

PAS WEEKLY

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Upcoming Events:

Spruce Hill Comm. Assoc. Annual Meeting

Tuesday, November 12, 7:30pm

Picture Day (students wear school uniform)

Wednesday, November 13

Around the Table Potluck Book Discussion

Wednesday, November 13
7:30pm

FACE Parent Workshop (Steam by Crayola)

Thursday, November 14, 6pm

Harvest Drive Ends

Thursday, November 14

Scholastic Bookfair

November 18-22

Noon Dismissal for Students (Teacher Professional Dev)

Friday, November 15

School Advisory Council (SAC)

Monday, November 18
3:45-4:45pm

NonEnglish Speaking Parents Chat and Chew

November 20, 8:30am

Noon Dismissal for Students (Report Card Conferences)

Wed-Fri, Nov. 20-22

18th Annual Food Drive - DONATIONS NEEDED

PAS is collecting food donations for the University City Hospitality Coalition, a local organization that provides nightly hot meals to our homeless and neighbors in need. Commercial size canned fruits and vegetables preferred.



Krispy Kreme Donuts Fundraiser-EXTENDED

Support PAS Running Clubs. Krispy Kreme donut fundraiser **has changed from Friday, November 8 to Friday, November 15**. Order a dozen or more Krispy Kreme doughnuts by Tuesday, November 12. Take some to work, treat a teacher, or bring home for the weekend! See order form enclosed.

Picture Day is Coming!

Picture Day is Wednesday, November 13. Pictures can be ordered online at **mylifetouch.com** with **Picture Day ID: LW459011Q0** or use the **paper order form sent home to all students**. All students will be photographed whether a package is purchased or not.

Wear your school uniform; **8GR - collared shirt recommended.**

Potluck Book Discussions - Sign up to Participate!

Equity Circle invites the PAS community to participate in the Around the Table potluck book discussions. It is not necessary to have read the books to participate. See attached flier for dates and times and to sign up or Sign up online at

AROUNDthe
TABLE

<https://tinyurl.com/AroundtheTable2019SignUp>

Crayola STEAM Workshop

On **Thursday, November 14 at 6pm** FACE will host a Crayola STEAM workshop for parents. In this workshop, parents will create and play STEAM games to celebrate their child’s creativity and build planning, decision making, communication and critical thinking skills. Parents will receive a STEAM Kit which includes art supplies to take home for your children. Pizza and childcare provided. See enclosed flier.



NonEnglish Speaking Parents Chat & Chew

Chat & Chew in Arabic, Bengali or Chinese with PAS Bilingual Counseling Assistants. November 20 session will focus on report card conferences, followed by a STEAM workshop. Enjoy light refreshments and socialize with other parents. See enclosed flier for more information.



7th Grade Science Class at PAS – Tree research project and Website Design

If you see a tree on our PAS campus that is wearing a tag with a QR code – take out your smartphone to learn about the tree! Ms. Kearney’s 7th graders created websites using Google Sites, and linked their tree websites to QR codes that can be scanned by a smartphone camera. Directions for scanning the QR codes are attached to each tree that is part of the project. Visitors will learn about the tree’s habitat, its ability to process CO₂ and a host of other facts about the trees that are native to our neighborhood.



Report Card Conferences - November 20-22!

