

PAS WEEKLY

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Upcoming Events:

Boys/Girls Basketball v Fell @ PAS
Mon., Jan. 13, 3:15pm

SEED Workshop #2 Lea School
Tues. Jan. 14, 6pm

Boys/Girls BB v Greenfield @ PAS
Wed., Jan. 15, 3:15pm

**Parents/Guardians Chat & Chew
(with Interpretation)**
Wed., Jan. 15, 8:30am

**FACE Workshop Growth Mindset
(with Interpretation)**
Wed., Jan. 15, 9:00am

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Wed., Jan. 15, 6pm

**School Closed for Students
3rd Annual Alumni Reunion & Day
of Service**
Mon., January 20, 11AM-1PM

Boys/Girls Basketball @ Penrose
Wed., Jan. 22, 3:15pm

Noon Dismissal for Students
Friday, January 24

Annual Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, January 25, 8-10:30am

**Winter Clubs & Kindergarten
Registration Begins**
Monday, January 27

School Advisory Council (SAC)
Monday, Jan. 27, 3:45pm



2020-2021 Kindergarten Registration

2020-2021 Kindergarten Registration will take place from Monday, January 27- Friday, February 14. See flier for more information or visit our website-
<https://pennalexander.philasd.org/kindergarten-enrollment/>



Save the Date - Pancake Breakfast

We hope you can join us on **Saturday, January 25** for our Annual Pancake Breakfast. Locally sourced apple sauce, Gluten-free pancakes and meatless sausage will be on the menu again this year! See enclosed donation requests and ticket information. **\$8 in advance/\$10 at door.**



NEW-Sign Up Online for Middle School Conferences

Coming soon, middle school parents will have the option to sign up online for specific conference times for the February 6-8 conferences. A paper form in the pony and office assistance will also be provided.

Save the Date - 8GR Closing Ceremonies

8th grade families, save **Thursday, June 11** at 3:30pm for your child's 8th grade closing ceremonies. A formal invitation, and more information will come in the Spring.



Parents/Guardians Chat & Chew - NEW FORMAT!

There is a new format for our monthly Chat & Chew! In addition to having interpretation in Arabic, Bengali or Chinese with PAS Bilingual Counseling Assistants, sessions in English will also be provided. Enjoy light refreshments, socialize with other parents and learn about free resources to help your child.

Each session will be followed by a FACE Workshop. The January workshop will focus on encouraging a Growth Mindset in your child.

See enclosed flier for more information on the workshop.



Inclement Weather & Two-Hour Delay Reminder

We would like to remind our families that up to date information on school closures or delays can be found on the School District of Philadelphia's website or by following local news. In the event we have a two hour delay, students should report to school at 10:30AM. BREAKFAST IS AVAILABLE AT 10AM. There are no before-school activities on delayed opening days.



Bundle Up for Recess

Please be sure to send your child to school with a warm coat during our Winter months. Students will go out to recess daily, unless the temperatures are extreme. If your child is in need of a Winter coat, please contact the main office.





**Penn Alexander Elementary School
 2020-2021 Kindergarten Registration Process**

The following are the guidelines and timelines that will govern how the application and selection process will be conducted to register students to the Kindergarten classrooms of the Penn Alexander Elementary School (PAS) for the 2020-2021 school year. **All applications must be submitted in person and NO online applications will be accepted.**

Penn Alexander Kindergarten Lottery Process Timeline	
Registration dates	Monday January 27, 2020 to Friday, February 14, 2020
School staff sends final list to OSEP via email.	February 19
School District processes applications	February 20-21
Lottery letters mailed to students homes:	By Friday, February 28

