

# PAS WEEKLY

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## Upcoming Events:

**School Advisory Council (SAC)**  
Mon., Nov., 18 3:45-4:45pm

**Scholastic Bookfair**  
November 18-22

**NonEnglish Speaking Parents  
Chat and Chew**  
Wed., November 20, 8:30am

**Noon Dismissal for Students  
(Report Card Conferences)**  
Wed-Fri, Nov. 20-22

**Multicultural Day (6-8GR)**  
Friday, November 22

**Harvest Drive Ends**  
Tuesday, November 26

**School Closed**  
**Thanksgiving Holiday**  
Thurs., Nov. 28-Fri., Nov. 29

**Giving Tuesday**  
Tue., December 3

**Ballroom Dancing  
Culminating Event (5GR)**  
Wed., Dec. 4

**Toy Swap and Movie Night  
(HSA Sponsored)**  
Wed., Dec. 4, 6-8pm

**FACE Workshop Scholastic  
Spotlight on Reading (K-5)**  
Thurs., Dec., 5, 6pm

## 18th Annual Food Drive - EXTENDED

**To better serve our community, we are extending the canned food drive until November 26.** While you are

shopping this week and next, please consider purchasing cans for our Harvest Drive. Donations support 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.



## Report Card Conferences

Our first round of Report Card Conferences will take place on November 20-22.

**Kindergarten-5th grade families**, you should have received communication from your child's teacher. If you do not have a scheduled time, please reach out to them directly.

**Middle School Families**, report card conferences are scheduled on the following day and times:

**6GR: Wed., Nov., 20, 1-3pm 7GR Thurs., Nov. 21, 1-3pm**

**8GR: Fri., Nov. 22, 1pm-3pm 6-8GR Wed., Nov. 20, 5-7pm**

Parents/Guardians should come to the PAS lunchroom to pick up your child's report card and to sign up for an individual conference with your child's teachers at that time.



**Book Fair = Help Us Reach our Goal!**

Shop the Scholastic Book Fair next week online or at the PAS atrium and help the PAS library reach its goal of 1,000 books purchased and \$8,000 in sales! Funding will support expanding the library collection for our students.

**Hours: Mon., 11/18:** 9-11am, 12-3pm/**Tue., 11/19:** 9-11am, 12-3pm/**Wed., 11/20:** 9-11am, 12-6pm

**Thu., 11/21:** 9-11am, 12-5pm/**Fri., 11/22:** 9-10am

**Save the Date - Toy Swap and Movie Night**

You are invited to the 2nd annual Toy Swap and Movie Night on Wednesday, **December 4** from 6-8pm in the PAS lunchroom. Clear out your closets and bring your cast-off toys, books, puzzles and more for an old-fashioned toy swap. See enclosed flier for details.

**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.

**Potluck Book Discussions - Sign up to Participate!**

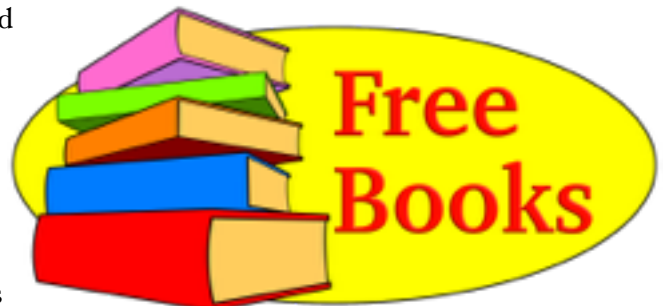
**Equity Circle** invites the PAS community to participate in the Around the Table potluck book discussions. It is not necessary to have read the books to participate. See attached flier for dates and times and to sign up or sign up online at

**<https://tinyurl.com/AroundtheTable2019SignUp>**

**FACE Workshop - Scholastic: Spotlight on Reading**

This workshop on **December 5** is designed to extend literacy learning in the home. Attendees will participate in literacy-rich activities and learn a variety of strategies and tools they can use to nurture and strengthen their child's love of reading and writing. This session uses the interactive read-aloud process to model skills and strategies for families to use with their children to help them get the most out of the book.

Parents/Guardians will receive a Family Tip Sheet with strategies and tools they can build and reinforce positive routines at home to help strengthen and nurture their children's reading and writing skills, AND three (3) grade level books!





