

PAS WEEKLY

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Upcoming Events:

Equity Circle Meeting

Mon., Sept. 21, 5:30pm

Ballots Due

HSA Board Elections

Friday, September 25, 12pm

Yom Kippur, School Closed

Monday, September 28

Student Materials Pick Up

Specific Grades or Classes

Forthcoming

Tues., September 29, 5-7pm

8GR Parent Meeting for High

School Selection

Tuesday, October 6, 6pm



Parent Engagement Survey

Thank you to all who were able to join us for virtual back to school night. If you were not able to attend a session, please click on this link for a list of the recordings: [PAS Virtual Back to School Night](#).

We also ask you to complete this School District of Philadelphia parent engagement survey as part of the evening. **To complete the survey click on this link: [parent engagement survey](#)**



Principal Overton Read Aloud - Epic Books!

Join me for a read aloud of one of the many great selections of Epic books that all PAS students can access for free. Click on this video to listen to this week's feature on Ruth Bader Ginsburg - [Watch Video](#)



Wishing all who celebrate a happy, healthy, and sweet New Year!

Happy Rosh Hashanah!

HSA Board Elections - This Week Only

Please vote this week for the new board of the Penn Alexander HSA!

Each PAS household, faculty member, and staff member can cast one vote.

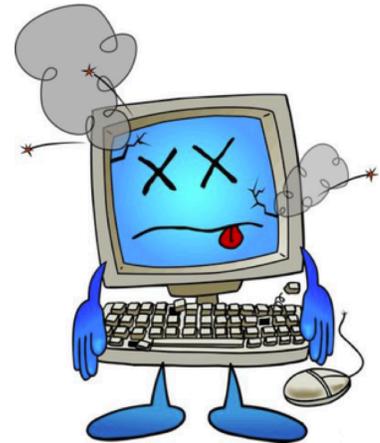
Voting closes on Friday, September 25, at noon ET.

See enclosed flier for ballot.



CHROMEBOOK ISSUES?

During the first weeks of online learning, we have noticed some students are still having difficulty with the loaned Chromebooks. If you would like assistance, please complete [this form](#).



PFP Family Matters Conference

I invite the PAS LGBTQ+ families and others to join me at the 11th Annual Philadelphia Family Pride Conference. I will be presenting at the conference, which will be held on **Saturday, October 10, 2020**. PFP is a non-profit for LGBTQ+ parents, prospective parents, and our children of all ages in the greater Philadelphia region.

The 11th Annual PFP Family Matters Conference will take place virtually on **Saturday, October 10, 2020**, from 9:30 AM - 4:00 PM. For more information click here: <https://www.philadelphiafamilypride.org/family-matters-conference.html>

[Family Matters Conference - Philadelphia Family Pride](#)



Grab & Go Meals Comes to PAS

- Penn Alexander is now one of 62 pick up locations
- FRIDAYS, 9am-2pm. **NEW DAY AND EXTENDED TIMES**
- Students receive one box with 5 breakfasts, 5 lunches and ½ gallon of milk
- **Can't pick up? See Mutual Aid flier for delivery service**
- **Can you help deliver? See Mutual Aid flier to sign up**



Incorrect Student Picture in Portal Account

If your child's picture is not correct in the SDP Parent/Student Portal (Infinite Campus), please contact Ann Kreidle at kreidlea@upenn.edu or 215-284-8601. She is working with Lifetouch and the district to get the pictures corrected.



P-EBT Card Update

Council member Jamie R. Gauthier, 3rd District, is assisting families who have not received their P-EBT cards this past June. If you have not received your P-EBT card, please contact Ann Kreidle at kreidlea@upenn.edu or 215-284-8601 with the following information: (1) parent's name(s), (2) address, (3) phone, (4) email, (5) children's name(s), and (6) children's date of birth.



Penn Alexander School

Playground Rules

Some rules to follow while at play

1. Equipment is designed for ages 5-12
2. Wear a Mask
3. Stay 6 feet part



PENN ALEXANDER
SCHOOL

*8th Grade Meeting with
Mrs. Knight*

TO DISCUSS THE HIGH SCHOOL
SELECTION PROCESS

OCTOBER 6TH

6PM-7PM

LINKS TO FOLLOW





Home & School Association: Executive Board Elections

Vote this week!

Please vote this week for the new board of the Penn Alexander HSA!

Each PAS **household**, **faculty member**, and **staff member** can cast **one vote**. Families with multiple households get one vote per household.

VOTE ONLY ONCE! Duplicate ballots from the same household will not be counted. Before you fill out this ballot, please make sure that no one else from your household has already submitted a ballot.

Voting closes on Friday, September 25, at noon ET.

Complete the online ballot here:

<https://forms.gle/df429eYxovse9zs27>

Winners will be announced next week, and the new board will take office on October 1.

Nominating Committee

Elizabeth Johnson, johnsonegj@gmail.com

Janhavi Chandra, janhavi.chandra@gmail.com

Joe Mintz, jwmintz@gmail.com

Ms. Johnson, kdjones@philasd.org

Book Bins

Please see the locations listed below where you can share* books with other neighborhood families. Bins are self-serve. Leave books and/or take books. Books can be returned to any bin of the same grade level. Please do not leave books if a bin is full.

** See the locations on a map [here](#) **

Middle School Families: Have any of [these books](#) that you are ready to pass along to another student? If so, please put them in one of the bins designated for Middle School.