General Guidelines

- Only children who reside within the PAS Catchment are eligible for the lottery. All applications received after February 14, 2020 will be placed on a wait list and will not be considered in the lottery process. Applications will be assigned to the waitlist in the order that they are received beginning with the first number after the lottery assigned students.
- Two documents confirming residency within the catchment are required upon submission of the registration materials with one document being a Deed, a notarized lease, utility bill or government issued information. Residency affidavits will NOT be accepted. All information including immunizations MUST be submitted for consideration. All applications that meet the residency requirements will be placed in a lottery.
- Office of Early Childhood Education will compile a list of Head Start students residing in the Penn Alexander Catchment to be given to the school. Office of Early Childhood Education will also notify their centers regarding the PAS Kindergarten registration timeline.
- Office of Specialized Services will compile a list of Early Intervention students residing in the Penn Alexander Catchment to be given to the school. Office of Specialized Services will also notify centers regarding the PAS Kindergarten registration timeline.
- This notice will be reviewed annually and placed on the School District website when the School District announces Kindergarten registration on or before January 2. All notices will be translated into the District's eight major languages.
- All registration forms must be returned to PAS on or before the deadlines between 8:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m.
- All enrollment decisions will only be communicated in writing via a letter mailed to the home of the student. Enrollment decisions will not be communicated over the telephone nor will enrollment letters be given to parents visiting Penn Alexander School or the School District's Education Center.

The Penn Alexander School Invites You to the **11th Annual Pancake Breakfast**

Hosted by Student Council and Supported by HSA



Saturday, January 25, 2020
8-10:30am in the PAS Cafeteria
\$8.00 Per Person/\$10.00 Per Person at the Door

Join us for a homemade, all-you-can-eat family breakfast, including **gluten free pancakes, meatless sausage, and homemade applesauce**. Chat and chew with your family, friends, and neighbors. Come and marvel at the talented teachers in tall hats, scampering student servers, and our favorite executive chef, Ms. Wapner!

Pay by cash, check (payable to PASHSA), credit card, online credit card at www.pennalexander.org OR AT THE DOOR!

Student name: _____ Teacher/Room #: _____

I would like to purchase ____ tickets at \$8.00 per person. I have enclosed \$ _____

____ Keep the change program (please check if you would like to donate your change or an extra amount for those who need assistance to attend this event.

____ Pay by credit card (Visa/Mastercard. No Amex):

Name on card _____ Card number _____

Sec code _____ Expiry _____ Phone _____

Address _____

I give Penn Alexander HSA permission to charge my credit card for the total amount listed.

Signature of cardholder _____

All pre order sales will be listed at the door. You will not receive a ticket

Pancake Breakfast



Would you like to be a sponsor of the
Penn Alexander Pancake Breakfast?
Or do you know a business that would
like to sponsor this
great community event?

Please contact Carrie Waterman,
PAS 2ND Grade Parent, at 267-269-8550 or
carriesnowwaterman@yahoo.com to learn more!

Sponsorship Levels

Spoon Sponsor – \$50

Recognition on Facebook & Twitter
Recognition on the table cards

Fork Sponsor – \$100

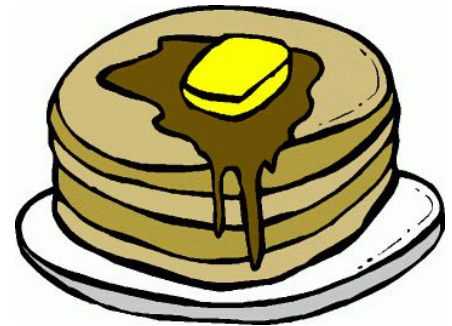
Name listed on Penn Alexander HSA website
Name displayed on Pancake Breakfast sponsor poster
Recognition on Facebook & Twitter
Recognition on the table cards

Spatula Sponsor – \$250

Name listed on Penn Alexander HSA website
Name listed on Pancake Breakfast flyers
Name listed on Pancake Breakfast sponsor poster
Recognition on Facebook & Twitter
Recognition on the table cards

Plate Sponsor – \$500

Name and logo listed on Penn Alexander website
Name and logo prominently displayed on Pancake Breakfast flyers
Name and logo prominently displayed on Pancake Breakfast sponsor poster
Recognition on Facebook & Twitter
Prominent Recognition on the table cards



Please return with payment to Ann Kreidle, PAS, 4209 Spruce Street, Phila., PA 19104 by January 21. Sponsor online at www.pennalexanderschool.org

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Business/Sponsor Name _____

Sponsorship Level _____ Email _____

Twitter Username & Facebook _@_____ Thank you for your support!

