

PAS WEEKLY

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Upcoming Events:

Boys/Girls Basketball vs. MYA (HOME)

Monday, February 11th

Boys/Girls Basketball vs. SLA-Middle School (HOME)

Wednesday, February 13th

Presidents' Day, School Closed

Monday, February 18th

Middle School Dance

Friday, February 22nd

Interim Reports (Grades 4-8)

Monday, February 25th

School Advisory Council Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, February 26th.
3:30-4:45PM, PAS Library

Winter Clubs End

Thursday, February 28th

Home and School Association (HSA) Meeting

Thursday, February 28th

Noon Dismissal for Students, Staff Professional Development

Friday, March 1st

Black History Month Story-time

PAS families are invited to join Ms. Downing, School Librarian, after school on February 14th, 21st, and/or 28th at 3:30PM for Black History Month Story-time. PAS has recently added new books to our library collection that feature main characters of color. Come hear new books, and check out the additions to our library.



9th Annual 5K Registration

Registration for our 9th Annual 5K (Sunday, April 28th) is open. \$40 for Adults and \$30 for students.

runsignup.com/pas5k



Spring Art Event Planning Committee

Similar to last year, PAS is planning a Spring Art event to celebrate our student artists, and raise funds to support our full-time Art teaching position and program. A committee is being formed to plan the event. If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact Carrie Waterman- carriesnowwaterman@yahoo.com/ 267-269-8550.



Talent Show Sign Up

Talent Show Auditions for our annual Talent Show will be held on February 19th & 20th, 3:15-4:30PM. The Talent Show will be on March 14th. Complete enclosed form. All talent is welcome!



Penn Alexander Talent Show

Thursday, March 14



Talent show tryouts will be held on Tuesday, February 19 and Wednesday, February 20, 3:15-4:30pm. Remember that acts must be two minutes or less. Please be prepared with your music, props and materials.

Please complete the form below & return it to the office by THURSDAY, FEB.14.

Penn Alexander Talent Show Tryout Form

I give my child _____ Teacher/Room _____

permission to tryout for the talent show on _____ Tuesday OR _____ Wednesday

Choose a dismissal option for your child:

_____ My child can walk home after tryouts (grades 4-8 only)

_____ I will pick up my child in the atrium at 4:30pm (please wait in the atrium).

_____ Please walk my child to PIC's after school program

_____ Please walk my child to UCAL after school program

_____ I give permission for my child to be picked up by _____

Phone Number where you can be reached at during the tryouts _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____



PAS Home & School Association General Meeting

Thursday, February 28, 2019

6 – 7 p.m.

PAS Cafeteria

Topic: Mid-year update. Hear from representatives of the HSA and the SAC along with Mr. Farrell as they report on what they have been working on this school year. Learn how you can help with school events for the remainder of the school year.

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Also, **save the date** for our March meeting: Tuesday, March 26, 2019 from 6 – 8 p.m. We will be showing the movie Resilience (<https://vimeo.com/137282528>) followed by a brief discussion/Q&A.

# Seeking Education Equity & Diversity (SEED)

*Join us*

## *The Henry C. Lea & Penn Alexander Community*

School Leaders, Principal Savage (Lea) & Principal Farrell (Penn Alexander) will be hosting a series of community conversations with the PAS and Lea community as part of the **National SEED (Seeking Education Equity & Diversity)** program.

*Tuesday, February 19, 6-8PM (Penn Alexander School, Atrium)*

*Tuesday, March 12, 6-8PM (Henry Lea School, Library)*

*Tuesday, April 9, 6-8PM (Location- TBA)*

The National SEED Project  
Creating Conversational Communities That Drive Change

Community conversations will include **personal reflection, opportunities to listen to others' voices, and learning experiences. SEED equips participants to connect our lives to one another and to society at large** by acknowledging systems of oppression, power, and privilege.

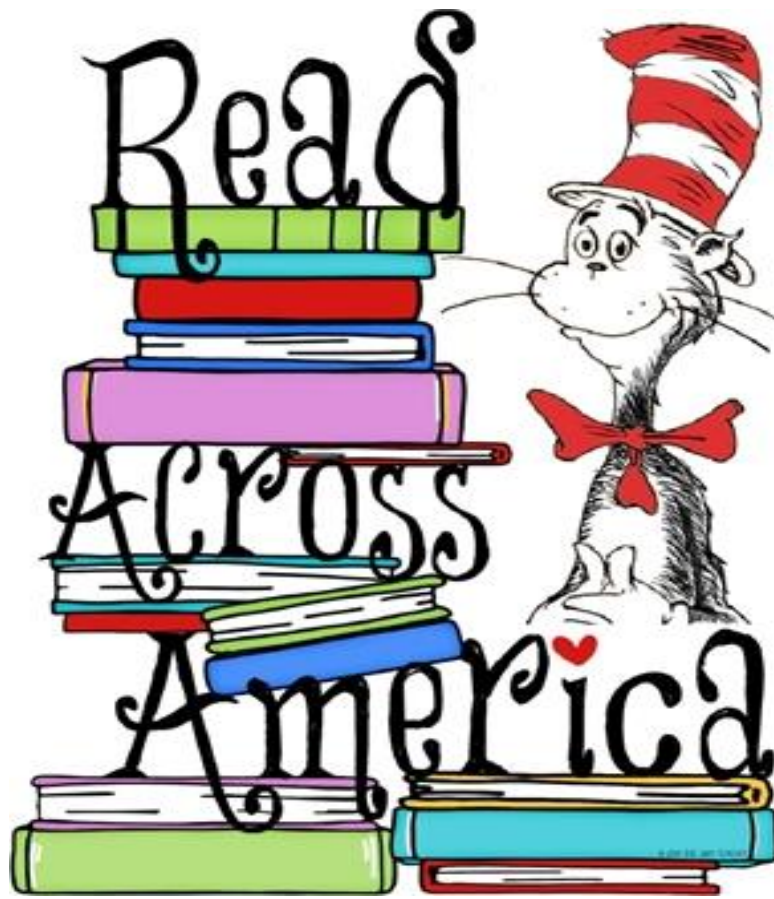
Participants are not required to attend all three sessions, but are encouraged.

