

PAS WEEKLY

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Upcoming Events:

**Noon Dismissal for Students
(Report Card Conferences)**

Wed-Fri, Feb. 5-7

Dress Down (\$1)/Pretzel (\$1)

Friday, February 7

**KGR Lottery Registration Ends
Boys/Girls Basketball @ Mitchell**

Fri., Feb., 14, 3:15pm

School Closed - Presidents Day

Monday, February 17

**Parents/Guardians Chat & Chew
(with Interpretation)**

Wed., Feb. 19, 8:30am

**FACE Workshop Crayola Moved
by Math (with Interpretation)**

Wed., Feb. 19, 9:00am

**FACE Workshop
Crayola Moved by Math**

Wed., Feb. 19, 6pm

Boys/Girls BB v. SLAMS (HOME)

Wed., Feb. 19, 3:15pm

School Advisory Council (SAC)

Monday, Feb. 24, 3:45pm

SEEDS Workshop #3 (PAS)

Tue., Feb. 25, 6pm



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 should have reached out directly to you to coordinate a time.

Middle School families, can sign up for a specific time at the link below or contact the office. Slots are filling up.

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



Middle School STEM Expo

This week, Middle School students will showcase STEM projects that investigate or solve real problems in our community. These projects were a main focus of their second quarter as students worked collaboratively to: ask questions and define problems, design and carry out investigations, and/or design and build models. Teams will share their work with fellow students on Friday, February 7, and projects will be on display on Wednesday, February 5 through February 7. Stop by the atrium to see the creative science and engineering projects of our 6th-8th grade students.

Save the Date - Talent Show

Talent Show Auditions our annual Talent Show will be held soon. Sign up form forthcoming. **Talent Show will be on March 5.**



FACE Parent Workshop Crayola: Moved by Math for Grades K-8

Wednesday, February 19

9:15am (interpretation provided) & 6:00pm

In this workshop, participants discover art-inspired strategies that bring large numbers and math expressions to life with Crayola artistic math activities.

Parents will receive a free Crayola Moved by Math Kit. Light refreshments and childcare provided.



Save the Date - SAC Meeting

Monday, February 24, 2020 , 3:45pm-4:45pm PAS Library

For our February SAC Meeting, we will be focusing the open forum discussion on **LGBTQ Support** at Penn Alexander. Please feel free to come to the meeting to share any comments, concerns, or questions that pertain to this topic.





THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

January 27, 2020

Dear Penn Alexander Family and Friends,

We are writing this letter to update you on our plans for identifying a successor for Principal Michael Farrell. We are thankful for Ms. Megan Wapner stepping up to serve as interim principal as we worked through this transition. At this time, we are forming a site selection committee who will serve on the consultative committee to identify finalists for the position. Superintendent Hite and President Gutmann have approved the retention of a search consultant. These costs will be underwritten by Penn to assist in identifying candidates, soliciting feedback, and aiding in all phases of the recruitment process. The consultative committee will be as inclusive as we can make it and will include PFT President Jordan (or his designee), Penn Alexander faculty, representatives of the Home and School Association, the School Advisory Committee, the Spruce Hill Community Association, and Penn.

The position description will be distributed broadly, as we will seek nominations from across the City and beyond. We are fully committed to ensuring that we recruit an experienced leader who will build upon Penn Alexander School's extraordinary accomplishments. In the very near future, we will convene an open meeting to discuss next steps and to solicit your ideas. By that time, we hope to have identified a search consultant so that s/he will be able to join us for that important conversation.

The hiring decision is vested with the School District of Philadelphia and the new principal will be a School District of Philadelphia employee. The School District of Philadelphia, the University of Pennsylvania, and the Philadelphia Federation of Teachers look forward to continuing our productive partnership to help Penn Alexander reach new heights. We trust that the Penn Alexander school community will continue to enjoy your support as we all work together to ensure that all Penn Alexander students receive a first-rate education—one that propels them forward, fuels their dreams, and allows every child to reach his or her fullest potential.

