

PAS WEEKLY

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Upcoming Events:

Parents/Guardians Chat & Chew
(with Interpretation)

Wed., Feb. 19, 8:30am

FACE Workshop Crayola Moved
by Math (with Interpretation)

Wed., Feb. 19, 9:00am

Boys/Girls BB v. SLAMS (HOME)

Wed., Feb. 19, 3:15pm

5K Planning Kick-off Meeting

Wed., Feb. 19, 3:30pm

FACE Workshop
Crayola Moved by Math

Wed., Feb. 19, 6pm

Talent Show Auditions
(advance registration required)

Wed., Feb. 19, 1:30pm

Thu., Feb. 20, 3:15pm (gym)

School Advisory Council (SAC)

Monday, Feb. 24, 3:45pm

SEEDS Workshop #3 (PAS)

Tue., Feb. 25, 6pm

Middle School Dance (6-8GR)

Thu., Feb. 27, 6pm

Noon Dismissal for Students

Fri., Feb. 28



PAS Earns Highest Overall SPR Score

I am excited to share that Penn Alexander has earned the **Highest Overall School District of Philadelphia School Progress Report Score, along with three years of improvement for 2018-2019.**

Please read the enclosed letter to learn more about the progress we have made. Thank you for your continued support!



Talent Show Tickets Now Available

The 17th Annual Talent Show will be held on **March 5 at 7pm.**

Hoagie dinner at 5:30pm. Order tickets at

pennalexanderschool.org or use the attached order form.



PAS 5K Turns 10!

10th Annual 5K & 1Mile Fun Run is May 31. Early Bird Registration is now open. Sign up online or on the attached form. Don't miss the Post Race Festival - we have some special fun planned!

runsignup.com/pas5K

Join the planning committee to help make our 10th anniversary race special. Kick off meeting is 2/19, 3:30pm, 2GR Pod.

See you there!

Help PAS to be Even Better!

Please complete the District-wide parent survey so that PAS can continue to grow and improve. You will need your child's ID or portal access. Look for your notice in child's folder or if you have portal access or know your child's ID, you can complete the survey here:

<https://www.philasd.org/research/programsservices/district-wide-surveys/>



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

Wednesday, February 19

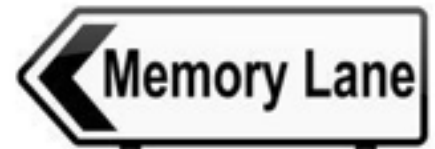
9:15am (interpretation provided) & 6:00pm

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.



Ads for Grads

Do you want to recognize a special 8th Grade graduate in the 2020 yearbook? Each year we set aside two full pages in our yearbook for messages of congratulations for our 8th grade graduates. See attached flier for details. Deadline is February 21.



Save the Date - SAC Meeting

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

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SEEDS Workshop #3 - February 25, 6pm

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THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA

Sadie Tanner Mossell Alexander
University of Pennsylvania Partnership School
4209 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104

Penn Alexander Families:

February 14, 2020

I am excited to share that on Monday, February 10, 2020 Superintendent Dr. Hite and Mayor Kenney celebrated Penn Alexander as the school with the **highest Overall SPR Score for 2018-2019**, along with three years of improvement. The School Progress Report (SPR) measures three key areas- achievement (PSSA scores & early reading assessments), progress (measures growth on standardized assessment), and climate (school climate and student/parent survey results).

Several components of the SPR indicate the degree to which our students, regardless of educational need, are being served equitably. In addition to celebrating our high achievement levels, **PAS was named as a model school for Progress on Equity**. This metric and distinction shows the commitment our teachers and staff have for all students, specifically historically underperforming, as well as racial and other student subgroups. Over the past three years, our school has increased this progress metric by 21% points.

Ninety percent (90%) of our K-2 students are reading at or above grade level, a 12% increase over the past three years. In the past two years, students of color have increased by 15%, and African American students 27%. Our English Language Learner (ELL) students received the highest possible rating for their achievement as well. Last year African American students proficiency rates increased by 10% in Reading and 12% in Science. Special Education students increased their Math proficiency by 8%.

In year two of implementation of our strategic plan, Onwards and Outward 2021, our continued focus on equitable outcomes for all students drives our work as a school and community. This work would not be possible without the support of the Penn Alexander Community and Parents. I am confident we will continue to reach new goals, living out the legacy of our namesake, Sadie Tanner Mossell Alexander.

Congratulations to the PAS students and faculty for all of their continued accomplishments!

Thanks to all of you for your support, and commitment to our school.

Sincerely,

Megan Wapner
Principal

Sadie Alexander School

School Code	128	Report Type	K8
Sector	District	Grades in Report	K-8
Address	4209 Spruce St., 19104	Enrollment	576
Phone/Fax	215-400-7760 / 215-400-7761	Admissions Category	Neighborhood
Website	philasd.org/pennalexander	Turnaround Model	N/A

Performance Tiers Legend

INTERVENE (0-24%)

WATCH (25-49%)

REINFORCE (50-74%)

MODEL (75-100%)

2016-2017 2017-2018 2018-2019 3-YEAR AVG

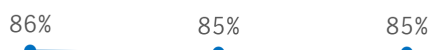
OVERALL: MODEL (90%)



A school's overall score represents its combined performance on the Achievement, Progress, Climate, and College & Career (for high schools only) domains.

87.3%

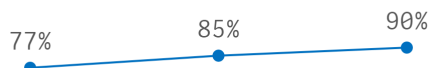
Achievement: MODEL (85%)



The Achievement domain measures performance on standardized assessments, including PSSA, Keystone Exams, ACCESS for ELLs, and reading assessments.

85.3%

Progress: MODEL (90%)



The Progress domain measures growth on standardized assessments and progress towards graduation (for high schools only).

84.0%

Climate: MODEL (97%)



The Climate domain measures school climate as well as student and parent/guardian engagement.

94.0%



PAS & HSA

proudly presents

The 17th Annual Talent Show

&

Hoagie Dinner

Thursday
March 5

Limited seating event.
No dinner sales at door.

Dinner 5:30pm
Showtime 7pm

.....TEAR HERE. RETURN TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER BY March 3.....

STUDENT NAME _____ TEACHER _____

PARENT NAME _____ PARENT PH# _____

PARENT EMAIL _____

PLEASE SELECT FROM THESE OPTIONS:

OPTION 1: SHOW & DINNER PACKAGE _____ X \$15 ea. = _____
(package includes a show ticket and a 6" hoagie, chips & bottle of water)

Please indicate the type and quantity of hoagie(s):

___ Turkey ___ Vegetarian ___ Italian
(e.g., if you ordered 5 packages, you could select 2 turkey & 3 veg. hoagies)

OPTION 2: SHOW TICKET ONLY _____ X \$10 ea. = _____

OPTION 3: PERFORMER DINNER ONLY _____ X \$5 ea. = _____
(new option for students who are in the show)

Please indicate the type and quantity of hoagie(s):

___ Turkey ___ Vegetarian ___ Italian

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Tickets available online at www.pennalexander.org
Tickets will be sent home in pony.



CLASS OF 2020 – “ADS for GRADS”

Dear PAS Parents, Friends and Families -

Do you want to recognize a special 8th Grade graduate in the 2020 yearbook? Each year we set aside two full pages in our yearbook for messages of congratulations for our 8th grade graduates. Just fill out the form below and include \$10.00 with you message of 25 words or less, so that your best wishes and congratulations will be placed into our yearbook! In past years we have included messages from parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings, neighbors, as well as friends, neighborhood blocks & civic associations!

Anyone who wishes to have one or more messages included in the 2020 “Ads for Grads” congratulations page should use the form below. If you wish to purchase multiple messages (**up to a limit of 3 per student**), you can attach them to this page along with an additional \$10 per message.

Deadline – Thursday, February 21, 2020

- *IMPORTANT - Due to space limitations, messages must be 25 words or less, and we can accept a maximum of 3 ads per graduate. Multiple purchased messages for a single student will be grouped together, along with a student photo.*
- **No Ads for Grads can be accepted after this date, as yearbook layout must be finalized for printing. Return this form and payment to MAIN OFFICE.**

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

8th Grade Student's name _____

Message _____

From _____

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

Early Bird Price Discount ends March 31

10th Annual Penn Alexander 5K Run for Arts and Science Post Race Festival Sunday, May 31, 2020

Registrant #1

First & Last Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Ph# _____

Email Address _____

Gender: Male Female Non-Binary

Select One:

5K Student (\$25) 1 Mile Student(\$25)

5K Adult(\$35) 1 Mile Adult(\$35)

Post Race Festival \$10 per person _____

TShirt Size*(Circle One): *Y=Youth *A=Adult NS=No Shirt

YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL AXXL NS

TECH SHIRT SIZE (add \$3): YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL AXXL

Agree to Electronic Waiver: _____ Initial Here

Registrant #2

First & Last Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Ph# _____

Email Address _____

Gender: Male Female Female Non-Binary

Select One:

5K Student (\$25) 1 Mile Student(\$25)

5K Adult(\$35) 1 Mile Adult(\$35)

Post Race Festival \$10 per person _____

TShirt Size*(Circle One): *Y=Youth *A=Adult NS=No Shirt

YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL AXXL NS

TECH SHIRT SIZE (add \$3): YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL AXXL

Agree to Electronic Waiver: _____ Initial Here

Registrant #3

First & Last Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Ph# _____

Email Address _____

Gender: Male Female Female Non-Binary

Select One:

5K Student (\$25) 1 Mile Student(\$25)

5K Adult(\$35) 1 Mile Adult(\$35)

Post Race Festival \$10 per person _____

TShirt Size*(Circle One): *Y=Youth *A=Adult NS=No Shirt

YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL AXXL NS

TECH SHIRT SIZE (add \$3): YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL AXXL

Agree to Electronic Waiver: _____ Initial Here

Registrant #4

First & Last Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Ph# _____

Email Address _____

Gender: Male Female Female Non-Binary

Select One:

5K Student (\$25) 1 Mile Student(\$25)

5K Adult(\$35) 1 Mile Adult(\$35)

Post Race Festival \$10 per person _____

TShirt Size*(Circle One): *Y=Youth *A=Adult NS=No Shirt

YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL AXXL NS

TECH SHIRT SIZE (add \$3): YS YM YL AS AM AL AXL AXXL

Agree to Electronic Waiver: _____ Initial Here

Or Register Online

<https://runsignup.com/pas5k>

PENN ALEXANDER SCHOOL
INVITES YOU TO A PARENT WORKSHOP...

CRAYOLA MOVED BY MATH

All community members, parents and
surrounding schools are welcome!

February 19th • Wednesday

9AM (with interpretation) & 6pm

Meet us in the Cafeteria-refreshments & childcare provided

Free Crayola Kit for each
person in attendance!





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</p> <p>--Enjoy light refreshments</p> <p>--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！</p> <p>提供饮料</p> <p>与其他家长建立联络</p>	<p>আপনার শিশুকে সহায়তা করার জন্য নিখরচায় সংস্থানগুলি আবিষ্কার করুন</p> <p>হালকা সতেজতা উপভোগ করুন</p> <p>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

<p>October 16</p> <p>November 20</p> <p>December 18</p> <p>January 15</p> <p>February 19</p> <p>March 18</p> <p>April 15</p> <p>May 27</p>	<p>اكتوبر 16 تشرين الاول</p> <p>نوفمبر 20 تشرين الثاني</p> <p>ديسمبر 18 كانون الاول</p> <p>يناير 15 كانون الثاني</p> <p>فبراير 19 شباط</p> <p>مارس 18 اذار</p> <p>ابريل 15 نيسان</p> <p>مايو 27 ايار</p>	<p>10月 16日</p> <p>11月 20日</p> <p>12月 18日</p> <p>1月 15日</p> <p>2月 19日</p> <p>3月 18日</p> <p>4月 15日</p> <p>5月 27日</p>	<p>16 ই অক্টোবর</p> <p>20 নভেম্বর</p> <p>18 ডিসেম্বর</p> <p>15 জানুয়ারী</p> <p>18 ফেব্রুয়ারী</p> <p>18 মার্চ</p> <p>15 এপ্রিল</p> <p>27 মে</p>
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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

Penn Alexander HSA
Family Ice Skating & Pizza Party



Saturday, March 28, 2020

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Doors open at 12:30 pm

at the Penn Class of 1923 Rink, 3130 Walnut Street

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Order tickets in advance and save!

\$8 in advance / \$10 at the door

Includes skate rental

Advance tickets will also include a free parking pass

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New this year: Buy food/drink/snack tickets in advance

Food tickets will also be sold at the party

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Return the order form below **by Wednesday, March 25.**

Or purchase tickets online at:

Skating tickets: <https://pennalexanderschool.org/product/ice-skating/>

Food tickets: <https://pennalexanderschool.org/product/skating-party-food-ticket-bundles/>

Check in at the rink entrance – no admission tickets will be distributed – and pick up your food tickets at the door. You can also purchase food tickets on site.

Parking passes will be sent home with your student the week of the party.

Family Ice Skating & Pizza Party Order Form

Return this form to the school by **Wednesday, March 25.**

Or purchase tickets online at <https://pennalexanderschool.org/shop/>.

Item	Price	Quantity	Total \$ due
Admission Includes skate rental and parking pass (parking pass is with advance tickets only)	\$8 per person		\$
Food tickets Sample prices: Slice of pizza: \$2 Drink: \$1 Snack (chips, candy): \$1	\$5 per bundle		\$
Total due:			\$

- *Check in at the rink entrance – no admission tickets will be distributed – & pick up your reserved food tickets at the door. You can also buy food tickets at the party.*
- *Parking passes will be sent home with your student the week of the party.*

Student first & last name: _____

Room #/Teacher name _____

Parent email: _____ Parent phone #: _____

- I **don't** need a parking pass.
- Pay by cash or check payable to Penn Alexander HSA (enclosed)
- Pay by credit card (Visa/MasterCard only)

Name on credit card _____

Card # _____ Sec. code _____ Exp. date _____

Billing address _____ Zip _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

I give permission for the PAS HSA to charge my credit card for the total amount listed above.

Signature of card holder _____

This event is sponsored by the Penn Alexander Home and School Association.



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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.

UCAL SUMMER CAMP IS HERE!

University City Arts League



Session Themes

REGISTER NOW!!

Make a Silent Film Week
Camp 1 June 22 - June 26

Online at www.ucartsleague.org or call
215-382-7811

Expression in Color
Camp 2 June 29 - July 3

The Art of Sound
Camp 3 July 6 - July 10

The 16 Bit Palette
Camp 4 July 13 - July 17

Planet Earth
Camp 5 July 20 - July 24

Contemporary Art
Camp 6 July 27 - July 31

Food!
Camp 7 August 3 - August 7

Philly Art
Camp 8 August 10 - 14

Halloween in the Summer!
Camp 9 August 17 - 21

For ages 6 and up
(or kids who have been
enrolled in Kindergarten)

\$350.00 per session



"I love the UCAL summer program because it is a fun and interesting art experience for my son, opening his mind to new possibilities and ways of looking at the world."

-Marit Anderson, UCAL Parent

Parents will receive an extra 5% discount for enrolling in multiple classes
Siblings also receive a 5% discount



Each camp includes **THREE**
art classes each day as well
as outside time, lunch, and
a weekly field trip or a
visiting artist!





SUMMER MATH Camps

For more information or to register:
e: info@trapeziummathclub.com
w: www.trapeziummathcamps.com

p: (267) 292-5341
4247 Locust Street, Philadelphia PA 19104

[Click Here To Register](#)

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