Penn Alexander Student Council Needs Your Help



Call for Pancake Breakfast Supply Donations

Name _____ Email _____ Ph. # _____

Child Name & Room/Teacher _____

___ I am able to donate 100% pure juice boxes

___ I am able to donate one case of 8 oz water

___ I am able to donate 1 pound of butter

___ I am able to donate strawberry topping/pie filling

___ I am able to donate mini chocolate chips

___ I am able to donate cans of whipped cream

All donates can be dropped off in the office
on or before **January 17, 2020.**

Thank you for your support!



IT'S FLU SEASON (UGH!)

**An effort to raise and promote
public health awareness**

**PLEASE KEEP YOUR CHILD
HOME IF THEY HAVE THE
FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS:**

**FEVER
NAUSEA/VOMITING
DIARRHEA**

**STUDENTS MUST BE FEVER-FREE WITHOUT THE
USE OF MEDICATION FOR 24 HRS BEFORE
RETURNING TO SCHOOL**

**PLEASE CONTACT MS. GORNSTEIN BSN RN CSN IF
YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS
NGORNSTEIN@PHILASD.ORG
215-400-7760**



دردش 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 دردش 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

Penn Alexander School, Winter 2020 Club Offerings (January 27- March 6)



Penn Alexander is excited to launch our Winter 2020 Clubs Cycle. Please review the list of clubs below. If you are interested in signing-up your child, please be sure to return the form by **Thursday, January 16th**. If there are more registrants than space, a lottery will be conducted on **Friday, January 17th**. All families will receive information in the pony on **Tuesday, January 21st** sharing if your child has been enrolled in a Winter Club.

Clubs will begin the week of January 27th and will run through March 6th. There are some exceptions, all noted below in club descriptions. Clubs begin after school at 3:30PM and end at 4:30PM, unless otherwise noted. All students will be dismissed from the atrium.

In conjunction with the School District of Philadelphia, we will be offering a snack/meal option for students who sign-up. Please be sure to complete the form below if you are interested in this option for your child.

Club Name	Grades	Days	Description
Homework Club	2 3-5	Monday	Students will have a quiet place to complete assignments and ask questions from teacher/staff.
Homework Club	2 3-5	Tuesday	Students will have a quiet place to complete assignments and ask questions from teacher/staff.
Homework Club	2 3-5	Wednesday	Students will have a quiet place to complete assignments and ask questions from teacher/staff.
Coding	K 1-2 3-5	Monday	Come learn basic coding and have fun creating something new! No prior coding skills necessary.
Outdoor Play Club	K-1	Monday	In need of some outdoor time? This is the club for you! <i>We will be going outside, even when it is cold, so come prepared with layers, hats, gloves, and scarves.</i>
Crafting/Coloring/ Cooking and Games	K-1	Monday	Have fun after school by participating in a surprise activity each week.
Dance	2 -3	Tuesday	Dance!Dance!Dance! Get your body moving after a long day at school!
Taekwondo	2-4	Tuesday	Students will practice one of the most powerful and fun martial arts. Motivated student will learn physical and inner qualities such as coordination, focus, balance and much more.
Scrabble Club	3-5	Wednesday	Scrabble teaches the essential building blocks of literacy and mathematics. Students will learn the basic rules of scrabble, and play in a tournament style competition in the classroom.
Cooking Club	4-5	Wednesday	Enjoy learning new and creative recipes that involve cooking!

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DVD Board Games	3-5	Wednesday	Add a little something special to the classic board games by playing electronically!
Basketball (non team members)	4-7	Tuesday Mornings (7:30-8:30)	Develop basketball skills while having fun. Learn the art of basketball in a non competitive setting .
5th grade Literacy PSSA Practice	5	Monday /Tuesday Mornings (7:30-8:30)	Strengthen your literacy skills.
Arts and Crafts	4 - 5	Tuesday	Participate in fun arts and crafts activities. Make things that you can keep forever!
WHYY Media Lab Club	6-8	Thursday	The WHYY Media Club will meet weekly to learn about the technical aspects of journalism and documentary filmmaking.
Debate Club	5-8	Thursday	ASAP Debate is a citywide initiative of ASAP/After School Activities Partnerships with the goals of exploring important real-world issues while building the critical reading, writing, thinking, and public speaking skills. In addition to learning new skills, students will have an opportunity to compete against other middle level students across the city.
Philly Starts	7-8	Thursday (Runs Feb.6-April 30th) 2020	Students will partner with students from Wharton School of Business and be introduced to the process of business venture development. Students will have the opportunity to generate and test new venture ideas , build grow and harvest the venture and participate in a competition to pitch your business idea to investors.