Sincerely,

Rahshene Davis
Assistant Superintendent
Learning Network 2
School District of Philadelphia

Pam Grossman
Dean, Penn GSE
University of Pennsylvania

Get Help For Your Child @ PAS!

Parent Workshops

Light Refreshments and Childcare Provided

TWO Sessions each Month - **9:15am** (interpretation provided) & **6:00pm**

ALL WORKSHOPS HELD AT PAS LUNCHROOM

February 19

Crayola: Moved by Math for Grades K-8

In this workshop, participants discover art-inspired strategies that bring large numbers and math expressions to life with Crayola artistic math activities. Parents will receive a *free* Crayola Moved by Math Kit.

March 18

Crayola: Writing Art-Inspired Stories for Grades K-8

Stories awaken imaginations. In this workshop, participants will use art as a springboard to create stories. These creative teaching materials feature writing projects for kids that help nurture curiosity, creativity, communication, collaboration, and critical thinking through age-appropriate literacy activities. Parents will receive a *free* Writing Kit.

April 15

Lakeshore: Family Math Game Packs for Grades K-5

Participants in this session will discover new kinds of math learning games that keep children learning at home with games that target key math skills and engage the whole family in the learning process. Parents will receive a free Math Game pack with 15 different hands-on math games.

May 27

Moving Up, Summer Reading and One Book - One School for Grades K-8

JOIN US AT OUR SAC MEETING!

Penn Alexander School Advisory Council (SAC)

Monday, February 24, 2020 3:45pm-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.

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.

For our February SAC Meeting, we will be focusing the open forum discussion on LGBTQ Support at Penn Alexander. Please feel free to come to the meeting to share any comments, concerns, or questions that pertain to this topic.

As time allows, additional issues may also be brought up to the SAC by family or community members, who will each be given three minutes to speak. If you wish to speak at a SAC meeting, please email SAC Chairperson, Jessica McCollum at jkvmmccollum@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/

February 2020 Tentative Meeting Agenda Monday, February 24, 2020 3:45pm-4:45pm

	Agenda Item	Time Estimate
1	Open Forum <ul style="list-style-type: none">LGBTQ Support DiscussionAdditional Parent Issues as time allows	30 minutes
2	Approval of January 2020 Meeting Minutes	5 minutes
3	Wellness Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none">Lunch/Recess	5-10 minutes
4	Principal Report	10-15 minutes
5	Schedule March 2020 Meeting	5 minutes



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OF HEALTH

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DISINFECTING WIPES,
TISSUES, AND HAND
SANITIZER

HELP KEEP PAS

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THIS WINTER

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PAYSA

Youth Baseball

**Registration for the seventh season of
Philadelphia Athletics Youth Sports Association (PAYSA)
Baseball at the 48th & Woodland Playground
is now OPEN via the registration tab on our website:**

www.phillyathletics.org

The following in-house age groups are anticipated/planned:

Ages 3 - 4	Pee Wee (Introduction to Baseball)
Ages 5 - 6	Tee Ball (Tee, Coach Toss & Machine Pitch)
Ages 7 - 9	Novice Rookie (Machine Pitch)
Ages 9 - 11	Rookie (Machine & Kid Pitch)

Final age groups and format are subject to change based on the number of players who sign up.

In-House League Registration = \$85

- Discounts for multiple children
- Financial assistance available

Opening Day is Saturday, April 4

Registration will close by March 7 or when we fill up, whatever comes first.

Questions, for more information, interested in coaching/volunteering,
please email: paysabaseball@gmail.com.

The focus of PAYSA Baseball is Learning, Fun & Good Sportsmanship

Help us build on our successful beginnings by expanding access
to more families in West & Southwest Philly

www.phillyathletics.org



General information:

- All practices are held at the fields at 48th & Woodland.
- Practices generally run 6-7/7:30 p.m. on weeknights. Games are mostly Saturdays and occasionally Sundays; some games will be played instead of practices later in the season.
- No games Easter and Memorial Day weekends.
- Once your child is placed on a team, you will be told their practice night.
- Pee Wee will be held once a week only on Saturday mornings (no weeknight practices).

