

PAS WEEKLY

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Upcoming Events:

Professional Development for Staff, School Closed
Friday, September 27

Rosh Hashanah School Closed
Monday, Sept 30

Winter Coat Drive Begins
Monday, October 1

High School Info Night (8th Grade Families)
Wednesday, Oct. 2, 6-7PM

Pretzel Friday (\$1) & Dress Down Day (\$1)
Friday, October 4

Yom Kippur, School Closed
Wednesday, October 9

Fall Festival
Thursday, October 17, 4-6pm

Interim Reports (Grades 4-8)
Monday, October 21

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Tickets on Sale Today!

Our annual fall festival is **October 17, 4-6pm**. Enjoy an afternoon of games, pizza, hot popcorn, scrumptious baked goods, book swaps and much, much more. Ten free tickets with advance sale purchase. Buy online at PennAlexanderSchool.org or return pony flier.

VOLUNTEERS WE NEED YOU

Over 50 volunteers are needed for our **Annual Fall Festival**, Oct. 17th, for pre-event support as well as help during the event are needed. Sign up with a friend! 4th and 5th grade parents - your children will need you at the event but, not at their side. A great way to help the school while ensuring your child is having fun at the festival.

Other Opportunities include- Lunchroom support, Picture Day support & more. Interested in signing-up for one of the above opportunities? Log into the MembershipToolkit App and click on the "SignUp" tab.

✓ SignUp

e-Pony & Paper Pony Opt-Out

All families who create a PAS Membership Toolkit account will automatically receive an email the first day of the week with a link to access our weekly Pony materials.

Your family can choose **NOT** to receive our paper Pony materials each week, by **OPTING-OUT** using the link below. PAS will continue to send home paper copies of forms/slips that need to be returned.



[**https://tinyurl.com/PonyOptOut**](https://tinyurl.com/PonyOptOut)

PAS Equity Circle

Summer Reading Books Still Available!

Copies of our adult summer reading books are still available for parents to borrow. 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. Stop by the main office to check out either or both books. Please contact pasequitycircle@gmail.com for more information.



Dear Parents:

Welcome to another great year at Penn Alexander! PAS is a community of engaged families, teachers, and administrators who all strive to give our children the best education possible — one that has earned our school a prestigious National Blue Ribbon award and recognition as the Philadelphia School District's highest-performing K-8 School.

The Home and School Association of Penn Alexander School is an important partner with the school. **The HSA is made up of you - the hard-working parents and caregivers who support the school through fundraising and volunteerism.** Our goal is to help maintain an exceptional neighborhood school that provides the best possible learning environment for our children.

What the HSA does:

- Raises money for school programming — including the school's full-time art teacher, Mrs. Durant, and after-school clubs
- Promotes school spirit and community involvement through special events, such as the Ice Cream Social, Bingo Night, and the 5K Run for Art & Science
- Supports teachers and staff by helping meet classroom needs (reimbursing them for classroom supplies they buy out-of-pocket) and recognizing accomplishments
- Secures volunteers for key school activities such as class trips, school events, and more
- Helps keep parents informed of school activities and news

We can provide this support in part because of donations from you. **Our goal for this school year is to raise \$150,000, with 100% of Penn Alexander families contributing.** In order to maintain the current level of programming and to meet our fundraising commitments, we are asking for **\$100 per student. We ask all families to give what they can,** understanding that not everyone is able to give at all times. In past years, individual donations have ranged from \$10 to \$6,000. Every donation of time and money counts, including the support PAS gets from you — our dedicated families — along with local businesses and organizations, relatives, alumni, and neighbors.

Please **return the pledge form (on the reverse side of this letter)** with a check or donate online at www.pennalexander.org.

Thank you for your commitment to maintaining a **high-quality, sought-after neighborhood public school** that reflects the diversity of the city. We look forward to another terrific year for the students!

The 2019–2020 HSA Board

Leila Graham-Willis, President

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Hannah Sassaman, Co-VP of the Lower School

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Angela Curry, Volunteer Coordinator

Jim Dugan, Room Parent Coordinator



2019 - 2020 Family Giving

Donations to the Home & School Association support academic and extracurricular programs at Penn Alexander.

Where did my dollars go last year?

