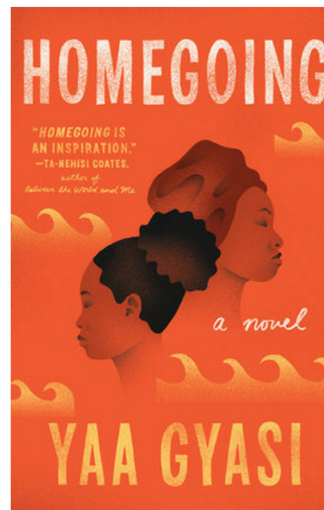
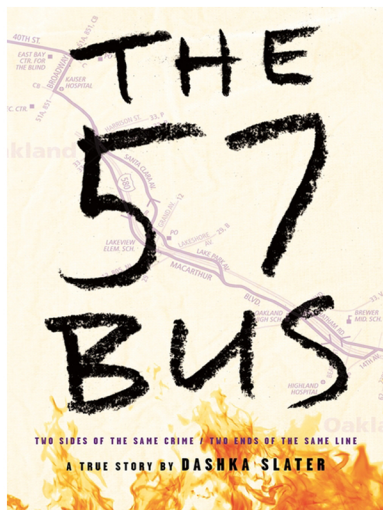
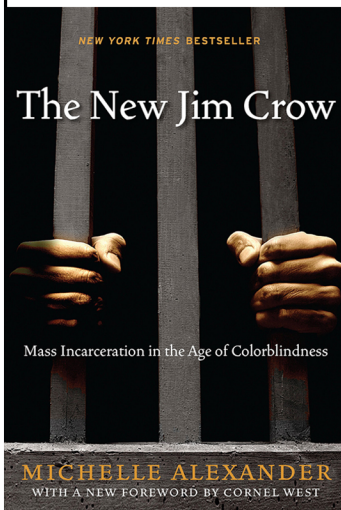
PENN ALEXANDER SUMMMER READING

We, at Penn Alexander, are again using this upcoming summer as a time to reflect and explore challenging issues, stories, and questions.

In partnership with our Equity Circle, we offer these books as an opportunity to think about social justice both inside and outside of our school.

The New Jim Crow by Michelle Alexander is account of the rebirth of a caste-like system in the United States, one that has resulted in millions of African Americans locked behind bars and then relegated to a permanent second-class status — denied the very rights supposedly won in the Civil Rights Movement.

The 57 Bus by Dashka Slater is a non-fiction account of two teenagers and a crime that changed both their lives. This book is recommended for both parents and young adults.

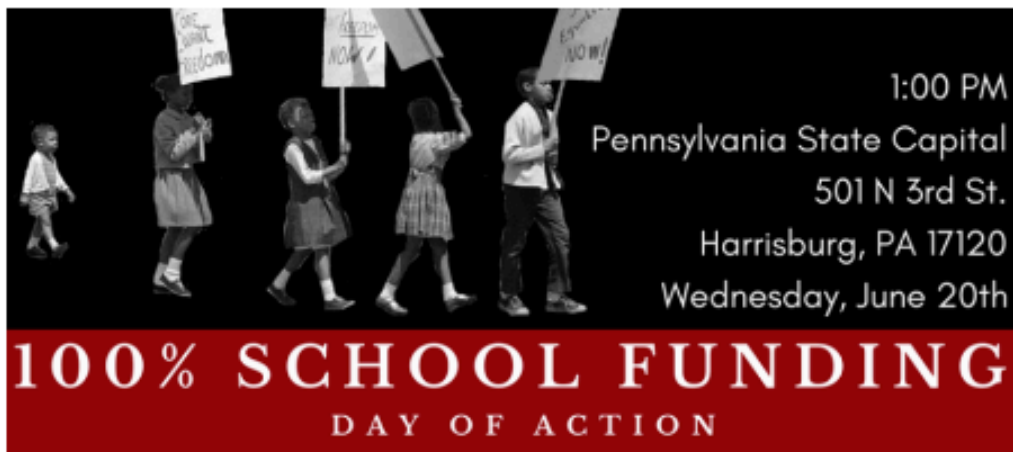


Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi illuminates slavery's troubled legacy both for those who were taken and those who stayed—and shows how the memory of captivity has been inscribed on the soul of our nation.

We Came to America by Faith Ringgold is a children's book that provides a timely and beautiful look at America's rich history of immigration and diversity.

If you are unable to purchase any of the books, there will be copies of each book available for loan. Please contact pasequitycircle@gmail.com for more information.

POWER



We ask you to join us as we stand in solidarity with one another and continue demanding fair and fully funded education for Pennsylvania's public school students.

On Wednesday, June 20th at 1:00 PM, students, parents, community activists, and faith leaders from different traditions will gather on the steps of the State Capitol Main Rotunda for POWER's "100% For All" Rally to demand support for legislation to put 100% of the Commonwealth's Basic Education Budget through PA's Fair Funding Formula. We'll also visit our legislators asking each to speak out in favor of POWER's 100% plan.

100% FAIR. 100% JUST. FOR 100% OF OUR KIDS.

Free buses will leave from Philadelphia, Metro PA, and Central PA locations. For registration and more information visit: <http://tiny.cc/power100reg>.