

PAS WEEKLY

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Upcoming Events:

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

Noon Dismissal for Students
Friday, January 24

Lunar New Year - Wear Cultural Dress or Red Attire
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

Boys/Girls BB v. OEC (HOME)
Wed., Jan. 29, 3:15pm

Noon Dismissal for Students (Report Card Conferences)
Wed-Fri, Feb. 5-7

Dress Down (\$1)/Pretzel (\$1)
Friday, February 7

Boys/Girls Basketball @ Mitchell
Fri., Feb. 14, 3:15pm

School Closed - Presidents Day
Monday, February 17

save the date!

Report Card Conferences February 5-7

Our second round of Report Card Conferences will take place on **Wednesday, February 5-Friday, February 7.**

Students will dismiss at noon all three days.

Kindergarten-5th Grade families, your child's teacher will reach out directly.



Sign Up Online for MIDDLE SCHOOL Conferences

Now Open - Sign up online for specific conference times for the February 5-7 report card conferences. See enclosed flier for more details or sign up now:

<https://signup.com/go/fypuJED>



Give Us Your Input - 10th Anniversary PAS 5K

Plans are in the works for our 10th Annual 5K race & 1 mile fun run. Please take a minute to fill out this quick survey to help our planning team:

<https://forms.gle/SeK2VhEBACCFMrwa7>

Middle School Students Are Ready to Serve You! 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.**



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/>



PAS Student News Season 3 - Episode 4

Episode 4 of PAS News is here! This episode features 3 stories - 5th grade Dancing Classrooms program, Winter Concert and a report on our namesake - Sadie Tanner Mossell Alexander. Check it out, you might recognize someone or learn a new fact:

<https://youtu.be/FUTmsTxOt00>



Celebrating the Lunar New Year at PAS

Lunar New Year is a major holiday in many Asian cultures - celebrated by 1/6 of the world's people (including many PAS students)! The celebration begins on New Year's Eve (January 24) and lasts 15 days. During this time people practice traditions meant to ring in a lucky year, such as decorating with lucky symbols and spending time with friends and family. Red is considered to be the luckiest color and when worn on New Year's Day, it is believed to bring good luck, and fortune on the wearer.



Celebrate the Year of the Rat by wearing red clothing on Friday, January 24. Students are welcome to wear cultural dress or red attire



Sadie Tanner Mossell Alexander
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January 21, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

At Penn Alexander we are a supportive and inclusive community, and we are committed to supporting students, families, community members and staff from a wide range of races, ethnicities, genders, cultures, abilities, economic classes, and family structures.

With that in mind, I am writing to inform you of a change coming to Penn Alexander. Starting March 1, 2020 two of the bathrooms will be designated as all gender student single use bathrooms. This means that any student may use these bathrooms, one at a time. These two bathrooms were chosen because they have stalls, providing privacy in the bathroom. Teachers will be identifying the bathrooms to their classes, and explaining the appropriate use. There will continue to be at least one gender specific bathroom available for students on each floor.

The purpose of this change is to ensure equity for all students regardless of gender identity or gender expression so that they feel safe and accepted. There will be appropriate signage on the bathrooms to ensure students know the designated all gender bathrooms.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Megan Wapner".

Megan Wapner
Principal



**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.



MIDDLE SCHOOL CONFERENCE ONLINE SIGN-UP!

We're using SignUp.com (the leading online SignUp and reminder tool) to organize our upcoming SignUps. Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:


- 1) Enter this link to see our SignUps on SignUp.com:
<https://signup.com/go/fypuJED>
- 2) Review the SignUps listed and choose the one(s) you like.
- 3) Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.com.



Choose a spot on

SignUp
.com

If you need assistance with this, please call the office at 215-400-7760



PAPER SIGN-UP: RETURN TO OFFICE BY FRIDAY JAN. 24TH

Student Name _____

Grade _____

Preferred Conference Day(Circle all you can
attend): Wed Thurs Fri

Preferred Time: 1-2PM or 2-3PM

Parent Signature _____

Parent Phone Number _____

*The office will contact you with your
assigned time.

LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24



CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF THE RAT BY WEARING RED CLOTHING
ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 24.

STUDENTS ARE WELCOME TO WEAR CULTURAL DRESS OR RED ATTIRE.

Did you know?

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Students who do not wear red will be expected to wear their uniforms.

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

JOIN US AT OUR SAC MEETING!

Penn Alexander School Advisory Council (SAC)

Monday, January 27, 2020 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 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/

January Meeting Agenda

Monday, January 27, 2020, 3:45-4:45PM

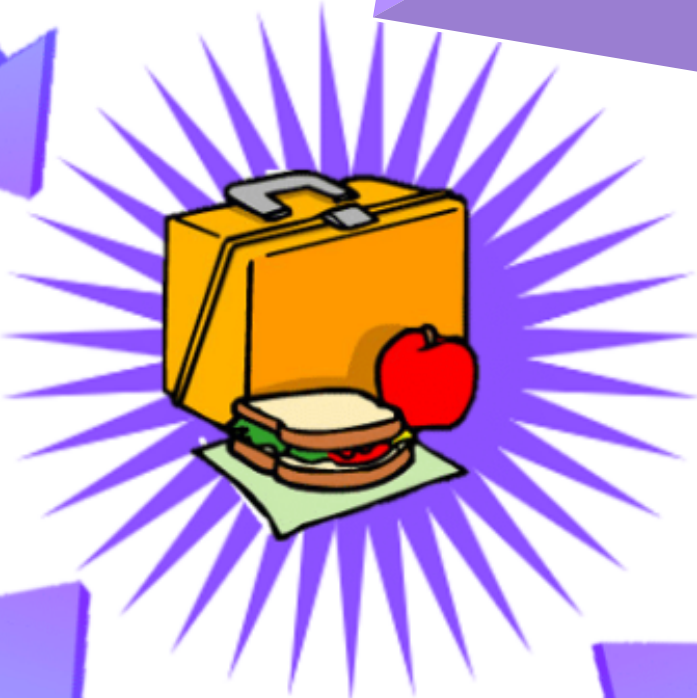
	Agenda Item	Time Estimate
1	Open Forum (sign-up required in advance)	30 minutes
2	Winter Title One Meeting - Parent Input Meeting	25 minutes
3	Approval of minutes from November 2019 SAC Meeting	5 minutes
4	Principal Report	10 minutes

MAKE A GOOD THING BETTER!

PICK 3 FREE



Even if you pack lunch, you can still add-on! Don't forget your milk, fruits, and vegetables!!



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