See Enclosed Flier for details



Report Card Conferences-Nov. 20, 21 & 22

Kindergarten to 5GR Families

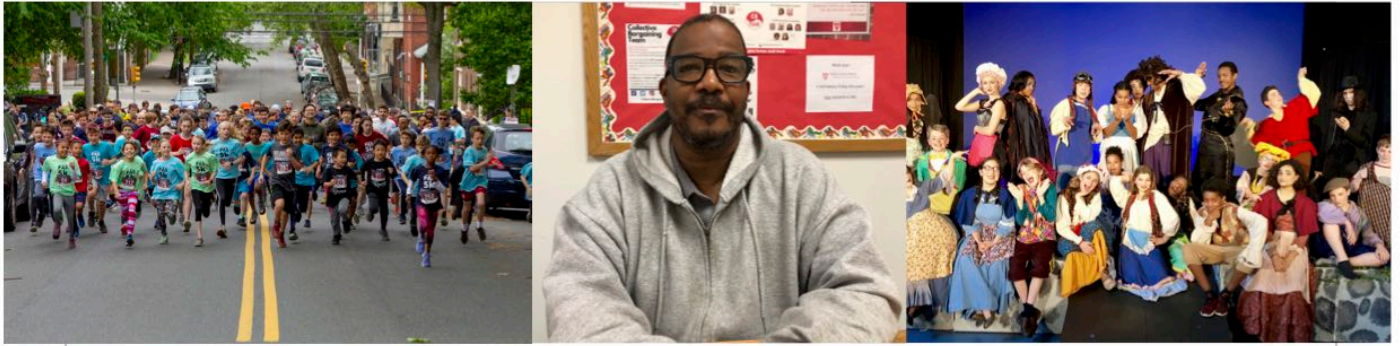
If you do not have a scheduled time from your child's teacher(s), please reach out to them directly.

Middle School (Grades 6-8) Families

Please come to the PAS lunchroom at one of the times below. You will be able to sign up for an individual conference with each of your child's teacher at that time.

6GR: Wed., November 20, 1-3pm **7GR:** Thurs., November 21, 1-3pm **8GR:** Fri., November 22, 1-3pm

All Middle School Grades Welcome: Wed., November 20, 5-7pm



PAS Community Profile: Mr. Rob Sowell

Have you ever wondered how each morning the Penn Alexander School looks to have been cleaned and prepared for our children's arrival? Rob Sowell, the first Custodial Assistant at PAS comes in by 6 AM each day to make sure things are ready. Although his day does not officially start until 7 AM, he always arrives early to be sure the exterior and the insides of PAS are ready for students and cleaned up. Mr. Rob as he is called has been with the school district of Philadelphia for 21 years and the PAS community has been lucky enough to have had Mr. Rob for 2 years.

Mr. Rob grew up in Philadelphia and attended the Oliver Wendell Holmes School and graduated from West Philly High. He is the proud father of two daughters but admits he considered all of PAS children his children. When Mr. Rob talks about his family and his girls he shared it is the simple things that he enjoys most; talking and laughing together, cooking for them and "when I see them having fun I feel good."

Mr. Rob shared that he loves everything about PAS, from the kind and respectful students to the very nice staff and two great Principals since his arrival. Mr. Rob helps Mr. Bruce each day transport and provide breakfast to students on the blacktop to start their day off right.

Although Mr. Rob was too humble to call himself a good cook, he did share a collard greens recipe that makes me hungry just thinking about it. It involves turkey wings or drumsticks, seasoning, a bushel of collard greens and well. Rather than me sharing his recipe please ask him the next time you see him. Whether it is making the school clean and safe, helping students across the street, asking our kids how they are or adding another warm smile to their day we owe Mr. Rob a big thank you for all his contributions to the PAS Community.

Favorite color: Blue



Favorite movie: Let's Do It Again



Favorite Food: Fried Chicken



The Penn Alexander Equity Circle invites you

AROUND^{the}TABLE

PAS invites parents & caregivers to participate in our potluck book discussions this fall. Evening potlucks are scheduled for November 13, 19, 21 and December 8 or 12.

This initiative connects members of our community over potluck meals, hosted by PAS families in homes and at PAS, to discuss the books below and explore connections as we work towards building a stronger, more inclusive, welcoming, and equitable community. **Having read the books is not required for participation in the potluck, only an interest in the conversation and in building a healthy and safe community for all. Books are available in the office.** Middle school students are invited to join their families for these potlucks as well.

To participate in a potluck book discussion please return the form below or sign-up at <https://tinyurl.com/AroundtheTable2019SignUp> to participate in a potluck book discussion.