# 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

# The Penn Alexander Equity Circle invites you

## AROUND<sup>the</sup> TABLE

For the past three summers, the PAS Equity Circle has invited parents and caregivers to read selected books that deepen our commitment to Equity, in particular racial justice, in our school community, and beyond. In continuing the work that was coordinated by the Equity Circle last year, and building off selected summer readings, you are invited to participate in our Around the Table initiative. This initiative will connect members of our community over potluck meals, hosted by PAS families in homes and at PAS, to discuss these texts 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. For those who would like to read a copy of the book, please stop by the office to check one out.** Middle school students are invited to join their families for these potlucks as well.

### NEXT SCHEDULED POTLUCKS:

- Tuesday November 19th, from 6pm-8pm at Penn Alexander
- Thursday, November 21st, 6-8pm at PAS family home
- Sunday, December 8th, 6.30pm - 8pm at PAS family home
- Thursday, December 12th, 7.30pm - 9.30pm at PAS family home
- **More to come!**

**Please complete and return the form attached or sign-up using the link below if you are interested in joining.**



<https://tinyurl.com/AroundtheTable2019SignUp>

The first book is How We Fight White Supremacy by Akiba Solomon & Kenrya Rankin. In this book, leading organizers, artists, journalists, comedians, and filmmakers offer wisdom on how they fight White supremacy.

The second, Just Mercy, Adapted for Young Adults by Bryan Stevenson, is an extraordinary narrative of criminal justice, blackness, and race in America, adapted for young adults.

*The Penn Alexander Equity Circle shares values, stories, and truths, taking concrete action to build a strong, inclusive community that welcomes and supports all families, all religions, all gender and sexual identities, all abilities, and all cultural and economic backgrounds.*



## درشد و تحدث

### New Resource for NonEnglish Speaking Parents

#### 非英语家庭的新资源

অ ইংলিশ স্পিকিং পিতামাতার জন্য নতুন সংস্থান

موارد جديدة للاباء و الامهات الغير ناطقين باللغة الانكليزية

**Chat & Chew in Arabic, Bengali or Chinese with PAS Bilingual Counseling Assistants Radwan**

**Mahmoud, Abu Rahman, and Chengyi Wen**

家长聊天活动时，会有双语中文辅导员协助

تحدث و درشد بالعربية و البنغالية و الصينية مع المساعدين الاستشاريين الذين يجيدون التحدث باللغتين الانكليزية و اللغات المذكورة أعلاه وهم رضوان محمود (العربية) ، ماني (البنغالية) ، تشنغ وين (الصينية) .

পিএস দ্বিভাষিক কাউন্সেলিং সহকারীদের রাদওয়ান মাহমুদ, আবু রহমান এবং চেঙ্গি ওয়েনের সাথে

আরবি, বাংলা বা চীনা ভাষায় চ্যাট করুন

<p>--Learn about free resources to help your child --Enjoy light refreshments --Socialize with other parents</p>	<p>يمكنكم التعرف على الموارد المجانية لمساعدة أطفالكم استمتعوا بالحلويات الخفيفة استمتعوا بالتحدث وربط صداقات مع الاباء و الامهات الاخرين</p>	<p>快来参加！发现帮助孩子的免费资讯！ 提供饮料 与其他家长建立联络</p>	<p>আপনার শিশুকে সহায়তা করার জন্য নিখরচায় সংস্থানগুলি আবিষ্কার করুন হালকা সতেজতা উপভোগ করুন অন্যান্য পিতামাতার সাথে সামাজিকীকরণ করুন</p>
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### Wednesday, 8:30am, PAS Library

周三，早上8:30，学校图书馆

تواريخ هذه اللقاءات: أيام الاربعاء الساعة 8:30 صباحا وفق

বুধবার, সকাল সাড়ে ৮ টা, পিএস লাইব্রেরি

October 16	اكتوبر 16 تشرين الاول	10月 16日	16 ই অক্টোবর
November 20	نوفمبر 20 تشرين الثاني	11月 20日	20 নভেম্বর
December 18	ديسمبر 18 كانون الاول	12月 18日	18 ডিসেম্বর
January 15	يناير 15 كانون الثاني	1月 15日	15 জানুয়ারী
February 19	فبراير 19 شباط	2月 19日	18 ফেব্রুয়ারী
March 18	مارس 18 اذار	3月 18日	18 মার্চ
April 15	ابريل 15 نيسان	4月 15日	15 এপ্রিল
May 20	مايو 20 ايار	5月 20日	20 মে

