

PAS WEEKLY

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Upcoming Events:

School Advisory Council (SAC)

Monday, March 9, 3:45pm

Equity Circle Planning Mtg

Tuesday, March 10, 6pm

PAS Principal Search Process Parents/Community Meeting

Mar. 11, 6pm (lunchroom)

PAS Principal Search Process Parent Meeting with interpretation

Wednesday, Mar.18, 8:30am
(during Chat & Chew)

FACE Workshop Crayola: Writing Art-Inspired Stories for K-8

Wed., Mar. 18, 6pm
(NO 9AM SESSION)

Playground Construction Starts

(see flier for more information)
Monday, March 23

Annual Ice Skating Party

Saturday, March 28, 1pm

HSA Meeting-Addressing Anxiety & Candidate Statements

Wednesday, April 1, 6pm

School Closed - Spring Recess

April 6-10

School Resumes

Monday, April 13

Spring Clubs Start

Monday, April 20



Principal Search: Parent/Guardian & Community Meetings

The consultative search committee for the Penn Alexander School Principal invites parents and community members to join in the conversation.

Parents/Guardians and Community: Wednesday, March 11, 6-8pm

Penn Alexander School Cafeteria

Childcare with pizza dinner provided for evening meeting

English Learning Parents/Guardians: Wed., March 18, 8:30am

(with interpretation in Bengali, Arabic and Chinese)

Penn Alexander School Library



SAC Meeting

Monday, March 9, 2020 , 3:45pm-4:45pm PAS Library

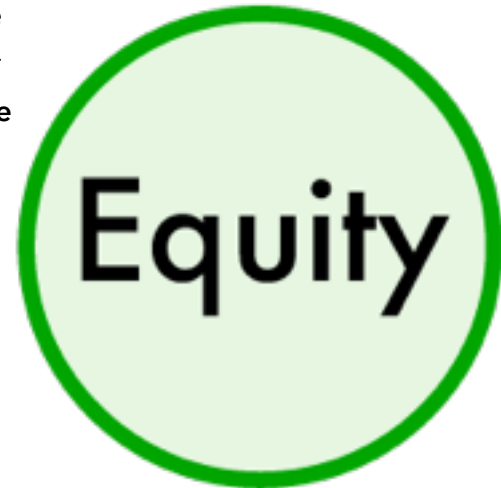
For our March SAC Meeting, we will be focusing the open forum discussion on the school budget and plan for next year at Penn Alexander. Please feel free to come to the meeting to share any comments, concern or questions that pertain to this topic.

Building Equity at PAS - We Heard You!

The Equity Circle of PAS was formed in 2017 to build a strong and inclusive community that welcomes and supports all families, all religions, all gender identities and all cultural backgrounds. **As we head into the Spring, we invite PAS families to join us in planning our activities:**

- LGBTQ Parent Workshop - building understanding and support for our children
- LGBTQ Book & Movies Lists for our classrooms and our library so that we create windows and mirrors for all our children
- SEEDS Workshop - seeking educational equity in our community
- Comprehensive School Review Process - participate at meetings, gather stories

Come to our next meeting on Tuesday, March 10 at 6pm in the PAS lunchroom or email ann.kreidle@gmail.com or hannah.sassaman@gmail.com



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/>



Moving? Not Returning to PAS for '20-'21?

Moving? Not returning to PAS for the '20-'21 school year? If you are planning to relocate, or not return to PAS in the Fall, please contact Principal Wapner in writing or email (mwapner@philasd.org) as soon as possible. This information will assist us in planning and reorganizing for the upcoming school year. We have a number of students on our waiting list for each grade.



PAS Playground - Construction Starting!



The day has finally arrived! Construction of the new PAS playground will begin March 23 and is scheduled to be completed in early May, 2020. We are all very excited for our West Philadelphia community to have a new, safe and fun place to play! The playground will feature two rope climbers connected with a bridge, two slides, two saucer swings, a spinner and a two color safety surface.

From March 23 to late April, the school's main entrance will only be accessible from Spruce Street.

The playground and walkway to Locust Street will be fenced off. We apologize for this inconvenience, but we need to ensure everyone's safety during construction. We will send periodic reminders, but please allow extra time for drop off or pick on Spruce Street.

What can you expect during construction? Construction hours will be 7am to 3pm, weekdays but the area will not be accessible until the project is complete in May. Measures will be taken to protect trees and contain dust.

We appreciate the generous donations from individuals in the neighborhood, Playground Collaborative members including the Home and School Association, Spruce Hill Community Association, and the Parent-Infant Center - and businesses in the community that helped PAS make the new playground a reality for West Philadelphia.

We will plan a celebration for mid-May for everyone to celebrate our new playspace. If you have any questions, please contact Ann Kreidle at kreidlea@upenn.edu or stop in the main office.

DATE CHANGE - PM Session Moved to March 11

Penn Alexander School Principal Search Process Parent and Community Meetings

Parents/Guardians: Tuesday, March 3, 8:30am

Penn Alexander School Cafeteria (Enter on 43rd street between Locust & Spruce)

Parents/Guardians & Community: Wednesday, March 11*, 6-8pm

Penn Alexander School Cafeteria (Enter on 43rd street between Locust & Spruce)

Childcare with pizza dinner provided

English Learning Parents/Guardians: Wed., March 18, 8:30am

Penn Alexander School Library

(with interpretation in Bengali, Arabic and Chinese)

The consultative search committee for the Penn Alexander School Principal invites parents and community members to join in the conversation regarding the plans for identifying a successor for former Principal Michael Farrell.

We invite you to attend a meeting with the Consultative Committee that has been formed to aid in the national search for a new Principal. The Committee is chaired by Ms. Rahshene Davis, Assistant Superintendent for Neighborhood Network Two of the School District of Philadelphia, and Dr. Pam Grossman, Dean of the Penn Graduate School of Education. To inform the Principal search, the Committee is holding a series of outreach meetings with key stakeholders. Don't miss this important opportunity for community members to learn about the search process and to voice perspectives and ideas!

If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may provide your input using this [Community Feedback Form](#) or at <https://tinyurl.com/PASPrincipalSearchInput2020>

Or email your input directly to Criterion Search Group at administrator@criterionsg.com

*There is no *evening* session on March 3. It has been rescheduled to March 11.

JOIN US AT OUR SAC MEETING!

Penn Alexander School Advisory Council (SAC)

Monday, March 9, 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.

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/

March 2020 Tentative Meeting Agenda Monday, March 9, 2020 3:45pm-4:45pm

	Agenda Item	Time Estimate
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Open Forum (sign-up required in advance)	30 minutes
2	Approval of February 2020 Meeting Minutes	5 minutes
3	School Plan and Budget for 20-21	5 minutes
4	Wellness Issues <ul style="list-style-type: none">Lunch/Recess	5-10 minutes
5	Principal Report - district wide parent survey	10-15 minutes
6	Schedule April 2020 Meeting	5 minutes

PENN ALEXANDER HSA BOARD NOMINATION/INFORMATION FORM

If you are interested in serving on the HSA Board or if you know someone who would be perfect for one of the jobs, please use this form to nominate yourself or someone else. See reverse for job descriptions.

Nomination forms: Due by **Tuesday, March 17**. Forms should be returned to the **PAS office**.

Candidates: Will speak at the April 1, 2020, 6pm HSA General meeting. A 200-word statement from each nominee must be sent to Joe Mintz at mintz@blankrome.com by March 19. A compilation of statements will go out to PAS parents prior to the meeting.

Elections: Parent-Teacher conferences at PAS on **April 15, 16, and 17 at times to be determined**. Elections are open to parent/guardians of PAS students, PAS faculty, and staff – **one vote per family**. Uncontested races will not be included on the ballot.

Absentee Ballots: Parents requesting an absentee ballot from the HSA can send their request into the school or via email to kdjones@philasd.org by Friday, April 10. Absentee ballots are due in the ballot box in the PAS office by **Friday, April 17** at 3:09 p.m.

Winners: Will be announced in the April 27 pony.

Name of Nominee:

Grade(s) of Nominee's Children at PAS:

Position of Interest

- President
- Vice President of the Upper School
- Vice President of the Lower School
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Phone Number of Nominee: _____

E-mail of Nominee: _____

Comments: _____

Penn Alexander Home & School Association Executive Board Positions

Per the HSA Bylaws,

- All officers must be the parent/guardian of a child at the Penn-Alexander School and a current member of the Association for the fiscal year.
- All officers must pay for and pass a Pennsylvania Criminal History check and a Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance, as well as complete the SDP Volunteer Protocol.

President

- Convenes and presides at all meetings of the Executive Board and the Association
- Is an ex-officio member of all standing and ad-hoc committees except the nominating committee
- Appoints, with the consent and approval of the Executive Board, the chairperson of all Association committees, with the exception of the nominating and auditing committees, which shall select their own chairpersons
- Attends all Southwest Regional President meetings; in an emergency, the President shall appoint an alternate to attend in his/her absence.
- Signs checks with the Treasurer for payment of approved expenditures
- Attend PAS SAC meetings

1st Vice President (Upper School)

- Shall be the parent/guardian of a child in the 5th, 6th, 7th, or 8th grade at the Penn-Alexander School
- Presides at all meetings in the absence of the President
- Serves as the alternate signatory on Association checks with the Treasurer when the President is unable to do so
- Is an ex-officio member of the Middle School Committee

2nd Vice President (Lower School)

- Shall be the parent/guardian of a child in kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th grade at the Penn-Alexander School
- Presides at all meetings in the absence of the President and 1st Vice President
- Serves as the alternate signatory on Association checks with the Treasurer when the President and 1st Vice President are unable to do so
- Is an ex-officio member of the Elementary School Committee

Treasurer

- Has charge of all Association funds
- Receives all funds collected on behalf of the Association, including those funds collected by Association committees, and funds collected as Association sponsored events
- Pays all bills by check drawn upon the Association's account. The President or other authorized officer must countersign all Association checks
- Keep record of all receipts and expenditures
- Present statements of finance at each Executive Board meeting and General Membership meeting
- Ability to stop in to school and go to the bank one time per week
- Familiarity with Excel spreadsheets and Quicken, online banking
- Works with accountant to file yearly taxes

Secretary

- Records minutes of all meetings and present them for public review within two weeks of the meeting
- Keep the attendance records of each meeting
- Notify board members of Executive Board meetings
- Notify the general membership of Association meetings
- Keep membership records, in conjunction with membership committee chairperson
- Maintains records of HSA communications (flyers, letters, forms, etc.)
- Maintains annual spreadsheet for schoolwide directory and classroom communication lists

The background of the poster features a dark teal color with numerous translucent, glowing virus particles of various sizes scattered throughout. On the left and right sides, there are large, detailed illustrations of hands, also in a glowing teal color, with some virus particles appearing to be on or near the fingers. The overall aesthetic is clean and modern, emphasizing the theme of hygiene and health.

Clean HANDS

ARE GUARDIANS
OF HEALTH

WE ARE IN NEED OF
DISINFECTING WIPES,
TISSUES, AND HAND
SANITIZER

HELP KEEP PAS

healthy
THIS WINTER

PLEASE SEND DONATIONS TO THE
MAIN OFFICE

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.