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REGISTRATION FORM

Student Name _____ Grade/ Rm /Teacher _____

Parent/Caregiver 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(s)	Day of Week
	Homework Club	2 3-5	Monday		DVD Board Games	3-5	Wednesday
	Homework Club	2 3-5	Tuesday		5th Grade PSSA Literacy	5	Monday /Tuesday Mornings (7:30-8:30)
	Homework Club	2 3-5	Wednesday		Basketball (Non-team members)	4-7	Tuesday Morning (7:30-8:30)
	Coding	K 1-2 3-5	Monday		Philly Starts (Runs Feb.6-April 30th) 2020	7-8	Thursday
	Crafting/coloring/ Cooking and Games	K-1	Monday		Debate Club	5-8	Thursday
	Outdoor Play Club	K-1	Monday		WHYY Media Lab Club	6-8	Thursday
	Dance	2-3	Tuesday				
	Taekwondo	2-4	Tuesday				
	Arts and Crafts	4-5	Tuesday				
	Scrabble Club	3-5	Wednesday				
	Cooking Club	4-5	Wednesday				

Check the items below that apply to your child:

- 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.
- I give permission for my child to be picked up by _____

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

WEDNESDAY AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

at Cobbs Creek Community Environmental Center

Your child can join us this winter and spring for three great program choices.

Junior Duck Stamp Art Contest
4 weeks, Wednesdays:
1/15 to 2/5 at 3:45 to 5:30 pm

Learn about ducks, geese, swans and learn to draw them for the National Junior Duck Stamp Art Contest. Includes a trip to John Heinz NWR and a meeting with a ranger. For children 1st grade to 8th grade.

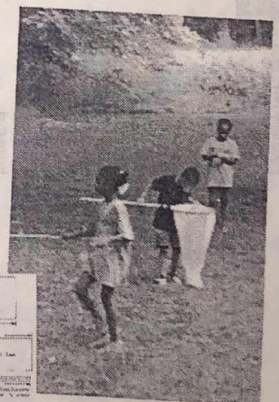
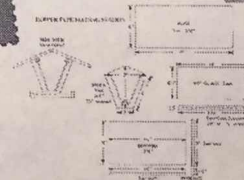
Build a Platform Bird Feeder
3 weeks, Wednesday,
2/12 – 3/4 at 3:45 to 5:30 pm

Learn some basic wood-working as you construct a simple platform bird feeder. Also learn what birds winter in Philadelphia and their feeding preferences. \$10 supply fee. Adults welcome. Limited number of spaces.

Spring Nature Club
Every Wednesday
starting 3/11 to 5/4 at 3:45 to 5:30 pm

Come explore a different topic in nature every week! Most weeks will include a walk and a craft project. For children ages K through 5th grade.

Suggested \$10 registration fee to cover supplies.



COBBS CREEK COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

700 Cobbs Creek Parkway
Philadelphia, PA 19143
Phone: 215-685-1900
E-mail: cccec@phila.gov

To register, please call us at (215)-685-1900



PHILADELPHIA PARKS & RECREATION
OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

Cobbs Creek Community Environmental Center

Winter
2019-2020

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Maple Sugar Day

Saturday 2/22, 11 am-3 pm

Bring the family to see how we make maple syrup and maple candy, and enjoy fun winter activities

Home School Lesson

**Monday 2/24, 10:30 am 1st through 5th grade
1:00 pm 6th grade and up \$5 per child**

Children with their parents/guardian will be shown how we tap trees for sap, and process sap into syrup. Pancakes with PA maple syrup will be provided.



Hibernation -What happens in Winter?

Saturday 1/11 at 10:00 am

Walk & talk about survival skills in nature.

**MLK DAY VOLUNTEERING! Saturday, 1/18 at
8:00 am to 1:00 pm**

We are hosting our 2nd Volunteer Service Day in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We will be painting, building picnic benches, and cleaning the trail/creek. Breakfast, Lunch, and Warmth will be provided!

**Winter Birding Series Lecture and Owl Pellets
Friday 1/24 at 6:00 pm**

Downstairs will we have a lecture about winter birding geared towards adults. Upstairs in the lab we will dissect owl pellets to learn about what owls eat. Afterwards we will take a short walk to listen for owls.

