

PAS WEEKLY

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Upcoming Events:

**Primary Election Day,
School Closed**
Tuesday, May 21st

**Pretzel (\$1) and
Dress Down (\$1) Day**
Friday, May 24th

**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



**1st Day of
School
(Kindergarten-
8th Grade)**

Tuesday, September 3rd

2nd Annual Art Gala, a Success!

Last Thursday, at our 2nd Annual Art Gala, we celebrated our 581 artists' masterpieces and our Art program, supported by Mrs. Durant. The Home and School Association's fundraising efforts allow PAS to have a full-time Art position. If you were not able to support our Art Gala last week, I encourage you to contribute to the HSA End of Year Appeal to ensure our robust art program can continue next year.



Summer Reading Books!

Your child will be coming home with summer reading information and books this week. Similar to last year, the Equity Circle has planned a book list for adults in our community, the flier is included.



2019 Yearbooks

Time is running out to buy a 2019 yearbook! Before we run out, complete the included form, if you would like to purchase a PAS 2019 yearbook. Only 50 left!



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/>



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.



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 _____

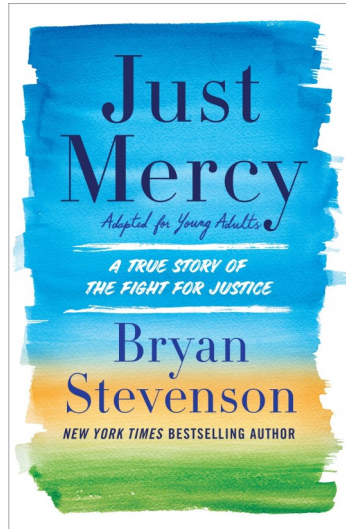
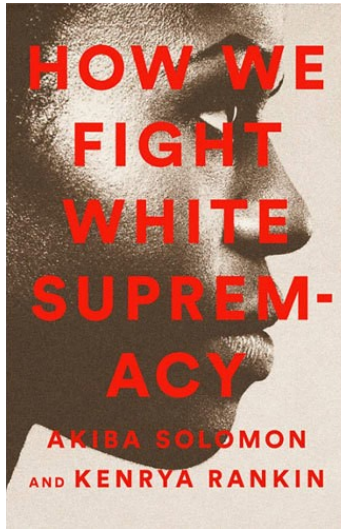
I give permission to PAS HSA to charge my credit card for the total amount listed above.

Signature of card holder: _____

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

PENN ALEXANDER SUMMER 2019 READING

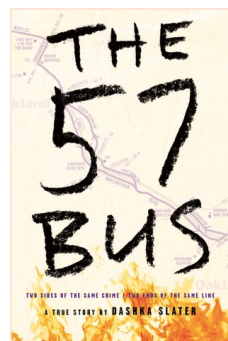
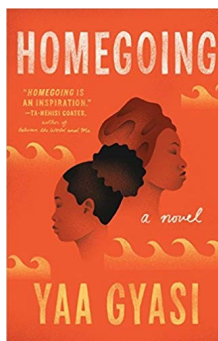
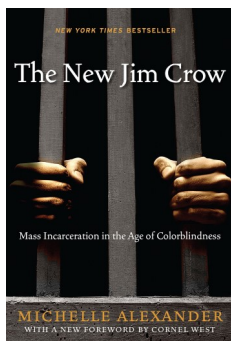
In partnership with our Equity Circle, Penn Alexander would like to offer these books as part of our summer reading program. The summer provides an opportunity for us to reflect and explore challenging issues, stories, and questions about social justice both inside and outside of our school. If you are unable to purchase any of the books, please contact pasequitycircle@gmail.com for assistance.



NEW BOOKS FOR SUMMER 2019:

How We Fight White Supremacy
By Akiba Solomon & Kenrya Rankin

Just Mercy, Adapted for Young Adults
By Bryan Stevenson



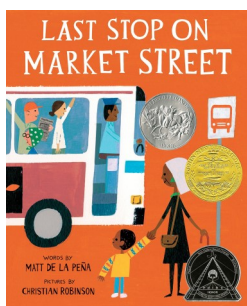
BOOKS KEPT FROM SUMMER 2018:

The New Jim Crow
By Michelle Alexander

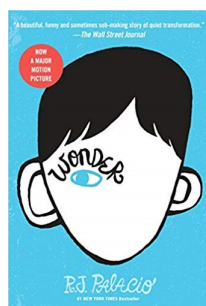
Homegoing
By Yaa Gyasi

The 57 Bus
By Dashka Slater

STUDENTS' SUMMER 2019 READING



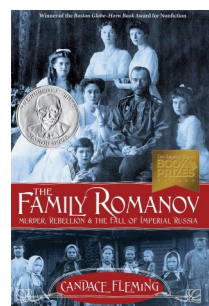
Grades 1-3:
Last Stop on Market Street
By Matt de la Peña



Grades 4-5:
Wonder
By R.J. Palacio



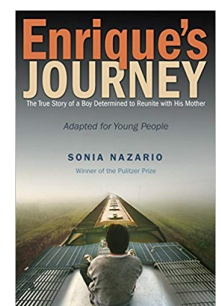
Grade 6:
Flying Lessons & Other Stories
Edited by Ellen Oh



Grade 7:
The Family Romanov
By Candace Fleming



Angel on the Square
By Gloria Whelan



Grades 8:
Enrique's Journey
By Sonia Nazario



Want to become
one of Philadelphia's
great debaters?