- **Enrichment:** Full-time art teacher * After-school programs * Music education
- **Teacher Support:** Books and supplies * Staff appreciation * Professional development
- **Building Community:** Equity Circle * Ice cream social * BINGO night * Fall Festival
- **Facilities:** Gardening * Playground repair * School grounds renovation

Suggested Donation: \$100 per student

Goal: Participation from 100% of Penn Alexander families. We are grateful for any donation. **All amounts are welcome.** We ask for 100% participation from PAS families to show our support and commitment to our school, teachers, administrators, staff, and our children.

- My donation:**
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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 (suggested per student) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$75 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$200 (suggested for two students) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other \$ _____ | |

Ways to Give:

- **Online options (preferred):** PayPal (Penn Alexander Home and School Association); Venmo (@PennAlexanderHSA)
- **Other online options:** Donate by credit card online at <https://pennalexanderschool.org/product/donation/>
- **Check:** Enclose a check with this form (please make checks payable to "PAS HSA") and return in your child's PONY
- **Cash:** Enclose cash with this form and return in your child's PONY
- **Stock transfer:** Please contact Roseann Liu (hsatreasurerpas@gmail.com) for more information

Contact Info:

My name: _____ My email: _____

My company may match charitable donations; please contact me. Company Name: _____

My Student(s):

Name: _____ Room Number: _____ Grade: _____

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VOLUNTEER!

Calling all volunteers! Please get involved. Penn Alexander relies on the time, effort, and talents of our families. Whether you can serve on a committee, volunteer at an event, serve as a room parent, donate a skill or talent, or help out during lunch or recess, we want you and we need you!

_____ **Yes, I would like to be contacted by the HSA Volunteer Coordinator to learn more about how I can help.**

THANK YOU!

PAS Fall Festival Tickets

Don't Miss Out - Get Your Tickets Today!



**Two Hours of Carnival Games, Arts & Crafts,
Face-Painting, Balloon Animals, Obstacle Courses,
Food, Baked Goods**

October 17, 2019, 4:00-6:00pm @ PAS

Tickets are 25 cents apiece (a bundle of 40 tickets is \$10)**

****For each advance purchase of 40 tickets (\$10), you receive 10 free tickets!**

You can order tickets or buy them at the festival – free tix if you prepay!!

----Please return this form with your payment by October 11----

(pay by cash, check or credit card)

Student's name _____ Student's teacher/room# _____

_____ at 25 cents per ticket/4 for \$1.00..... \$ _____

_____ bundles of tickets at \$10 for 40 tickets..... \$ _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Name on credit card (Visa/Mastercard only) _____

Card # _____ Sec. Code _____ Exp Date _____

Address _____ Zip _____

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

Signature of card holder _____

Tickets will be delivered to your child's classroom **the day of the festival.**

ALL K-4 STUDENTS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT



PAS FALL FESTIVAL
Children's Books Needed

Do you have children or young adult books that
your children no longer read?

Send them today!



Easy Ways to Help raise money for Penn Alexander

Box Tops <https://www.boxtops4education.com/>

Three ways to participate in this fundraising opportunity:

1. Box Tops has gone **Clipless! Download the BoxTops for Education app** on your mobile device to scan receipts that contain eligible items. (When registering, choose 19104 zip code and select Sadie Alexander) *Don't forget to register your **ShopRite and Sam's Club cards** for bonus points and have friends and family participate.*
2. **Clip Box Tops** from your household products and send them into school in an envelope.
3. **Don't have time** to either scan or clip coupons but still want to make an impact and help support our afterschool programs? Make a one-time donation of \$45 by cash or check (made out to PAS HSA) and send this donation with the personal information below to the school's office:

Child's Name _____

Child's Classroom _____ Box Tops Donation \$ _____

Amazon Smile

Amazon Smile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on Amazon Smile, the **Amazon Smile Foundation will donate 0.5%** of the price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice.

If you shop on Amazon, bookmark smile.amazon.com/ instead, and choose *Home and School Association of Penn Alexander School* as your charity.

A percentage of every purchase will go to PAS.

Share the information about both of these programs with neighbors and extended family members. They are open to everyone.



Penn Alexander School Fall Club Offerings (Oct. 7-Nov. 15th)

Penn Alexander is excited to launch our Fall Clubs Cycle. Last year we had over 250 students participate in weekly clubs, and it was a huge success. This Fall we are offering an array of clubs to our students.

All Clubs will begin the week October 7th and will run through November 15th. Clubs begin after school at 3:30PM and end at 4:30PM. All students will be dismissed from the atrium.