**Winter Birding Series Field Trip at FDR Park
Saturday 1/25 at 10:00 am**

Meet at the boat house near the parking lot by the Swedish Museum to observe winter waterfowl and winter songbirds.

Feeding the Birds

Saturday 2/8 at 10:00 am

What foods are best, plus a make & take feeder.

Build a Platform Bird Feeder

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Learn some basic woodworking as you construct a simple platform bird feeder. Also learn what birds winter in Philadelphia and their feeding preferences. \$10 supply fee. Adults welcome. Limited number of spaces.

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Spring Toad and Frog Walk

Friday 3/13 at 6:00 pm

We will learn about the types of frogs and toads found in Cobbs Creek, then take a walk listening and looking for them near the creek and wetland.

"Opening" of the Wetland

Saturday 3/14 at 10:00 am

Walk to begin a new year of observing & journaling

Discover Micro Life

Saturday 3/21 at 10:00 am

We will collect water samples and use microscopes to identify micro-organisms. We will illustrate what we find.

Community Meetings

Fourth Thursdays, 1/23, 2/27, 3/26 at 6:15 pm

Zumba in the Park

Saturdays at 10:00 am



PHILADELPHIA
PARKS & RECREATION
OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

700 Cobbs Creek Parkway
Philadelphia, PA 19143

CCCEC@phil.gov
215.685.1900
/CobbsEnvCenter



**ATTENTION: *DANCING CLASSROOMS PHILLY* GRADUATES,
WEEKEND CLASSES WILL OFFER NEW AND CHALLENGING MOVES!**

Dancing Classrooms Philly continues the DCP Academy for students in grades 5 – 6 who have participated in the program in their schools. The curriculum is designed to challenge students with new steps and techniques to move dancers to the next level. The year will conclude with the DCP Academy Festival, bringing together all three Academy sites and our performance troupe.

Students can attend the 10 class session and the DCP Academy Festival for the low cost of \$6.00 per class – that’s only \$60.00 total! Full payment must be received by check or money order on or before the first lesson.

There are no refunds after December 31st, 2019.

Schedule: Classes begin January 2020.

Time: 9:00AM-10:00AM

Locations: **West Philly – University City Arts League**
4226 Spruce St, Philadelphia, PA 19104

North East – St. Christopher School
13305 Proctor Road, Philadelphia 19116

South Philly – CHI Movement Arts Center
1316 South 9th Street, Philadelphia 19147

Please mail the enrollment, liability form, and payment to:
Dancing Classrooms Philly, 4226 Spruce St, Philadelphia, PA 19104

Money orders or checks should be made payable to Arts in Schools Collaborative /Dancing Classrooms Philly. Please put your child’s name on the check or money order. For additional information, please email info@dancingclassroomspilly.org or call (215)268-3973.

Space is limited and registrations will be taken in the order they are received. If your child is unable to attend for any reason, please let us know that they are withdrawing, so we may open that space for someone else.



Dancing Classrooms Philly – Half Year Registration

***** Location (circle one) - North East, West Philly, South Philly**

Student Information (please print)

Name: _____

Address: _____ Zip _____

Current School _____ Current Grade _____

Phone: _____
(Home) (Cell)

E-Mail: _____

Check or money order # _____

Release of Liability

I understand that dancing, like other forms of exercise, carries with it an inherent risk of injury. I acknowledge that I assume that risk and will not hold *Dancing Classrooms Philly* or its staff liable for any injuries and/or property damage that may occur during the course of my child's participation in the instructional activities that I am contracting for herein. Furthermore, for my child's own well-being and as an inducement and assurance to *Dancing Classrooms Philly* to provide me with the referenced lessons contracted for, I certify that my child is in good health, good physical condition and capable of participating in the physical activity required by this class.

Yes _____ No _____

I give permission for my child's picture or video to be released for promotional use only including television, website, brochure and newspaper article or newsletter.

Yes _____ No _____

I would like to receive the DCP electronic newsletter, to stay current on upcoming news, events, and program highlights.

Yes _____ No _____

I have read and agree to all the above conditions:

Parent or Guardian Name (print) _____

Signature _____ **Date** ____/____/____