

PAS WEEKLY

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Upcoming Events:

Boys/Girls Basketball @ MYA
Wed., Jan. 8, 3:15pm

FIRST Lego League Qualifier
Sat., Jan.,11 1-5PM

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

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

FACE Workshop Growth Mindset
Wed., Jan. 15, 6pm

**3rd Annual Alumni Reunion & Day
of Service**
School Closed for Students
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,

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



Happy Birthday Sadie Tanner Mossell Alexander!

On January 2, 2019 our community celebrated our namesake, Sadie Tanner Mossell Alexander's birthday, to recognize her many accomplishments and to reflect on how each of us can likewise overcome the insurmountable barriers we face in today's world.



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/>

Gift to PAS: An Immigrant Alphabet Letters H and W

Penn Alexander has received two alphabet letters of the #iAlphabet project from Al-Bustan Seeds of Culture. The 11'x16' letters "H" (happiness in Bengali) and "W" (water in Arabic) have been installed on the exterior gym wall along 43rd Street (see enclosed images and descriptions). The Immigrant Alphabet is a public art installation produced by Al-Bustan Seeds of Culture featuring the work of artist Wendy Ewald in collaboration with eighteen Northeast High School students exploring their immigrant experiences. The book *America, Border, Culture, Dreamer: The Young Immigrant Experience from A to Z* features the banner images and student narratives. #iAlphabet was displayed at the Municipal Services Building in Center City Philadelphia from September 2017 through July 2018. An official unveiling of the banners at PAS will take place on January 25. The other letters of the alphabet appear around the city.

FIRST Lego League Qualifier at PAS

Please join us as we host a FIRST Lego League Qualifier for rookie teams at Penn Alexander on Saturday, January 11. Over 20 robotics teams from around the city will come to PAS to compete in robot games and share their innovative projects for enabling strong, sustainable and inclusive *FIRST* City. This qualifier is open & free to the public from 1:00PM to 5PM. Come watch the fun! Snacks will be available for purchase (enter through the cafeteria doors). See you there!



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.



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.





**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.



JOIN US FOR A
PARENT WORKSHOP

THE GROWTH MINDSET

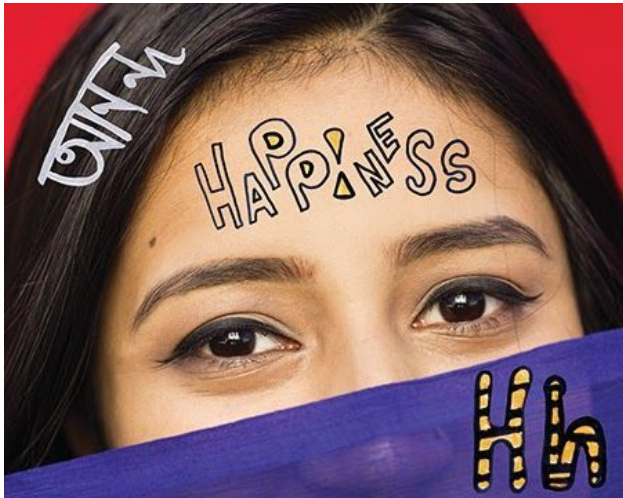
**All
Guardians,
Community
Members and
surrounding
Schools are
Invited to
Participate!**

PENN ALEXANDER - January 15
9:15am with interpretation
6:00pm with dinner & movie for children


NAME: _____
SCHOOL: _____
STUDENT'S NAME: _____

An Immigrant Alphabet is a public art installation produced by **Al-Bustan Seeds of Culture** featuring the work of artist **Wendy Ewald** in collaboration with eighteen **Northeast High School** students exploring their immigrant experiences. **#iAlphabet** was displayed at the Municipal Services Building in Center City Philadelphia from September 2017 through July 2018 with a series of free participatory events held at Thomas Paine Plaza and venues across the city. Subsequently the project was on display at Cherry Street Pier from November 2018 through June 2019. The book **America, Border, Culture, Dreamer: The Young Immigrant Experience from A to Z** features the banner images and student narratives. The next phase of the project is distributing the 26 banners at sites across Philadelphia. More at www.ialphabet.org

Letters “H” and “W” are installed at PAS on exterior gym wall, along 43rd Street.



An Immigrant Alphabet



الْبُسْتَان
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Seeds of Culture

H

happiness n. আনন্দ (Bengali)

the explosion of joy one feels within oneself when one's heart is full

I feel a burst of happiness when I explore the big city of Philadelphia.

Fact: Decades of research has revealed that there are some qualities that happy people have in common. Among these are quality relationships with friends and family. Happiness impacts more than just social bonds. Happy people are more connected to the neighborhoods in which they live. This sense of community contributes to social capital growth and has shown to be a catalyst for positive behaviors in the community such as volunteering and neighbor-ing.

Source: "Happy People, Happy Neighborhoods", Bureau of Economics and Business Research

Al-Bustan Seeds of Culture presents *An Immigrant Alphabet*, a collaborative project by Wendy Ewald and Northeast High School students in Philadelphia.

#iAlphabet
albustanseeds.org/iAlphabet



An Immigrant Alphabet



الْبُسْتَان
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W

water n. ماء (Arabic)

a liquid that the world needs to live

There are people who have to leave their countries because they don't have water. When the sky sees them, it starts crying rain to help them.

Fact: Worldwide, 780 million people lack access to a water source that is protected from outside contamination. Unsafe drinking water, inadequate sanitation, and inadequate hygiene contribute to about 88% of deaths from diarrheal diseases, which affect children in particular. Girls are also more likely to be responsible for collecting water for their family, making it difficult for them to attend school during the day.

Source: Global Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), CDC, 2016

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#iAlphabet
albustanseeds.org/iAlphabet

2019 PAS Lower School Science Fair Atrium Results (4th Gr)

Congratulations! On December 18th PAS held its annual science fair for 4th and 5th grades. Along with learning the scientific method, students choose, researched, developed and conducted their own investigations. Over 25 judges gave our students their undivided attention and expertise to judge our lower school fair. Please join us in congratulating the students listed here for their participation and accomplishments at this year's fair. Eleven students will advance to the citywide Carver Science Fair in the Spring.

Category	Project	Student	Rm#	Rank
Life	Male vs Female: Facial Recognition Skills	Naomi Dugan	208	1st Place and Best of Fair
Life	Stress Levels vs. Stress Balls	Navaeh Wood	210	2nd Place
Life	Sweet and Salty Mold	Lilly Richman	209	2nd Place
Life	Where Are the Most Germs at School?	Leila Golzari-Hunt	210	3rd Place
Life	The Key to Concentration	Fabiha Parihan	209	Honorable Mention

Physical	Goliath Gummies	Gabriella Johnstone	208	1st Place
Physical	Rise of the Muffins: Baking Powder vs. Baking Soda vs. Yeast	Catherina Demartinis	210	2nd Place
Physical	Firestarter: Which Tinder Works Best to Light Wet Wood?	Gabriel Shashaty	208	3rd Place
Physical	Milky Plastic	David Caseiro	208	3rd Place
Physical	Is All Soda Bad for Your Bones	Tyree Carr	210	Honorable Mention
Physical	Cookie Wars: Which is Better?	Chau Truong	210	Honorable Mention

Earth	How Can Your Faucet Save Water	Antoine Mitchum	210	1st Place
Earth	Turning Salt Water Into Fresh Water	Baizhan Shatabayev	210	2nd Place
Earth	How Temperature Affects Water Quality	Kien Taussig	209	3rd Place

Team	Solar Energy vs Battery Powered Energy	Adrian Carabe-Peredo Dylan Fisher	209 209	1st Place
Team	Too Fancy for the Yellow Light	Kai Schurmans Avery Bracali	208 208	1st Place
Team	A Parent's Slimy Nightmare, A Kid's Gooey Dream	Olivia Wangenstein Annabelle Kuster	209 209	2nd Place
Team	Do Plants Have a Sweet Tooth?	Roxanne Sifar Pippa King Nina Sabloff	210 210 210	3rd Place
Team	Growing Rock Candy Crystals	Ani Melzer-Surkan Madina Sow	209 209	Honorable Mention
Team	Crystal Worms	Miles Jaiser Soliana Berhane	209 209	Honorable Mention

2019 PAS Lower School Science Fair Atrium Results (5th Gr)

Congratulations! On December 18th PAS held its annual science fair for 4th and 5th grades. Along with learning the scientific method, students choose, researched, developed and conducted their own investigations. Over 25 judges gave our students their undivided attention and expertise to judge our lower school fair. Please join us in congratulating the students listed here for their participation and accomplishments at this year's fair. Eleven students will advance to the citywide Carver Science Fair in the Spring.