***Dinner will be provided.***

Please RSVP by emailing

Lea's Community Partnership Coordinator Rich Liuzzi ([rjliuzzi@gse.upenn.edu](mailto:rjliuzzi@gse.upenn.edu)).





Dress up as your favorite Dr. Seuss character on Friday, March 1, 2019

Prizes will be awarded to the most creative costumes in Grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8.

Donation: \$1 or more  
Money collected will be used towards costumes for our production of Seussical, Jr.



## **Calling Parent Nominees for the PAS School Advisory Council (SAC)**

Join the School Advisory Council! The SAC supports the mission of Penn Alexander, and is comprised of parent, staff and community representatives. We are seeking nominees for 4 parent representatives, to be elected by the families of Penn Alexander students. SAC parent representatives serve a term of two years. Parent representative duties include:

- Representing parent viewpoints on issues brought to the SAC
- Responding to and collaborating with school community members
- Serving as a SAC officer or committee member
- Attending monthly SAC meetings
- Participating in workshops and trainings

For more information about the PAS SAC, please visit  
<https://pennalexander.philasd.org/school-advisory-council/>.

Serving on the SAC can help you make a difference at PAS!

We invite and encourage all interested parents (who will be parents at PAS for at least the next two years) to apply for nomination online at  
<https://www.philasd.org/face/sac/>. Select the tab "SAC Application".

**The nomination deadline is Monday March 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:30PM EST.**

A ballot, including statements by all parent nominees, will be circulated to the parent community beginning the week of March 18th. Nominees are invited to participate in a meet and greet with parents at the HSA meeting in the PAS cafeteria on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 6pm. Elections will be held during report card conferences April 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. Election results will be announced on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

For questions or comments, contact Elections Committee Chair Monica Calkins,  
[mcalkins@upenn.edu](mailto:mcalkins@upenn.edu).

### **2019 PAS SAC Elections Committee**

Monica Calkins (Chair), Spruce Hill Community Association (SHCA) & Parent Volunteer; Jayne Downing, PAS PFT Building Representative; Karla Thut, HSA & Parent Volunteer; Al Suh, SHCA & Parent Volunteer; Richard Moore, SHCA & Parent Volunteer



# JOIN US AT OUR SAC MEETING!

## **Penn Alexander School Advisory Council (SAC)**

***Tuesday, February 26, 2019 3:30-4:45PM***

***PAS Library***

The Penn Alexander School Advisory Council (SAC) is comprised of peer-elected stakeholders including parents, staff and community members. The SAC is a forum for discussion and collaboration with the PAS administration on school-based decision making with a focus on student achievement and school improvement.

***COME SHARE YOUR VOICE!***

The SAC meetings are public meetings that are open to all families and community members. The first thirty minutes of each meeting is reserved for family or community members to address the SAC in a public forum, each speaker will be given three minutes to speak. If you wish to speak at a SAC meeting, please email SAC Chairperson, Jessica McCollum at [tjmccollum@gmail.com](mailto:tjmccollum@gmail.com). If you are not able to attend, you can submit a public testimony that will be shared with all SAC members.

To learn more about Penn Alexander's SAC and review a list of SAC members, please visit our SAC website-[pennalexander.philasd.org/school-advisory-council/](http://pennalexander.philasd.org/school-advisory-council/)

### **February Meeting Agenda**

**Tuesday, February 26, 2019, 3:30-4:45PM**

|   | Agenda Item                                                       | Time Estimate |
|---|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| 1 | Open Forum (sign-up required in advance)                          | 30 minutes    |
| 2 | Approval of minutes from January 2019 SAC Meetings                | 5 minutes     |
| 3 | Principal Report                                                  | 15 minutes    |
| 4 | SAC Elections for Parent/Guardian, '19-'20 & '20-'21 school years | 10 minutes    |
| 5 | Discussion of March/April Meeting Agenda/Date                     | 10 minutes    |

# FUND AN AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB: PARTICIPATE IN THE BOXTOP PROGRAM!



We Only Need  
**30 More** Families  
To Participate &  
Meet Our Goal

## OPTION 1: CLIP 450 BOXTOPS

Clip, save and send in coupons in an envelope with your child in the next pony.

## OPTION 2: NO CLIP - DONATE \$45

### 1. Don't have time to clip coupons?

Make a **ONE TIME** donation of \$45 (*the equivalent of option 1*)

Include this form along with check or cash in your child's pony.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Class Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount: \_\_\_\_\_



# HELP MAKE THIS OUR FINAL BOXTOP ASK OF THE YEAR!