Join After School Activities Partnerships for the 6th Annual
SUMMER DEBATE ACADEMY

at the Philadelphia Military Academy, 2118 N 13th St.

July 15th - July 26th

This camp is **FREE** and lunch is provided for students.

Open to students entering 7th-12th grades in Fall 2019



For more information and to register, contact: RJ Tischler, Debate Coordinator at rtischler@phillyasap.org or 215-545-2727 ext. 16.



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2019 Summer Debate Academy

Monday, July 15th-Friday, July 19th **AND** Monday, July 22nd-Friday, July 26th, 9:00am-2:00pm Daily
At the **Philadelphia Military Academy, 2118 N 13th St.**

Student Information

Name of Student: _____ School _____ Grade: _____
Student Phone: _____ Student Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Information

1. Name of Parent/Guardian: _____ Home Address: _____
Home/Work Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____
Email: _____

2. Name of Parent/Guardian: _____ Home Address: _____
Home/Work Phone: _____ Mobile Phone: _____
Email: _____

Emergency Contacts

If the parents/guardians cannot be reached, ASAP will contact the people listed below. The people listed below should be responsible individuals who can 1) give permission to administer health care; 2) pick up your child if your child is ill; 3) have the authority to speak on behalf of the parents or legal guardians.

Name: _____	Name: _____
Mobile Phone: _____	Mobile Phone: _____
Home/Work Phone: _____	Home/Work Phone: _____

Health Information

Please provide the following medical information. If your child does not have any health conditions, write "none".

Medication(s) being taken by student: _____
Allergies to foods, drinks, insect, bites, medications, other: _____
Other medical information: _____
Physician's Name: _____
Medical/Hospital Insurance: _____ Group: _____ Type: _____

I understand that in case of any emergency requiring medical treatment, every effort will be made to reach one of the people listed above. If none of these people can be contacted, I authorize ASAP to give consent to treatment as deemed necessary by emergency responders.

Photography Consent

I hereby grant ASAP/After School Activities Partnerships permission to display in the news media or electronically via the Internet or in other forms, the artwork, project or other display created by my child in connection with the after school program provided through ASAP. In addition, I grant ASAP/After School Activities Partnerships permission to use my child's photograph to reproduce, copyright, publish or circulate in the news media, electronically or in displays. I also consent the use of my child's name, grade level and school.

I understand that my student is responsible for travel to and from the academy. ASAP/After School Activities Partnerships will provide SEPTA tokens if needed, as well as breakfast, lunch, and water to drink.

I hereby warrant that I am authorized to give this permission. I further warrant that the information I have provided is, to the best of my knowledge, true and accurate.

Print Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s): _____
Signature of Parent(s) or Guardian(s): _____ Date: _____

To reserve your student's spot at the Summer Debate Academy, please email, mail, or fax this form to ASAP.

ADOPT-A-GARDEN

Please help us maintain our beautiful garden and orchard this summer!
Sign up to care for the PAS garden for one week, and take home all
that you harvest!

As a volunteer, you will be responsible for:

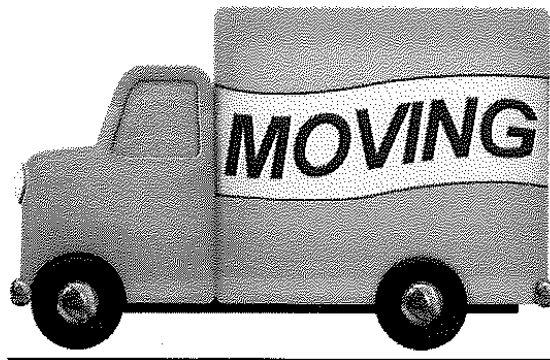
Watering

Weeding

Harvesting

Attend a training session Wednesday, May 22th or Tuesday, May 28th at 3:15
in the garden!

RESERVE YOUR WEEK NOW at: <https://tinyurl.com/pasgardenadoption>



Moving? Not Returning to PAS for '19-'20?

Moving? Not returning to PAS for the '19-'20 school year?

If you are planning to relocate, or not return to PAS in the Fall, please contact Ms. Wapner (Asst. Principal) in writing or email (mbradcliff@philasd.org) as soon as possible.

This information will assist us in planning and reorganizing for the upcoming school year. We have a number of students on our waiting list for each grade.



**PLEASE SUPPORT THE THIRD
GRADERS OF ROOM 110 AS
THEY HELP THE HOMELESS
POPULATION OF PHILADELPHIA
BY**

DONATING NEW SOCKS AND UNDERWEAR

Donations will be sent to Broad Street
Ministry, located at 315 South Broad Street

**THERE WILL BE A BOX IN THE PAS FRONT
OFFICE TO DROP OFF ALL DONATIONS
PLEASE DONATE BY JUNE 3RD**

To learn more about Broad Street Ministry, please visit their
website at www.broadstreetministry.org