Podcast: The Ezra Klein Show

Episode: Bryan Stevenson on why the opposite of poverty isn't wealth, but justice

Link: <https://www.vox.com/ezra-klein-show-podcast>

Podcast: Oprah's SuperSoul Conversations

Episode: Bryan Stevenson: The Power of Mercy and Forgiveness

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2n-FfZmPINU>

YouTube Video: True Justice: Bryan Stevenson's Fight for Equality Q&A

Link: <https://youtu.be/EUKHxoHaC84>

YouTube Video: Author Event with Akiba Solomon & Kenrya Rankin

Link: <https://youtu.be/Cc51rbZok3k>

-----**Sign up online above or return the bottom form to the office**-----

Parent Name _____ Parent Email _____

Child(ren) Name _____ Teacher/Room _____

I would like to participate in the following potluck (check all that apply):

____ Tues., Nov. 13, 7:30-9pm Hosted by K parent Kristin Taylor	____ Thur., Nov. 21, 6-8pm Hosted by K & 4GR parent Casey Boss	____ Thur., Dec. 12, TBC pm Hosted by 1GR parent Helena Miller
____ Tues., Nov. 19, 6-8pm Hosted by PAS @ PAS	____ Sun., Dec. 8, 6:30-8pm Hosted by 1, 4 & 7GR parent Andi Johnson	

I will bring _____ dish to the potluck.



NEW DATE!
PICK UP DONUTS
ON
NOVEMBER 15

Doughnuts for Runners!

Help raise money for our 2019-2020 PAS Running Clubs

On **Friday, November 15**, Penn Alexander will be delivering Krispy Kreme donuts by the dozen!

Our goal is to sell 100 dozen doughnuts!

Each dozen costs \$10.00

Take a dozen to work, treat your child's class or enjoy yourself!

Doughnut reservations must be made by Tuesday, November 12!

Donuts can be picked up, starting at 8am, on the blacktop on **Friday, November 15**. Any unclaimed, reserved doughnuts will be sent home with the students.

Please return bottom portion to your child's homeroom teacher by TUE., November 12.

Student's Name: _____ Teacher: _____

Parent's Name: _____

I would like to reserve _____ dozen doughnuts. Total Enclosed \$_____

Check one or complete credit card info: Cash____ Check____ (*payable to PAS HSA*)

I plan to pick up my doughnuts before school Friday, November 15.

Please send doughnuts home with my child.

Donate a dozen to PAS Staff!

Name on credit card: _____ (Visa / MasterCard only)

Card number: _____ 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: _____

SHREK

THE MUSICAL JR.

Dear Penn Alexander Community,

We have exciting news! After many years of producing top-notch performances, Penn Alexander School will be performing **Shrek The Musical, Jr.** this spring! The show has engaged and excited audiences for years, and will be an excellent experience for this year's cast. The script is demanding for school students, but we believe the talent exists at Penn Alexander to deliver a performance of this magnitude. A team of teachers and volunteers are ready to support the production in conjunction with parents and community.

Every year the Penn Alexander School staff has worked hard to improve the theater program, but also the experience of our performers. There are many elements that are necessary for producing a show, and every part is as important as the others. Without the dedicated teachers, parents, actors, musicians, artists, and crew we could not provide an entertaining experience for our audience.

We expect, as usual, that the auditions will be very competitive. While **Shrek, Jr.** has a large cast there are never enough cast parts for all those who wish to be on the stage. We will have openings in the cast, chorus, and crew that we will fill with as many students as possible.

CAST: Auditions will be open to students in **Grades 5 to 8.**

CREW: Stage crew is open to students in **Grades 5 to 8.**

CHORUS: Singers will be chosen from the lower school choir (**grades 3 to 5**).

There will be an informational meeting on DECEMBER 5th from 3:15-4:00 for CAST and CREW. On this day, students may sign up for an audition day and pick up audition materials. If you cannot attend the meeting, please see Ms. Larese or Ms. Lam for materials **after** the meeting.

**CAST AUDITIONS WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER SCHOOL ON
DECEMBER 17th & 18th
FROM 3:00 TO 5:00 P.M.**

We look forward to putting on a fantastic show for you this year!

Sincerely,
Tia Larese, Director &
Taylor Lam, Musical Director



You're invited to the 2nd annual
PAS HSA & Equity Circle

TOY SWAP & MOVIE NIGHT

Wednesday, December 4
6:00 - 8:00 pm - Pizza for purchase
PAS cafeteria (enter via blacktop)

**Clear out your closets! Empty your basements!
Bring your cast-off toys in good condition -
books, puzzles and more - for an old-fashioned
toy swap. (No gift-wrapped toys)**

Starting **Wednesday, November 20**, drop items in the
toy bin outside the main office or bring them to the
event on December 4.