Club registration forms are due by Thursday, September 26th. Enrollment will be based on a lottery. All students who have their permission slips returned by Thursday will be entered into the lottery, and parents will be notified of the results through the pony.

Club Name	Description
Digital Art/Games Kindergarten Monday	Students will create digital art for printing with the Paintbrush app, and create stories and animations in ScratchJr. In the process, they learn to solve problems, design projects, and express themselves creatively on the computer.
Kidstruction Kindergarten Monday	When we put together friends, blocks, and imagination we will get infinite possibilities! Your child will explore a variety of imaginative play materials with a variety of kindergarteners in a fun and exciting environment.
Book Making (1st-2nd) Wednesday	After reading a wonderful piece of children’s fiction, students will create a book of their own as a keepsake!
Homework Club Monday	2nd-5th grade students will have a quiet place to complete assignments and ask questions.

<p>WHYY (Middle School)</p> <p>Thursday</p>	<p>Students will learn to work both in front of the camera, and behind the camera as they create our PAS NEWS programs. Work with digital cameras and mics, edit in Final Cut Pro, and create scripts for our interviews and broadcasts!</p>

<p>Math 24 Club</p> <p>Monday</p>	<p>Students in grades 3-5 will learn to play Math "24" which is a fast paced, problem solving/computation competition where students race to see who can correctly combine four numbers to get a solution of 24. Sound easy? You may be surprised how challenging it is!</p>
<p>Math Mystery Club(4th-6th)</p> <p>Monday</p>	<p>If students love the thrill of solving a thorny mystery? In this club, they will become math detectives. They'll need to bring all their math skills to solve math mystery stories!</p>
<p>Cursive Handwriting (5th)</p> <p>Monday</p>	<p>Students will learn the lost art of cursive writing!.During this five week session ,students will use learn fun and creative ways to practice writing in cursive.</p>
<p>Soccer (2nd-4th)</p> <p>Monday</p>	<p>Soccer Club will be an introduction to soccer as a sport and organized play. Children will learn to work in teams, develop skills, and get fit while having fun.</p>



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Registration Form

Student Name _____ Grade/ Rm /Teacher _____

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Phone Number(You can be reached at during the club time) _____

Check The Box	Club Name	Grade(s)	Day of Week	Check The Box	Club Name	Grade	Day of Week
	Homework Club	K-2	Monday		Cursive Handwriting	5	Monday
	Homework Club	3-4	Monday		Kidstruction	K	Monday
	Homework Club	3-4	Tuesday		Choir	4-5	Tuesday
	Homework Club	3-5	Wednesday		Digital Art and Games	K	Tuesday
	Homework Club	3-5	Thursday		Bookmaking	1-2	Wednesday
	Math 24 Club	3-5	Monday		Debate Club	6,7,8	Thursday
	Soccer Club	2-4	Monday		WHYY	6,7,8	Thursday
	Math Mystery Stories	3-5	Monday				

- _____ My child can walk home after club (grades 4-8 only).
- _____ I will pick up my child in the atrium at 4:30PM.
- _____ Please walk my child to PIC's after school program.
- _____ Please walk my child to UCAL after school program.
- _____ My child will be picked up by St. Mary's after school program.
- _____ Please provide my child with an after school snack.
- _____ I give permission for my child to be picked up by _____.

Phone Number (where you can be reached during club time) _____.

_____ Please provide my child with a free afternoon meal/snack provided by the School District of Philadelphia.



Lewis Carroll Society of North America
Fall 2019 Meeting

Alice in Philadelphia

October 5th - 6th, 2019

Class of 1978 Orrery Pavilion,
Van Pelt-Dietrich Library Center, sixth floor

Join us for the Fall meeting of the Lewis Carroll Society of North America (LCSNA) as we take a closer look at the ties *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* has to Philadelphia and Penn. Speakers include Sibylla Benatova, UPenn, discussing Bulgarian translations of *Alice* and Charlie Lovett, well-known Carrollian, will present "Alice on Stage in Philadelphia."

To celebrate Mad Hatter Day, on Sunday, attendees are invited to share favorite Carrollian quotes and/or creations inspired by Lewis Carroll during a Wonderland-themed tea party hosted by April Lynn James (and her alter-ego, Madison Hatta, Sonneteer).

www.lewiscarroll.org/events



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