Important In-House dates:

- **Field Work Day:** Saturday, March
- **Coaches Meeting:** Monday, March 16
- **Evaluation Day (Novice & Rookie Leagues):** Saturday, March 21
- **Opening Day:** Saturday, April 4
- **Closing Day:** Saturday, June 6
- **Annual Fundraiser / Family Picnic:** TBD

The Registration Cost for a child participating in any of the In-House Leagues will be \$85.

- Discount for 2 players; total = \$150
- Discount for 3 players; total = \$200
- Discount for 4 or more; total = \$225

PAYSA is a 100% volunteer-run organization. Join our team and help us continue to make a difference in our community!

Final age groups and format are subject to change based on the number of players who sign up. PAYSA reserves the right to place your child in the appropriate level with athletic ability and the safety of play the determining factors.

2020 In-House Age Cutoff Dates

Birth Year	Age	Level	Notes
2017	3	Pee Wee 3-4	Must be age 3 by March 1, 2020
2016	4	Pee Wee 3-4	
2015	5	Tee Ball 5-6	
2014	6	Tee Ball 5-6	
2013	7	Novice Rookie 7-9	
2012	8	Novice Rookie 7-9	
2011	9	Novice Rookie 7-9 OR Rookie 9-11	PAYSA will place 9 years olds on a case-by-case basis with <i>athletic ability and the safety of play the determining factors</i> . Children must be evaluated on Evaluation Day in March 2020.
2010	10	Rookie 9-11	
2009	11	Rookie 9-11	

Neighborhood Events for Youth

3645 Lancaster Avenue, West Philadelphia

WED
JAN
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WEEKLY: ARABIC STORY HOUR

For Parents & Kids

Join us every Wednesday & Thursday starting Jan 29 to browse our library of Arabic and English children's books, play games, and hear a story read aloud in Arabic (with English translation) at 4pm. All ages welcome! Kids should be accompanied by a parent.

3:30 - 5:00 PM | FREE

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08

MIXED MEDIA FAMILY WORKSHOP

geometric designs • Arabic letters • on paper

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Child: \$10 | Adult: \$35

FRI
FEB
28

AUTHOR SUSAN DARRAJ READS

"FARAH ROCKS FIFTH GRADE"

Join author Susan Darraj for a reading and book signing of her newest book "Farrah Rocks Fifth Grade." Darraj is a winner of the 2016 American Book Award and 2018 Ford Foundation Fellowship.

2:00 - 3:00 PM | FREE



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ساعة قصص عربية Arabic Story Hour for kids & parents

EVERY WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
Beginning January 29, 2020 | FREE
3:30-5:00 pm (Arabic story @ 4 pm)

Drexel students Manal Abbas & Nadien Zerban lead an afternoon of Arab culture. Come browse our library of children's books, play games, and hear a story read aloud in Arabic (with English translation). All ages welcome! Kids should be accompanied by a parent/guardian.



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CAMP SESSIONS AND RATES

MATHLETICS

JUNE 15 - 19

9AM - 3PM

Registration \$475.00

This camp makes use of the outdoors, sports, and math to engage students in a fun-filled, math intensive experience. Students use their time to prepare for an obstacle course filled with math puzzles and clues and compete in an "Amazing Race"-type event as a culminating activity.

MATHEMAGIC

JUNE 22 - 26

9AM - 3PM

Registration \$475.00

Does your child love theater (or need to build confidence in front of an audience)? Then Mathemagic is the camp for you. We collaborate with a resident playwright and actor to put on a "Math Play". Participants not only learn amazing math magic tricks, but will also learn about acting and performance as they prepare to put on a full play for parents and friends as a culminating activity.

MATH IN THE REAL WORLD

JUNE 29 - JULY 3

9AM - 3PM

Registration \$475.00

This camp is a fun-filled week of math activities and games. It combines the fun of Mathletics with activities that encourage students to solve real-world math problems.

EXTENDED CARE WEEKLY RATES

7:30 AM - 9:00 AM	\$30.00
3:00 PM - 5:30 PM	\$50.00
Both AM & PM Care	\$75.00

FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH

PRETZEL

DAY

+ DRESS DOWN DAY - \$1 EACH