# JOIN US AT OUR SAC MEETING!

## Penn Alexander School Advisory Council (SAC)

*Monday, November 18, 2019 3:45-4:45PM*

*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](mailto:tjmccollum@gmail.com) by 3:45PM on the day before the meeting. 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/](http://pennalexander.philasd.org/school-advisory-council/)

### November Meeting Agenda

**Monday, November 18, 2019, 3:45-4:45PM**

	Agenda Item	Time Estimate
1	Open Forum (sign-up required in advance)	30 minutes
2	Approval of minutes from October 2019 SAC Meeting	5 minutes
3	Principal Report	25 minutes



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





The Henry C. Lea Elementary School (Lea) and Sadie Tanner Mossell Alexander Penn Partnership School (PAS) will be hosting a series of conversations across our community as part of the National SEED Project (<https://nationalseedproject.org/>).

SEED stands for “Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity,” and it prepares participants to **connect our lives to one another and to society at large by acknowledging systems of oppression, power, and privilege.** Our “SEED Community Conversations” will include personal reflection, learning experiences, and opportunities to hear others’ stories and to listen to others’ voices.

**All members of the Lea, PAS, and wider community are invited to participate.** While it is not required, we encourage you to attend *all* of the community conversations if possible. The dates, times, and locations are in the table below, and we hope to see you at SEED!

Session	Date	Location
SEED #1	<b>December 3, 2019</b> 6:00 - 8:00 pm	Penn Alexander School, 4209 Spruce Street <i>PAS Atrium</i>
SEED #2	<b>January 14, 2020</b> 6:00 - 8:00 pm	Lea Elementary School, 4700 Locust Street <i>Lea School Library (enter via Locust Street)</i>
SEED #3	<b>February 25, 2020</b> 6:00 - 8:00 pm	Penn Alexander School, 4209 Spruce Street <i>PAS Atrium</i>
SEED #4	<b>April 21, 2020</b> 6:00 - 8:00 pm	Lea Elementary School, 4700 Locust Street <i>Lea School Library (enter via Locust Street)</i>
SEED Celebration	<b>June 9, 2020</b> 6:00 - 8:00 pm	TBD!

**Please RSVP!**

Follow this link to complete a brief survey:

<https://tinyurl.com/RSVP-Lea-PAS-SEED-1920>

If you have any questions, please contact Lea’s Community Partnerships Coordinator, Rich Liuzzi, at [rjliuzzi@gse.upenn.edu](mailto:rjliuzzi@gse.upenn.edu) or 215-400-7660.



**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR @ PAS**  
**BROUGHT TO YOU BY SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIRS**  
**NEW - A DIGITAL PAYMENT OPTION FOR STUDENTS**  
**HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/PASSCHOLASTICBOOKFAIR**

**GOAL 1,000 Books & \$8,00 Book Fair Sales**

Nov. 15 - Nov. 25



Thank you for visiting our homepage! Every purchase from the book fair earns rewards for our school, so please stop by and support us.



We're looking for volunteers!

Sign Up

**EMAIL LPARNUM@MSN.COM**

**Come to the Book Fair!**

<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>
<b>Nov. 18</b>	<b>Nov. 19</b>	<b>Nov. 20</b>	<b>Nov. 21</b>	<b>Nov. 22</b>
<b>9-11AM</b>	<b>9-11AM</b>	<b>9-11AM</b>	<b>9-11AM</b>	<b>9-10AM</b>
<b>12-3PM</b>	<b>12-3PM</b>	<b>12-6PM</b>	<b>12-5PM</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>



**New Online Shopping Experience**

Nov. 10 - Nov. 23

You now have access to shop The Scholastic Store and [earn rewards](#) for your school with every purchase when you click 'Shop Now' from this page! Explore thousands of best-selling books, collections, new releases, educational toys, games, and more. All online items priced as marked.

Shop Now

All orders ship home!





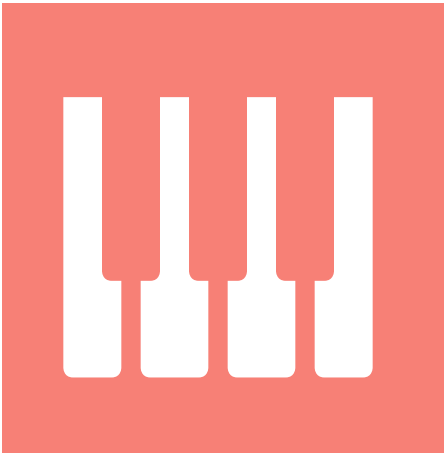
**PENN ALEXANDER MUSIC**

# **K-3**

# **WINTER CONCERT**

Come see what your students have been working on in music this semester. Featuring K-3 students singing, dancing, and playing classroom instruments!

