

PAS WEEKLY

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Upcoming Events:

Harvest Drive Ends

Tuesday, November 26

School Closed

Thanksgiving Holiday

Thurs., Nov. 28-Fri., Nov. 29

Giving Tuesday

Tue., December 3

SEED #1 Workshop

Tue., December 3

Ballroom Dancing

Culminating Event (5GR)

Wed., December 4

Toy Swap and Movie Night (HSA Sponsored)

Wed., December 4, 6-8pm

FACE Workshop Scholastic Spotlight on Reading (K-5)

Thurs., December 5, 6pm

Prospective Family Open House

Fri., December 6, 9:30am

Pretzel \$1 & DressDown Day \$1

Fri., December 6

Winter Concert

Tues., Dec. 10, 6pm **K-1GR**

Tues., Dec. 10, 7pm **2-3GR**

Interim Reports 4-8GR

Mon., Dec. 16

Winter Concert 4-8GR

Tues., Dec. 17, 6pm

Dear PAS Community,

As the Thanksgiving Holiday approach, I keep each of you in mind. Please know that there are no kind words that go unheard; and no determined encouragement that does not bear fruit.



The citizens of the next generation sit in our classrooms. As a result of your dedication to PAS they will alter the timeline of our country and of the entire world.

Without question, together we must continue to collaborate to safeguard the mission and vision of PAS.

May your break be filled with memories of touch-football games, inviting smells of your family's feast, the joys of laughter, and the warmth of holding close your family and friends.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you for keeping clear the path of our school and thus, our nation.

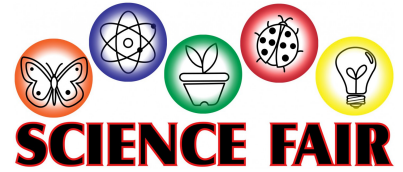
SAVE THE DATE - Giving Tuesday

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Science Fair - Request for Judges

Come out to support our junior scientists at Penn Alexander and share your love of science by being a science fair judge at the annual PAS Science Fair for Grades 4-5. No experience necessary. Listen to students present their projects, and chat about the scientific method in action.



The Lower School Science Fair (Grades 4-5) is Wednesday, **December 18**, 9am to 10:30am in the PAS atrium.

Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/PASsciencefairjudgesSignUp>

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.



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.

Next Scheduled Potlucks:

Sunday, **December 8**, 6.30pm - 8pm at PAS family home

Thursday, **December 12**, 7.30pm - 9.30pm at PAS family home

See attached flier for dates and times and to sign up or sign up online at

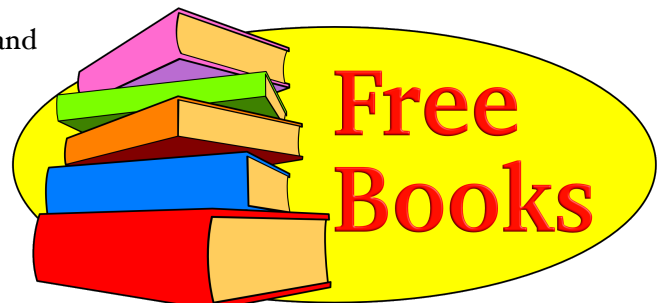
<https://tinyurl.com/AroundtheTable2019SignUp>



FACE Workshop - Scholastic: Spotlight on Reading K-2

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!



PAS Student News Season 2 - Episode 2

Our WHYY Media Labs students bring us another episode of PAS NEWS ! News segments include stories on our Girls Volleyball Team, our recent Fall Festival, and the 8th Grade trip to historic Gettysburg.

Check it out here !

tinyurl.com/PASNEWS2-2





PAS Community Profile: Ms. Kara Durant

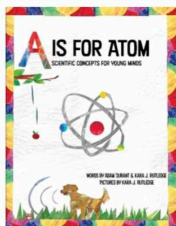
One thing about Penn Alexander is that within the cacophony of the exceptional, everyday greatness abounds. One place, and one person who contributes to the lives of our children and our community in countless ways is Ms. Kara Durant in the Art Room. In both her personal and professional endeavors she is constantly bridging concepts, mediums, ideas and lives. Kara grew up in Mt. Airy and attended Germantown Friends for her K-12 education. Kara studied Psychology at Wesleyan and pursued her love of art through a masters in Art Education from Moore College of Art and Design. Kara's career at PAS started 6 years ago when she supported the arts at PAS as a teaching artist through her "Art on a Cart." Today you can find her on the third floor in the 3 year old art classroom.

Ms. Durant's approach is offering students a space that offers open-ended exploration through structured choice. Kara likes to provide students with a fuller scope of why they are doing particular projects or techniques, what is the history of the artist, technique or process to help create connections or students. You can see this in her integration of observational drawings that connect science and art, her 1st grade project on still life connecting student's farm field trip learnings with art, supporting the 8th graders in their alchemy of the themes of innovation, community and leadership into a mural installation currently on display at Penn GSE, or walking into the art classroom to hear her reading students art history as they work.