Bring 1, 5, 10 or 100 toys!

Earn up to 5 tickets to swap. Or buy tickets for \$1
Leftover toys will be sent to the Nesting House

Partners



PENN ALEXANDER 2019

PARENT WORKSHOP



STEAM BY CRAYOLA

FACILITATED BY THE FACE OFFICE



NOVEMBER 14, 2019

6 PM

PLEASE ENTER THE BUILDING THROUGH THE 43RD ST
ENTRANCE

Workshop held in PAS lunchroom. Childcare provided.

IF WE CAN LEARN TOGETHER, WE CAN GROW
TOGETHER!

Crayola: STEAM for 21st Century Learners

CREATIVITY IS MOST IMPORTANT IN THE DISCIPLINES OF
SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, ART AND
MATHEMATICS (STEAM). IN THIS WORKSHOP, PARTICIPANTS
CREATE AND PLAY STEAM GAMES TO CELEBRATE THEIR
CHILD'S CREATIVITY AND BUILD PLANNING, DECISION
MAKING, COMMUNICATION AND CRITICAL THINKING SKILLS.

PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE A STEAM KIT WHICH INCLUDES
ART SUPPLIES, A FAMILY ENGAGEMENT GUIDE,
AND THREE (3) VISUAL, EASY-TO-USE, PROJECT-BASED
LEARNING IDEAS.

PLEASE RSVP!

NAME:

STUDENT NAME:

Grade:

EMAIL/PHONE:

Scholastic Book Fair @ PAS

NEW - A digital payment option for students

<https://tinyurl.com/PASScholasticBookFair>

PENN ALEXANDER SCH Book Fair

November 15 - November 25

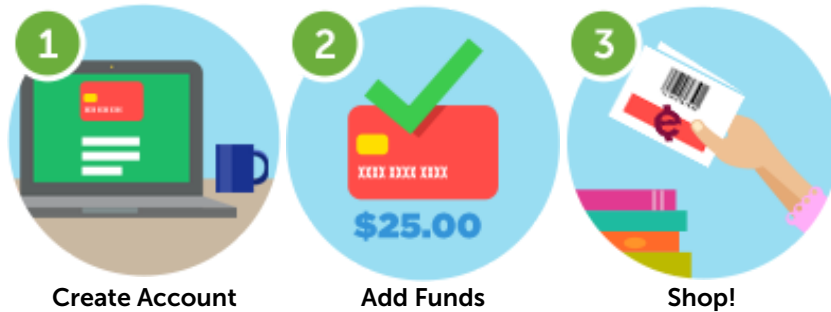
Book Fair eWallet

Give your student a secure, cash-free way to shop the fair. Simply create a free account, preauthorize a spending limit, and have funds immediately available.



A digital payment
option for students

How It Works



Check back between these dates to create your eWallet:
November 01 - November 25

Additional Details

When you create an eWallet, the amount you select as your student's spending limit will appear as a temporary hold (or pending charge) on your credit card and will be reflected in your available balance. You will only be charged for what is purchased, and after the book fair ends, the hold will expire and the funds will be released back to your credit card.

Additional funds can be added to the eWallet at any time. You can also cancel funds. Track spending and see all activity in your order history through your MyScholastic account.

Student eWallets are looked up at the book fair using the student's name, grade, or teacher; eWallets do not have to be printed or presented to a cashier.

You must create an eWallet for each student; accounts cannot be shared or transferred.

If any items purchased during the fair are returned, the amount will be credited back to your card. Processing times may vary. Contact your credit card company for specific information regarding your account.



November 2019

School District of Philadelphia
Full Service K-12 Breakfast Menu

- All menus are subject to change.
- All menus are pork free.
- No fried food is offered or served in school meals.
- No artificial flavors, colors, or sweeteners are used in any school meal.

DAILY BREAKFAST OFFERINGS					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
CHOOSE 1	Smoothie w/ Graham Crackers	Yogurt Parfait w/ Granola	Smoothie w/ Graham Crackers	Yogurt Parfait w/ Granola	Smoothie w/ Graham Crackers
	Variety of Cereal w/ Graham Crackers	Variety of Cereal w/ Graham Crackers	Variety of Cereal w/ Graham Crackers	Variety of Cereal w/ Graham Crackers	Variety of Cereal w/ Graham Crackers
BREAKFAST MENU					
	MONDAY 11/4	TUESDAY 11/5	WEDNESDAY 11/6	THURSDAY 11/7	FRIDAY 11/8
CHOOSE 1	Mini Waffles	 Election Day Schools Closed	Mini French Toast	Cinnamon Bun	Pancakes (2) & Syrup
	Bagel and Cream Cheese		Crunchmania	Sliced Bread	Zee Zee Bar w/ String Cheese
CHOOSE 1	Pineapple Juice		Grape Juice	Apple Juice	Blended Fruit Juice
	Fresh Orange		Fresh Local Apple	Fresh Banana	Fresh Grapes
	Milk		Milk	Milk	Milk
	MONDAY 11/11	TUESDAY 11/12	WEDNESDAY 11/13	THURSDAY 11/14	FRIDAY 11/15
CHOOSE 1	 Veterans Day Schools & Administrative Offices Closed	Blueberry Cinnamon Twist	Pancake Bites(6)	Sausage & Cheese on Biscuit	Waffles(2) & Syrup
		Cinnabar	Muffin Day!	Cinni Minis	Nutrigrain Bar w/ String Cheese
CHOOSE 1		Orange Juice	Grape Juice	Apple Juice	Blended Fruit Juice
		Fresh Pear	Fresh Local Apple	Fresh Banana	Fresh Grapes
		Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk
	MONDAY 11/18	TUESDAY 11/19	WEDNESDAY 11/20	THURSDAY 11/21	FRIDAY 11/22
CHOOSE 1	Mini Waffles	Sausage, Egg & Cheese on a Croissant	Mini French Toast	Cinnamon Bun	Pancakes (2) & Syrup
	Bagel and Cream Cheese	Appleway Bar	Crunchmania	Sliced Bread	Zee Zee Bar w/ String Cheese
CHOOSE 1	Pineapple Juice	Orange Juice	Grape Juice	Apple Juice	Blended Fruit Juice
	Fresh Orange	Fresh Pear	Fresh Local Apple	Fresh Banana	Fresh Grapes
	Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk
	MONDAY 11/25	TUESDAY 11/26	WEDNESDAY 11/27	THURSDAY 11/28	FRIDAY 11/29
CHOOSE 1	Confetti Pancakes	Blueberry Cinnamon Twist	Pancake Bites(6)	 HAPPY THANKSGIVING! Thanksgiving Holiday Schools & Administrative Offices Closed	
	Rebel Crumbles	Cinnabar	Muffin Day!		
CHOOSE 1	Pineapple Juice	Orange Juice	Grape Juice		
	Fresh Orange	Fresh Pear	Fresh Local Apple		
	Milk	Milk	Milk		