All students are invited to participate.



**TUES  
DEC  
10**

## **CONCERT TIMES**

6 PM | Kindergarten + 1st Grade  
7 PM | 2nd + 3rd Grade



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! CONTACT MS. LAM (TLAM2@PHILASD.ORG)

# K-3 WINTER CONCERT INFORMATION

Penn Alexander Music | Fall 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are quickly approaching our annual winter concert, and the students are so excited to share their talents with our Penn Alexander community this December. PAS will be holding its annual K-3 Winter Concert on **Tuesday, December 10**, showcasing the various songs, dances, and games the students have been learning in music class. This year the performance will be divided into 2 sessions as follows.

**6 PM** | Kindergarten & 1st Grade - Doors Open/Student Report Time @ 5:30 PM

**7 PM** | 2nd & 3rd Grade - Doors Open/Student Report Time @ 6:30 PM

Participation in the performance is voluntary, but *strongly encouraged*. We will be spending much of our time in music over the next few weeks preparing for the concert. In addition to the large group performances, we will also be featuring individual performers and speakers, selected by audition. If your musician is interested in playing a solo or having a speaking role, please note this on the slip below.

Students who plan to attend and perform in the concert should return the permission slip below to Ms. Lam or the classroom teacher by **Friday, December 6**. **No child is allowed to walk home without an adult after the concert.**

Each session will begin promptly and last between 30-45 minutes. If you have any further questions, please contact me at [tlam2@philasd.org](mailto:tlam2@philasd.org). The students and I hope to have your support at our concert this December!

Thank You,  
Ms. Lam

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My student **WILL** be participating in the Penn Alexander K-3 Winter Concert on **Tuesday, December 10**.

Check One:

My student **IS** interested in a featured role as a solo musician or speaker

My student **IS NOT** interested in a featured role as a solo musician or speaker

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

HOMEROOM: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN PRINTED NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

PENN ALEXANDER MUSIC

# 4-8 INSTRUMENTAL + CHORAL CONCERT

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Featuring PAS students  
in grades 4-8. All PAS  
community members  
are welcome to attend!

**Tuesday, December 17**  
**6:00 PM**  
**Penn Alexander School**

Volunteers Needed!  
Contact Ms. Lam  
([tlam2@philasd.org](mailto:tlam2@philasd.org)) if  
interested.



# 4-8 INSTRUMENTAL + CHORAL CONCERT INFORMATION

Penn Alexander Music | Fall 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are quickly approaching our annual winter concert, and the students are so excited to share their talents with our Penn Alexander community this December. PAS will be holding its annual 4-8 Instrumental & Choral Concert on **Tuesday, December 17** at **6 PM** showcasing our school's many musical ensembles.

4th and 5th grade music classes have been participating in choir this semester, and will close the concert with 3 selections. Participation in the performance is voluntary, but *strongly encouraged*. We will be spending much of our time in music over the next few weeks preparing for the concert.

Students who plan to attend and perform in the concert should return the permission slip below to Ms. Lam or the classroom teacher by **Friday, December 13**.

Concert dress is white top, with black bottoms and shoes. Students with questions about the dress expectations should talk to Ms. Lam individually before or after class.

The concert will begin promptly at 6 PM (**5:30 report time for students**) and last approximately 1 hour. **No child is allowed to walk home without an adult after the concert.** If you have any further questions, please contact me at [tlam2@philasd.org](mailto:tlam2@philasd.org). The students and I hope to have your support at our concert this December!

Thank You,  
Ms. Lam

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My student **WILL** be participating in the Penn Alexander Instrumental & Choral  
Concert on **Tuesday, December 17**.

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

HOMEROOM: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN PRINTED NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

# PENN ALEXANDER 2019

## PARENT WORKSHOP



STEAM BY CRAYOLA

FACILITATED BY THE FACE OFFICE



November 20, 2019

(Special session for NonEnglish Speaking Parents)

This workshop will immediately follow the 8:30am Chat & Chew

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:

EMAIL/PHONE:

Grade: