

PAS WEEKLY

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Upcoming Events:

School Advisory Council Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, March 12th
3:30-4:45PM

Lea & PAS Community Equity Discussion
Tuesday, March 12th @ Lea,
6-8PM

Talent Show
Thursday, March 14th

Spring Clubs Begin
Monday, March 18th

Pretzel (\$1) & Dress Down (\$1) Day
Friday, March 22nd

Ice Skating Party, Penn Rink (Home & School Sponsored)
Friday, March 22nd
7:10-8:40PM

Previous Newsletter Correction-

Friday, March 29th is a regular day of school, our next Noon dismissal is on **Friday, April 12th.**

Parent/Guardian Workshop: TALKING TO KIDS ABOUT CONSENT & SEXUALITY, Facilitated by Al Vernacchio

On Monday, March 18th 6-7:30PM the PAS Equity Circle & Home and School Association are co-hosting sexual health educator, Al Vernacchio. Childcare and pizza dinner provided for students. Please see the included flier.



Your child's Attendance Matter!

Please review your child's attendance letter included in this week's pony.

Penn Alexander Talent Show

Thursday, March 14th
See flier included in this week's pony!



Save the Date- HSA Ice Skating Night

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PAS & HSA

proudly presents

The 16th Annual Talent Show

&

Hoagie Dinner

Thursday
March 14

Limited seating event.
No dinner sales at door.

Dinner 5:30pm
Showtime 7pm

.....TEAR HERE. RETURN TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER BY March 12.....

STUDENT NAME _____ TEACHER _____

PARENT NAME _____ PARENT PH# _____

PARENT EMAIL _____

PLEASE SELECT FROM THESE OPTIONS:

OPTION 1: SHOW & DINNER PACKAGE _____ X \$15 ea. = _____
(package includes a show ticket and a 6" hoagie, chips & bottle of water)

Please indicate the type and quantity of hoagie(s):

___ Turkey ___ Vegetarian ___ Italian
(e.g., if you ordered 5 packages, you could select 2 turkey & 3 veg. hoagies)

OPTION 2: SHOW TICKET ONLY _____ X \$10 ea. = _____

OPTION 3: PERFORMER DINNER ONLY _____ X \$5 ea. = _____
(new option for students who are in the show)

Please indicate the type and quantity of hoagie(s):

___ Turkey ___ Vegetarian ___ Italian

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Tickets available online at www.pennalexander.org
Tickets will be sent home in pony.

Penn Alexander HSA Family Ice Skating & Pizza Party



Friday, March 22, 2019

7:10 p.m. – 8:40 p.m. (Doors open at 6:40 p.m.)

Penn Class of 1923 Rink, 3130 Walnut Street

\$8.00 in advance / \$10.00 at the door

Price includes one admission & skate rental.

Parking pass provided in advance with prepayment of tickets.

Pizza, drinks, and snacks will be sold at the rink.

Return the bottom of this form **by Wednesday, March 20**. Or purchase tickets online at <https://pennalexanderschool.org/shop/>.

Check in at the rink entrance – no admission tickets will be distributed.

Student first & last name: _____ Room/Teacher Name _____

Parent email: _____ Parent Phone #: _____

Number of skating tickets: _____ x \$8.00 = Total enclosed: \$_____

Yes, I need a parking pass

Pay by cash or check payable to Penn Alexander HSA

Pay by credit card (Visa/MasterCard only)

Name on credit card _____

Card # _____ Sec. Code _____ Exp. Date _____

Billing address _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

I give permission for the PAS HSA to charge my credit card for the total amount listed above.

Signature of card holder _____

This fundraiser is sponsored by the Penn Alexander Home and School Association.

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2. Click on Login. Type in your Student ID Number and password used to access the Student Portal.
3. Once on Infinite Campus, look at top left corner of screen. Click on "student" and then "portal."
4. Once on the Student Launchpad, look for First in Math and click on it.
5. You are now at Player Homepage Hub—click a Skill Set, GYM, Just The Facts, Measurement World, K&S, WDYK or Bonus module to begin!

To use this educational website at home, your child will need a device with internet access. (Desktop/laptops require free Adobe® Flash Player software, version 11+)

Visit the First In Math HELP section for information about scoring, rankings, content, troubleshooting, FAQ's and more. Click the "?" icon (Login Help link) on the main Homepage for login issues.



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the program.

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Early skill development and practice is key to success in math!

Our school is using the innovative **FIRST IN MATH® ONLINE PROGRAM** to help K-8 students practice and master essential mathematics skills.

We are excited to add digital-gaming to our educational arsenal! First In Math's game-style activities increase math and problem-solving skills—children using this website show consistent improvement in math abilities.

You are the greatest influence on your child's attitude about math—encourage a few minutes of math exploration each day (10 min. recommended). Use the website at any time on a device with Internet access.



STEP
1

Go to SDP homepage
www.philasd.org



STEP
2

Login to access Student Portal. Choose First in Math from the Student Launchpad.



STEP
3

HOMEPAGE

Click an icon from your PLAYER HUB to explore what games are inside.
(Click the center of any Hub to go BACK)



STEP
4

PLAY & LEARN

Pick a game and play!
Choose your own, or what your teacher assigns.
(Teachers see what you've played)

- Earn a **FREE FAMILY LINK** User ID! When your child reaches 500 points, you automatically receive another FIM User ID for any family member or friend to use!
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JOIN US AT OUR SAC MEETING!

Penn Alexander School Advisory Council (SAC)

Tuesday, March 12, 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. 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/

March Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, March 12, 2019, 3:30-4:45PM

	Agenda Item	Time Estimate
1	Open Forum (sign-up required in advance)	30 minutes
2	Principal Report	5 minutes
3	SAC Election Update	5 minutes
4	2019-2020 School Budget Update & Discussion	30 minutes
6	Discussion of April/May Meeting Agenda/Date	5 minutes

Volunteers Needed!
For PAS 9th Annual 5K and 1 mile
Sunday April 28th

PAS 9th Annual 5K and 1 mile fun run needs parent volunteers to help with the course, register, set-up, clean up, and more.

Sign up below and return in your child's pony. See Job descriptions on the back for times and job types. Some jobs can be done even if you are running. Additional questions? Email Julie Scott at juliescott1225@gmail.com.

Sign up online here:

<http://tinyurl.com/k7whvh3>

Volunteers receive a free race t-shirt!

Thanks for your help!

Name _____

Email Address _____

Job Choice: Circle your choice (s)

Set-Up

Registration

Food Distribution

Water Distribution

Course Guide

Driver

Clean-Up

Trash Management

Anywhere you need me!

Want to help out at the 5K, but aren't sure how? See below for Race Day job descriptions!

Set-up (6:30-8:00 am)

Early Risers! Come help set up tables, bring out the food, put up signage, and get ready for Race Day!

Registration (7:30-9:30 am)

Register Day-of registrants. No special skills required. We can show you how to do the registration.

Food Distribution (8:00-10:30 am)

Hand out donated food such as bananas and pretzels to race participants.

Water Distribution (8:00-10:00 am)

Stand at the end of the race and hand out water to runners coming in. We will also need you to fill the coolers with water and ice. If we have a really hot day, you will have a very crucial role!

Water Station Distribution (7:15-9:15 am)

We are putting a water station in Penn Park this year. We will need you to set up the stand, fill cups of water, hand them out to racers and clean up the cups at the end. All cups will be composted so bring them back for proper disposal. If we have a really hot day, you will have a very crucial role!

First Aid (7:30-10:30 am)

We are looking for nurses who can man our first aid table. Ideally we will have two, in case one needs to assist with someone on the course.

Course Guide (5K) (7:15-9:15 am)

The 5K race has many road crossings and turns. The police will be stationed to help with road crossings. Course guides are positioned along the way to show runners where to go, particularly at intersections and turns. We'll need your loudest voices to *CHEER* on runners! Course guides must arrive early and will be driven to their spots by Drivers (you will be assigned a driver). You can then arrange with your driver whether you will be picked up for a ride back or if you will walk back on your own. Spots close to school will be accessed by walking.

Drivers (7:15-8:00 am)

Drivers drop course guides off at their positions. (We will assign riders to you). You can also sign up to be a course guide, if you like. If you sign up for both positions, we will put you in a spot where you can easily park your car for the race duration. Please be sure to let us know how many people you can carry in your car when you sign up.

Clean-up (10:00-11:00 am)

At the end of the race, we need people to take down the tables, help put everything away, and generally clean up after the race. If you are a late riser, this a great job for you. You can come down at your leisure, watch the race, and then help clean up. This is also a great job for RUNNERS. You can run in the race and help too!

Trash Management (8:00-11:00 am)

The 5k aims to be as green as possible so we recycle and compost on Race Day. We need people to stand by each set of trash cans and make sure that everything goes in the right spot.

Photographers (7:30-11:00 am)

Have a camera? Come take pictures of the festivities! We'll need you to come early to get pictures of volunteers and set-up and stay through and get pictures of all the award winners and clean up. Pictures will be posted.

Anywhere You Need Me

Please volunteer here if you are willing to show up and find out what your job is. Most likely we will send you out to fill in for a course guide, but we may also need you around for general tasks that arise on the day.

PAS Home & School Association General Meeting

Tuesday, March 26, 2019

5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

PAS Cafeteria & Gym

Please join the PAS HSA and the Philadelphia Federation of Teachers PFT Health and Welfare Fund as we show the movie *Resilience, The Biology of Stress and the Science of Hope* (<https://vimeo.com/137282528>), followed by a brief Q&A.

Schedule of Events:

- 5:30 p.m. Pizza dinner in the Cafeteria (courtesy of the PFT)
- 6:00 p.m. HSA general meeting, including introduction of candidates for the SAC (in the gym)
- 6:30 p.m. Movie (in the gym)
- 7:30 p.m. Discussion / Q & A
- 8:00 p.m. End

** Babysitting for PAS Families will be provided. **