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Full Service K-8 Lunch Menu

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DAILY LUNCH OFFERINGS					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
The Grill	Chicken Patty Sandwich	Hot Dog on WW Bun	Meatball Sandwich	Classic Cheeseburger w/ Lettuce & Tomato	South Philly Cheesesteak
The Deli	Cheese Hoagie with Lettuce & Tomato (V)	Chicken Ranch Wrap	Turkey & Cheese Hoagie	Buffalo Chicken Wrap	Italian Hoagie
Fresh Express	Chicken Caesar Salad w/ Garlic Breadstick	Chicken Taco Salad	Chef Salad w/ Turkey & Garlic Breadstick	Chicken Caesar Salad w/ Garlic Breadstick	Chef Salad w/ Turkey & Garlic Breadstick
LUNCH MENU					
	MONDAY 11/4	TUESDAY 11/5	WEDNESDAY 11/6	THURSDAY 11/7	FRIDAY 11/8
Featured Entrée	Cheesy Bean Dip w/ WW Tortilla Rounds	 Election Day Schools Closed	French Toast Sticks(2) w/ Turkey Sausage Links(2) & Syrup	Personal Round Pizza (V)	Whole Wheat Penne w/ Meatballs
CHOOSE 1-4	Salsa Cup		Potato Rounds	Garlic Green Beans	Corn Cobette
	Cucumber Coins w/ Low Fat Dip		Local Kale Side Salad	Celery Sticks w/ Low Fat Dip	Sliced Peppers w/ Low Fat Dip
	Strawberry Slices		Frozen Fruit Juice Cup	Peach Slices	Diced Pears
	Fresh Local Apple		Fresh Pear	Fresh Grapes	Fresh Orange
	Milk		Milk	Milk	Milk
	MONDAY 11/11	TUESDAY 11/12	WEDNESDAY 11/13	THURSDAY 11/14	FRIDAY 11/15
Featured Entrée	 Veterans Day Schools & Administrative Offices Closed	Chicken Nuggets(5)	French Bread Pizza (V)	Roasted Chicken w/ Korean BBQ Sauce & Brown Rice	Fish Sticks(4) w/ Tartar Sauce
CHOOSE 1-4		Baked Beans	Vegetable Fruit Juice	Broccoli Cuts	Savory Sweet Potato Fries
		Baby Carrots w/ Low Fat Dip	Local Kale Side Salad	Baby Carrots w/ Low Fat Dip	Sliced Peppers w/ Low Fat Dip
		Applesauce	Strawberry Slices	Peach Slices	Craisins
		Fresh Banana	Fresh Pear	Fresh Grapes	Fresh Orange
		Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk
	MONDAY 11/18	TUESDAY 11/19	WEDNESDAY 11/20	THURSDAY 11/21	FRIDAY 11/22
Featured Entrée	French Bread Pizza (V)	Roasted Turkey w/ Gravy, Stuffing & Corn Muffin	Chicken Cheesesteak	Chicken Tenders(3) w/ Mini Waffles & Syrup	Turkey Taco Bowl w/ WW Tortilla Rounds
CHOOSE 1-4	Broccoli Cuts	Corn Cobette	Baked Beans	Curly Fries	Vegetable Fruit Juice
	Cucumber Coins w/ Low Fat Dip	Mashed Sweet Potatoes	Baby Carrots w/ Low Fat Dip	Baby Carrots w/ Low Fat Dip	Sliced Peppers w/ Low Fat Dip
	Blended Fruit Juice	Craisins	Diced Pears	Orange Juice	Applesauce
	Fresh Local Apple	Fresh Pear	Fresh Banana	Fresh Grapes	Fresh Orange
		Holiday Cookie			
	Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk	Milk
	MONDAY 11/25	TUESDAY 11/26	WEDNESDAY 11/27	THURSDAY 11/28	FRIDAY 11/29
Featured Entrée	Cheesy Bean Dip w/ WW Tortilla Rounds	Whole Wheat Penne w/ Meatballs	French Toast Sticks(2) w/ Turkey Sausage Links(2) & Syrup	 Thanksgiving Holiday Schools & Administrative Offices Closed	
CHOOSE 1-4	Salsa Cup	Baked Beans	Potato Rounds		
	Cucumber Coins w/ Low Fat Dip	Baby Carrots w/ Low Fat Dip	Local Kale Side Salad		
	Strawberry Slices	Applesauce	Frozen Fruit Juice Cup		
	Fresh Local Apple	Fresh Banana	Fresh Pear		
	Milk	Milk	Milk		



HOT MUGS!

UNIVERSITY CITY ARTS LEAGUE 4226 SPRUCE STREET
SUNDAY NOV 17TH 10AM-12PM



\$15 **HANDMADE MUGS**
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BOTTOMLESS COFFEE
OR HOT CHOCOLATE

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2019 Annual Meeting and Elections

Tuesday, November 12, 2019 7:30 p.m.

Featured Speaker:

Jamie Gauthier

Candidate for Councilwoman,
3rd District

Penn Alexander School

4209 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104

Meeting Location: School Auditorium

*Enter through cafeteria/blacktop entrance on 43rd Street between
Locust and Spruce*

Spruce Hill Community Association
257 South 45th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104

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