Category	Project	Student	Rm#	Rank
Physical	Enemies of Your Teeth	Arnesh Das	219	1st Place and Best of Fair
Physical	Crystals	Alifa Tasmi	219	2nd Place
Physical	In Plane Sight	Kiese Tulante	218	3rd Place
Physical	Blood Spatter, Why it Matters	Sadie Palmer	218	3rd Place
Life	Does Gender Affect What Color You Like?	Estella Dejesus	219	1st Place
Life	Balancing Blood Glucose with Exercise	Muhammad Asadullah	217	2nd Place
Life	OE Outbreak: A Sizable Epidemic	Jannah Rhyshek	219	3rd Place
Life	A Jolly Treat	Jefferson Lin	219	Honorable Mention
Life	Fidgeting Focus: Dose Silly Putty Effect Memorization?	Anabel Woolsey	219	Honorable Mention
Earth	The Speed of Waves	Devon Dimartino	219	1st Place
Earth	Fabulous Filtration	Jonah Lazar	217	2nd Place
Earth	Can Water Float on Top of Water	Nina Guevara	218	3rd Place
Team	Which slime will dry out first?	Fatima Ndiaye Esa Callender	217 217	1st Place
Team	Which Product?	Mohanad Teleb-Gaber Md-asfaqul Azam Ahnaf Mollah	218 219 219	2nd Place
Team	Rock vs Pop	Wilhelmina Roberts-Beg Jay Stratton	217 217	3rd Place

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

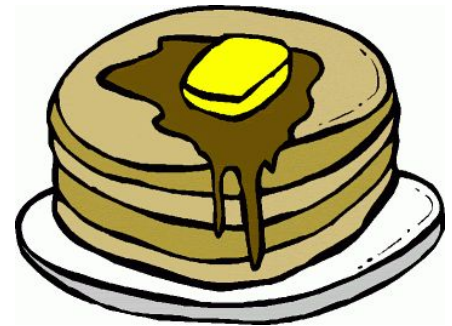
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Name displayed on Pancake Breakfast sponsor poster
Recognition on Facebook & Twitter
Recognition on the table cards

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

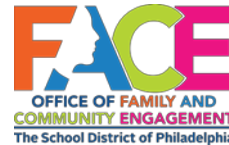
___ I am able to donate cans of whipped cream

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

Thank you for your support!

ATTENTION PAS Parents - Please obtain the clearances listed below. Parents/guardians are not allowed to chaperone trips or volunteer in the classroom without the clearances listed below. Clearances are valid for 5 years. Contact Ann Kreidle at kreidlea@upenn.edu or stop in the office if you need assistance.

What YOU need to Do
Before you volunteer!



Volunteer Paperwork Checklist

Bring the following to your school to Begin Volunteering. Altogether, these make up the Volunteer Packet.

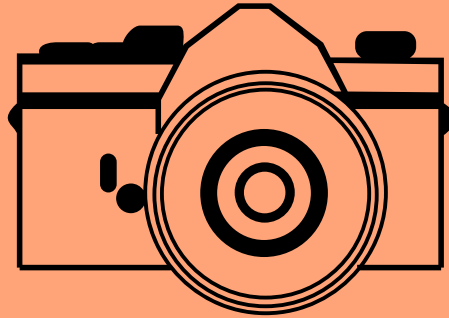
- Volunteer Code of Conduct**
Go to www.philasd.org/FACE/volunteer to read, print, and sign our standards of behavior agreement, called the Volunteer Code of Conduct.
- Child Abuse History Clearance**
Go to <https://www.compass.state.pa.us/CWIS/Public/Home> to fill out. Find directions on www.philasd.org/FACE/volunteer.
- PA State Criminal Background Check**
Go to <https://epatch.state.pa.us/Home.jsp> to fill out. Find directions on www.philasd.org/FACE/volunteer.
- FBI Background Check OR Signed Volunteer Affirmation**
If you have NOT lived in PA for the past 10 years, go to <https://uenroll.identogo.com/> to obtain an FBI Background Check. If you HAVE lived in PA for the past 10 years, go to www.philasd.org/FACE/volunteer to print and sign the Volunteer Affirmation.
- Certificate of Volunteer Orientation Completion**
You have 45 days from your volunteer start date to complete our Orientation, either online or in-person. Go to www.philasd.org/FACE/volunteer to find both options.

Bring your completed Volunteer Packet to the Main Office at Your School!

Questions? Need Assistance?
215-400-4180, Option #6 | volunteer@philasd.org

W H Y Y M E D I A L A B S

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



**EVERY
THURSDAY
3PM
RM 320**

ATTENTION MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS !

EACH THURSDAY FROM 3 PM TO 4:30 PM, STUDENTS CAN STAY AFTER SCHOOL TO WORK WITH THE PAS NEWS TEAM IN OUR WHY Y MEDIA LABS PROGRAM. STUDENTS DO NOT HAVE TO ATTEND THE WEEKLY ENRICHMENT CLASS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE AFTER SCHOOL CLUB. CLUB MEETINGS RUN ALL YEAR.

- LEARN VIDEO AND AUDIO PRODUCTION
- WORK BEHIND THE SCENES OR IN FRONT OF THE CAMERA !