Not only does Kara create opportunities for students to thrive in the classroom but she also creates outside PAS walls being a self-published author of *Jaro and Frog*, co-author of *A is for Atom* with her husband a Science educator, illustrator of *Humpy Saves the Day* by author Doug Farrell, father of our previous Principal Mr. Michael Farrell.

Be sure to say hello to Ms. Durant and congratulate her on the birth of Samuel Ross!

You can see Ms. Durant's Art Cart [blog](#) or her books at [here](#)



Favorite color: **BLUE**

Favorite Food: Thai



**PENN ALEXANDER SCHOOL COMMUNITY
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**PAS shaped my life in so many ways! From the very beginning I was surrounded by such a diverse but tight knit community of students and families. I had access to so many important resources that lead me to working at CHOP. My teachers were invested not just in test scores and curricula, but also that all their students grew up to be good people and stewards of a larger community. To this day, I feel so fortunate to have had the opportunity to do special projects with Wharton students and go to the Carver science fair.
-PAS Alumna 2010 (First class to go through K-8)**

Join the worldwide day of giving by making a donation of any size to Penn Alexander School on Giving Tuesday, December 3rd at <https://pennalexanderschool.org/> or by returning the below slip. We will also participate in the Facebook #GivingTuesday campaign! Facebook will match every dollar up to \$_____! Share the fundraising campaign with family and friends.

YOUR SUPPORT MEANS EVERYTHING!

-----RETURN TO MAIN OFFICE-----

Parent Name _____ Child(ren) Name(s) _____

Parent Email _____

___ Yes, I support #GivingTuesday at PAS. Enclosed is my donation of \$ _____.

Please make checks payable to PAS HSA.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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



 SCHOLASTIC

LITERACY
EVENTS



Spotlight on Reading

Reading and
Writing Connection

Scholastic Literacy
Events Summer Reading

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PARENT NAME:



STUDENT NAME:



PHONE:



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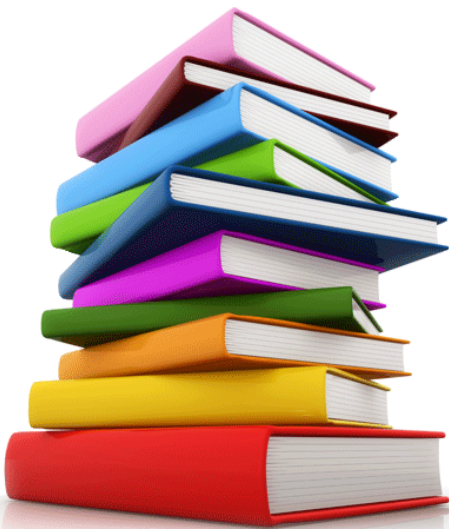
Parent Workshop!!

Grades K-2 ND

December 5, 2019

6 PM

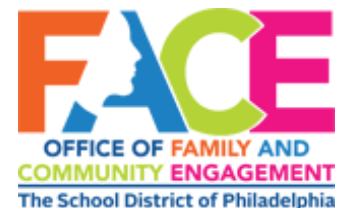
All Parents & Family Members Are Invited



Free Books! Fun!

Childcare!

4209 SPRUCE STREET
(ENTER ON 43RD STREET,
ACROSS FROM CVS)





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/>).

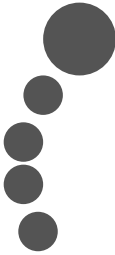
SEED stands for "Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity," and it prepares participants to **connect our lives to one another and to society at large by acknowledging systems of oppression, power, and privilege.** Our "SEED Community Conversations" will include personal reflection, learning experiences, 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	December 3, 2019 6:00 - 8:00 pm	Penn Alexander School, 4209 Spruce Street <i>PAS Atrium</i>
SEED #2	January 14, 2020 6:00 - 8:00 pm	Lea Elementary School, 4700 Locust Street <i>Lea School Library (enter via Locust Street)</i>
SEED #3	February 25, 2020 6:00 - 8:00 pm	Penn Alexander School, 4209 Spruce Street <i>PAS Atrium</i>
SEED #4	April 21, 2020 6:00 - 8:00 pm	Lea Elementary School, 4700 Locust Street <i>Lea School Library (enter via Locust Street)</i>
SEED Celebration	June 9, 2020 6:00 - 8:00 pm	TBD!

Please RSVP!	<p>Follow this link to complete a brief survey:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">https://tinyurl.com/RSVP-Lea-PAS-SEED-1920</p>
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If you have any questions, please contact Lea's Community Partnerships Coordinator, Rich Liuzzi, at rjliuzzi@gse.upenn.edu or 215-400-7660.



Andrea Fontaine Danse
aa.west.dance@gmail.com



Creative dance 3-5 years old

After school Winter/Spring 2020

Contemporary dance for adult

DANCE CLASSES FOR KIDS & ADULTS

<https://aawestdance.wixsite.com/dance>

LET'S DANCE !





French storytime

Join Andrea Fontaine for stories,
songs and dances in French!

Every Tuesday of December

4 pm

At the Walnut Street West Library
201 SOUTH 40TH STREET
(CORNERS OF 40TH AND WALNUT STREETS)