

PAS WEEKLY

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Upcoming Events:

School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting

Tue., May 14, 3:30-4:45PM

8th Gr. Algebra Keystone

Tue., May 14- Wed., May 15

Art Gala

Thursday, May 16th,
5:45-8PM

Kindergarten Picnic

Friday, May 17th

Primary Election Day, School Closed

Tuesday, May 21st

Memorial Day, School Closed

Monday, May 27

Field Day

Tuesday, May 28th

Career Days (Middle School)

Wednesday, May 29th &
Thursday, May 30th

8th Grade Closing Exercises

Monday, June 3rd, 3:30PM

Last Day of School for Students

Tuesday, June 4th

2nd Annual Art Gala (Thursday Night)

The Art Program, led by the wonderful Mrs. Durant, is an essential part of the PAS curriculum. It would not exist without the help of our dedicated community that funds our Art teaching position and program.



Our **2nd Annual Art Gala** will take place on Thursday, May 16th 5:45-8PM. Included in this week's pony are two exciting fliers- a map of the many student and adult activities for the evening, and info on a chance to win special teacher time. Check it out! We hope you can join us this week for our community event.



Seussical the Musical

A big congrats to the cast and crew of Seussical the Musical for their incredible performance last week. A special thanks to our teachers, staff, and volunteers for making the magic happen!

Annual School District of Philadelphia Survey



The Annual School District of Philadelphia survey is designed to find out what you think about your child's school. We encourage you to take the survey for each of your children! Once you start the survey you must complete it all

at once. The survey takes approximately 10 minutes to complete.

You will need your child's student ID number, which can be found on your child's report card and included on a personal flier in this week's pony.

<https://webapps1.philasd.org/parentsurvey/>

JOIN US AT OUR SAC MEETING!

Penn Alexander School Advisory Council (SAC)

Tuesday, May 14, 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/

May Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, May 14, 2019, 3:30-4:45PM

	Agenda Item	Time Estimate
1	Open Forum	30 minutes
2	Approval of March 2019 Minutes	5 minutes
2	Principal Report	10 minutes
3	2018-2019 SAC End of Year Reflection	10 minutes
4	2019-2020 SAC Transition Planning	10 minutes

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PAS art gala

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The PAS Art Gala is going to be a fun-filled night with something for everyone. Invite your friends, neighbors and extended family to join in celebrating the creativity of our children!

Event Highlights

Free and open to the community!

Student Art Showcase - Every PAS student's art on display

Art Room Open House - Family art tables & meet Mrs. Durant

Childcare Provided - Includes movie & pizza

Silent Auction - Bid on a variety of items donated by local merchants, camps and entertainment venues

Tent Gala (Adults Only) - Live music, food, wine pull

Teacher Time Raffle - Win special activity time for your kids and the amazing PAS teachers!

PAS/Lea/Greenfield community concert - 6pm in gym

PAS Community Tree - Purchase helping hands to support the Art Program



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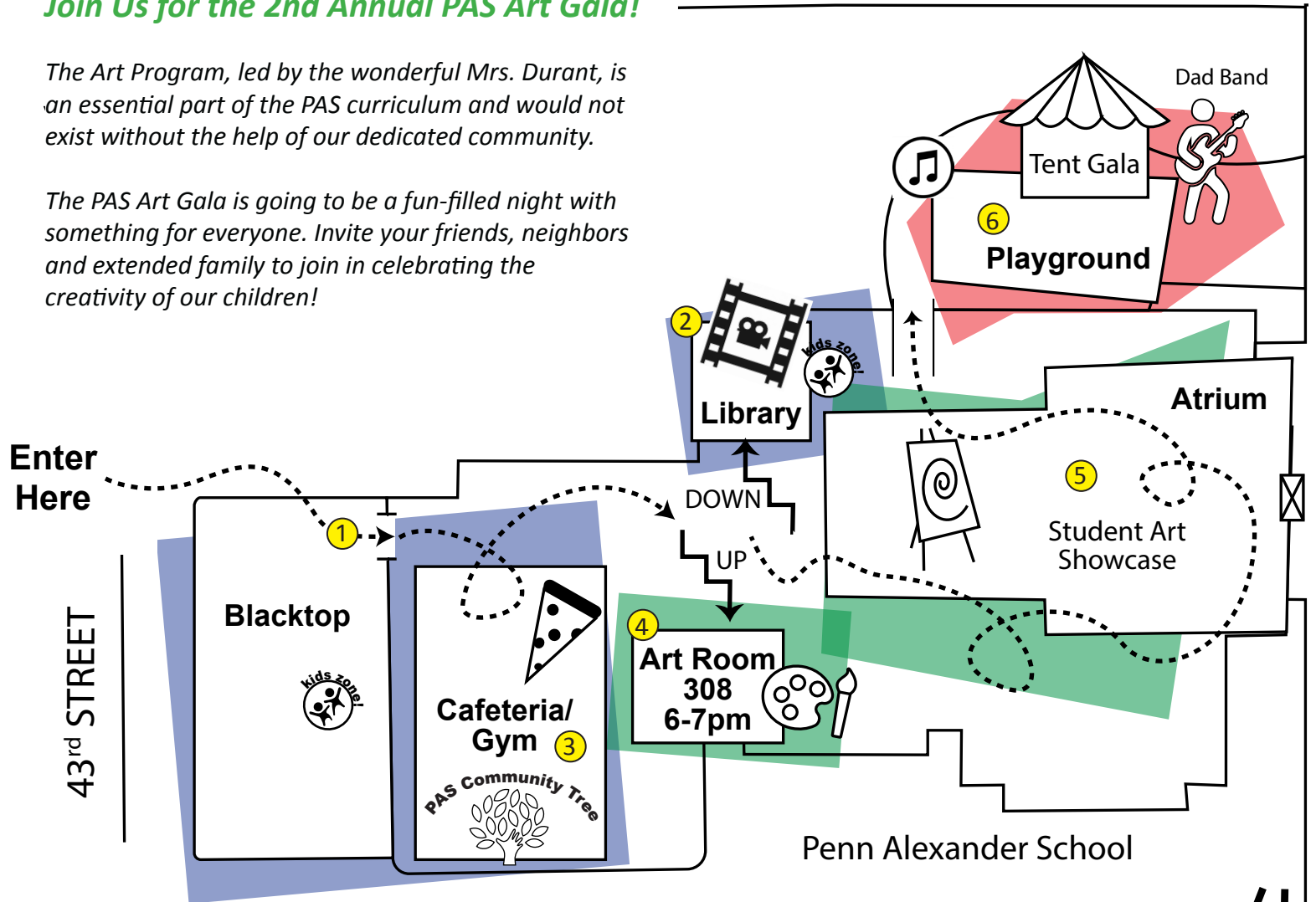
event details

- 1 Cafeteria / Blacktop**
Enter through the blacktop double doors with students, where they will enjoy games, art activities and food.

Make a donation to the **community tree** to show your support for the art program at PAS.
- 2 Library**
Movie - Feature TBD.
- 3 PAS/Lea/Greenfield Community concert**
6 pm in gym
- 4 Art Room 308 - Mrs. Durant 6-7pm**
Meet Mrs. Durant and check out the art space at PAS. **Family Art Table** activities will be provided.

Enter Here

43rd STREET



Penn Alexander School

- 5 Student Art Showcase**
Works of art from EVERY PAS student will be displayed throughout the school! Walk around with your child to see their artistic creations. The Gallery will also feature a **Silent Auction Teacher Time Raffle & PAS Calendar Competition.**
- 6 Tent Gala (Adults Only)**
Relax and enjoy some food, drink & music provided by **Dad Band.** Enter the **Wine Pull** drawing and go home with a mystery bottle of wine.





**Join Us
May 16th
5:45 - 8pm**

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Potluck Food Dishes Needed!

Please bring a favorite dish to share at the PAS Art Gala! The event is a good opportunity to meet parents and teachers, share our cultures, enjoy food, music and student art.

Yes, I can bring a dish to share.



Name: _____

email: _____

Description of item provided:
(Please no nuts)

Appetizer Beverage Dessert

Special requests: Wine/Beer Non Chocolate Dessert

Please return this sheet to teacher or office or fill this form out online: <https://bit.ly/2DzQZbB>

END OF YEAR COLLECTION FOR ALL TEACHERS & STAFF



HELP RECOGNIZE AND THANK ALL OF OUR TEACHERS - CLASSROOM and SPECIALISTS - AND STAFF!

The HSA is collecting donations to provide end-of-year gifts to all of our hardworking teachers, specialists (gym, music, library, computer, learning support, and more), recess and lunchroom staff, custodians, and crossing guards.

The HSA will pool all donations and distribute them on an equitable basis so that everyone knows how much they are appreciated by the PAS community. In order to meet our gift goal, each classroom is asked to contribute at least \$400. Your contribution to the group gift is completely optional. Any amount — \$5, \$25, \$100, or whatever you can comfortably give — is greatly appreciated.

DEADLINE FOR COLLECTION is the morning of Friday, May 31.

- ❖ **Cash or Check (made Payable to “HSA of PAS”)**
 - Put your donation in an envelope labeled “Teacher/Staff Gift” along with your room number(s).
 - Return to your Room Parent or the PAS Office
- ❖ **Credit Card**
 - Pay online and select the “Teacher Spring Gift” option on the Shop page
 - <https://pennalexanderschool.org/shop/>
- ❖ **Venmo**
 - @PennAlexanderHSA; label as “Teacher/Staff Gift” along with classroom number
- ❖ **PayPal**
 - Penn Alexander Home and School Association; label as “Teacher/Staff Gift” along with classroom number



ANNUAL GIVING

The dedicated volunteer parents of the HSA have been hard at work fundraising all year so that your dollars can step in when the school district funds run short of what we need to cover extracurricular and academic programs, supplies and technology investments, and buildings and grounds improvements at PAS.

THIS YEAR'S FUNDRAISING GOAL

This year's fundraising goal is \$150,000 to cover everything that we have been doing and to subsidize our full-time art teacher and program which comes at a cost of \$60,000 annually.

To reach our financial goal, a contribution of \$100 per student is suggested. It is not required. We are grateful for any donation and all amounts are welcome.

We do ask for 100% participation from our families to show our teachers, staff, administrators, and children that we are a community that supports each other and is committed to our neighborhood school.

ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

To date, we have raised \$75,000 with 60% of families participating. We will have a funding shortfall next school year. Please help us get to our financial goal, and more importantly, our goal of 100% family participation by making a gift today. We cannot sustain all of our programs without you!

WHAT THE ANNUAL FUND SUPPORTS

- **Student Enrichment:** Full-Time Art Teacher * Afterschool Programs * Music Education * Computers
- **Teacher Support:** Books and Supplies * Teacher and Staff Appreciation * Professional Development
- **Student Performances:** Musical * Talent Show * Music Recitals
- **Building Community:** Open Houses * Equity Circle * Ice Cream Social * Fall Festival * Skating Party
- **Facilities:** Gardening * Repair Playground * Buildings and Grounds Renovation

WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR ANY LEVEL OF SUPPORT!

___ \$5 ___ \$10 ___ \$20 ___ \$25 ___ \$50 ___ \$75

___ **\$100 (suggested per student)**

___ \$200 ___ \$250 ___ \$500 ___ \$1,000 Other: \$ _____

Ways to Give:

1. **Cash or Check** made payable to "PAS HSA" and return in your child's PONY along with this form
2. **Credit card:** online at <https://www.pennalexanderschool.org/>
3. **PayPal** (hsatreasurerpas@gmail.com; list as Spring 2019 donation); **Venmo** (@PennAlexanderHSA; list as Spring 2019 donation)
4. **Stock transfer:** Please contact Roseann Liu (hsatreasurerpas@gmail.com) for more information

Contact Info:

My name: _____ My email: _____

My Student(s)/ Room Number(s) _____

MEMORIES, FUN AND FRIENDS

**Order your 2019 PAS Yearbook Today!
Every child featured. Great candid photos on every page!**

Making new friends and making memories with old friends are important parts of the school year. Help your student keep the fun and memories alive for years to come with a yearbook, a time capsule of the events and people that made this year unique.

Use this form to order the Penn Alexander School yearbook today. **The pre-order cost for the 2019 full-color yearbook is \$30.00. After May 5, the cost of the yearbook is \$35.00. 8th graders do not need to order a yearbook as it is included in the DC trip.**

Simply enter the number of yearbooks you wish to order in the box below. Multiply that number times the book price and enter the subtotal line. Enter the Total Amount enclosed. Fill in the rest of the information

Yearbooks may also be purchased online at www.pennalexander.org

-----**ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK BY MAY 5, 2019 to SAVE \$5**-----

Please return this slip to the main office

Student Name	Grade	Room #	Quantity

Quantity _____ x \$30 each (after 5/5, \$35= Total Amount Enclosed _____)

Please complete for credit card payment:

Name on Credit Card _____ (Visa/Mastercard only)

Card Number: _____ Sec code _____ Exp Date _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip _____

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

Signature of card holder: _____

Cash or check payable to PAS HSA or order online with a credit card



Dear PAS Parent/Guardian,

Spring 2019

At the end of the school year, you will receive a 2019-2020 school supply list for your child(ren) going into grades 2 through 8, and students will need to bring those supplies to school on the first day. **Or, you can let the HSA and school do the shopping for you and have your child(ren)'s supplies delivered directly to their classroom(s) on the first day of school!**

How to School Supply Program Works: For the seventh consecutive year, we are offering you the option either to do your own shopping for your child(ren)'s supplies over the summer OR to pay \$75 per child to have your HSA, in cooperation with PAS administration, do the shopping for you. The fee covers the cost of supplies. The \$75-per-child amount -- which is not increasing this year -- allows the HSA to buy supplies in bulk and ensures that both student and classroom supplies are on hand for all grade groups.

Note to parents of rising Kindergartners and 1st graders: Your child(ren)'s school supplies for these grades must be purchased by the teachers (you'll receive a separate letter about this shortly). You can pay the \$75-per-child fee through this program on the attached form or pay directly to their classroom teacher.

If you want to have the HSA do your shopping, please submit a school supply form (see next page) and payment to PAS no later than May 31, 2019. Payments can also be made online at www.pennalexanderschool.org -- please be sure to include your child(ren)'s name(s).

New this year! Greening PAS through Upcycling + Reuse! PAS is joining schools around the country utilizing resources in smart and creative ways by upcycling and reusing new or gently used supplies. We're excited to make good use of valuable school supplies and prevent usable items from going to a landfill. A fun art program in the last week of school will allow students to creatively upcycle any notebooks and folders with life left in them. Keep an eye out for information about bringing new and gently used school supplies from home to our collection station at PAS in May. We'll be looking for the following items in new or gently used condition (if you won't be using them at home): marble composition books with wide rule, plain pocket folders, erasers, #2 Dixon Ticonderoga pencils, personal hand sharpeners with lids, school glue and glue sticks, safety scissors, protractors, and 12" rulers.

Donations Welcome! Last June, **205** PAS families chose to participate in the School Supply Program. Of those, **20%** donated dollars in excess of their share, helping to ensure that every child at PAS starts and finishes the school year with necessary supplies. Please consider making a contribution beyond the \$75-per-child amount to the 2019-2020 School Supply Program.

Thank you,

Your HSA Board and School Administration



School Supply Program
School Year 2019-2020
Sign-up, Payment, and Donation Form

Yes, I would like to have PAS buy my school supplies in bulk, and I have enclosed **\$75 per child** for my 2019-2020 school supplies.

My name: _____ Phone number: _____

Email address: _____ My

Child(ren)'s Name(s):

_____ **current** homeroom/Teacher _____
_____ **current** homeroom/Teacher _____
_____ **current** homeroom/Teacher _____

I want to make an additional, tax-deductible donation to the 2019-2020 School Supply Program.
____ I will accept an email receipt for my donation and help conserve resources.

My School Supply Program total:

_____ child(ren) at \$75 each = \$ _____

+ additional donation = \$ _____

TOTAL: \$ _____ is enclosed.

I am paying by:

- Cash: enclosed
- Check (payable to Penn Alexander HSA): enclosed
- Credit card (MasterCard/VISA only):

Name on card: _____

Card number: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____

Expiration month/year: ____/____ Security code: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Please return this form and your payment to PAS Main Office

Donation amounts above \$75-per-child are tax-deductible and can be matched through employer match programs. Donations can also be made at: www.pennalexanderschool.org.

Your HSA and Penn Alexander thank you for your much-needed support.

On Monday, May 20th

1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Grades

Will participate in a Dance-a-thon

To honor the memory of our former student

Christopher Mullen

All proceeds collected will benefit

The Christopher Mullen Philadelphia Athletics Youth Sports
Assn. Scholarship Fund

We ask that students donate at least \$2



PAYSA Annual Christopher Mullen Scholarship Fundraiser

Buy your tickets today!

Join us for a fun (adult only) night out to support the Christopher Mullen Scholarship Fund and to help us continue the tradition of youth baseball in West Philly.

**Saturday, May 11, 2019
8:00 - 11:00 p.m.
City Tap House
3925 Walnut Street**

Tickets include appetizers, drink specials and a raffle ticket (can buy more that night). Raffle prizes include PAYSA gear, 2020 in-house registration and more!

- \$30 if you pay ahead (see link below)
- \$35 at the door (cash/check only)

Additional donations always welcome!

Bring a friend! Spread the word! The event is not just for PAYSA families. Please come out to support PAYSA at our most important fundraiser of the year. We hope you will encourage family and friends to attend and support your local, neighborhood youth baseball league.

PURCHASE TICKETS HERE: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/paysa-annual-christoper-mullen-scholarship-fundraiser-tickets-60385410388>

Friends of **CLARK PARK**
 present a **FAMILY FRIENDLY AFTERNOON**
 celebrating Clark Park and our wonderful community!

party in
 the park
 Sat. May 18th 4-8PM
 rain or shine

free admission!!!

Featuring DOCK STREET BEER

sweets and suds for sale!

treats by LL' POP SHOP

POP UP art festival

live music

ISY & THE MAMAS AND THE PAPAS
 THE BALLARD SPAHR GALACTICA
 & Salsa Spotlight by
 West Phila. Ballroom and Latin Dance

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