* These bins are for books you are done reading and no longer want to keep. Please do not share books that you still read and want to get back.

Pre-K	Kindergarten	First Grade	Second Grade	Third Grade	Fourth Grade	Fifth Grade	Middle School
4525 Locust	1018 S. 45th	217 S. Melville	4206 Spruce	228 S 45th	430 S. 44th	1012 S. 46th	228 S 45th
	4206 Spruce	4211 Regent Sq	4211 Regent Sq	4522 Locust	4420 Larchwood	4521 Osage	4254 Regent Sq
	439 S 43rd	4428 Pine	4428 Pine	4540 Sansom	4424 Pine	4522 Locust	4321 Baltimore
	4420 Larchwood	4524 Locust	4521 Osage	4605 Larchwood	4522 Locust	4524 Spruce	4529 Locust
	4525 Locust	4629 Osage	4524 Locust	517 S. 45th	4540 Sansom	4605 Larchwood	4540 Sansom
			4524 Spruce		517 S. 45th.		4624 Osage
			4608 Osage				500 S. 44th





PAS Mutual Aid For Families

Financial assistance

- Please consider making a donation to the PAS Family Emergency Fund to help families affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

<https://pennalexanderschool.org/product/family-support-fund/>

- To apply for a small grant, please complete this [application](#)

Grab & Go Meals Comes to PAS

- Fridays, 9 AM - 2 PM; pick up from PAS on 43rd Street (*note the new day/time*)
- Students receive one box with 5 breakfasts, 5 lunches and ½ gallon of milk
- Can't make the scheduled day/time to pick up due to work, childcare, etc.?
- Can you pick up a box for a family that can't make the time and drop it off to them?

- *Please fill out this form so we can match families:*

<https://forms.gle/NuYYgUz6CFtmDX46>

Virtual Bulletin Board / Mutual Aid

Have your children outgrown their clothes? Do you have a bike you are ready to pass along? Looking for puzzles or board games? Are you able to offer emergency childcare for a family? Something else?

- *List what you are looking for and/or able to offer here:*

- <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/112nihSEYZGoMlge6C7ncK381U03swjWP25FNM5SYqvc/edit?usp=sharing>. This is a self-serve list where families can connect to exchange items.

Book Exchanges

See the first page of the Virtual Bulletin Board (link above) to see where you can borrow/exchange books with other families in the community. Middle School Families: have any of [these books](#) your child is done with? Please put them in one of the middle school bins to pass along to another student.

Other help needed

At times we may need people to deliver items that don't get picked from school. Want to help monitor the Virtual Bulletin Board and help families connect? Something else we aren't thinking of? Please email Leila Graham-Willis (lqw215@hotmail.com) if you can volunteer some time with this effort. It will take all of us supporting one another to get through this most unusual school year!



August 2020

Dear Parents:

As we start an unprecedented school year, we give thanks that Penn Alexander School (PAS) is a community of engaged families, teachers, and administrators who will strive to give our children the best experience possible — even under the most trying circumstances. We believe that if we work together as we always have, in the same spirit of thoughtfulness, cooperation, inclusion, and volunteerism, we can continue to provide our children the best education possible — one that has earned our school a prestigious National Blue Ribbon award and recognition as the Philadelphia School District's highest-performing K-8 School.

The Home and School Association of Penn Alexander School (HSA), in planning for this upcoming school year, took into consideration how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected and will continue to influence the needs of our school and community. This evaluation includes impacts to our budget, traditional fundraising streams, and programming. At this time, it is unclear whether the HSA or the school will be able to offer the same types of in-person community events and programming as in prior years. We are actively brainstorming ways to re-invent traditional events so that we can unite as a community virtually and safely.

We are sensitive to how families are experiencing this pandemic, especially the financial and emotional toll on many, and have decided not to embark on a traditional fundraising campaign with a set goal this year.

With that said, we fell short of our fundraising goal last year by \$76,000 because we were unable to hold two of our largest event fundraisers, the 5K Race and Art Celebration, and are not certain we can put those events on this school year. We welcome donations from our PAS families that are able to help us meet our ongoing budgetary needs of:

- Subsidizing PAS' full-time art teacher position
- Promoting school spirit and community involvement through special events
- Supporting teachers and staff by helping meet classroom needs and reimbursing them for classroom supplies
- Providing after-school clubs and extracurricular programs

We have largely been able to provide the above-mentioned programs and support because of donations from our families. As in prior years, we are requesting that families who are able to contribute a suggested \$100 per PAS student so that we can meet our ongoing budgetary obligations, continue to support our teachers and staff more than ever, and fund creative programs and events this school year. We ask all families to give what they can, understanding

that not everyone is able to give at all times. In past years, individual donations have ranged from \$10 to \$6,000. Every donation of time and money counts.

We have started a COVID-19 relief fund so that we can continue to support our families who are in need. Already, our community has worked together to support each other in so many ways and no matter what the upcoming year may look like, we know that we have a resilient and supportive school community that will become closer and stronger through this time.

We look forward to working with everyone and seeing you virtually or socially distanced. Please also let us know if you would like to be more involved with the HSA and our committees or serve as a room parent. We need volunteers now more than ever!

Thank you for your commitment to maintaining a high-quality, neighborhood public school that reflects the diversity of the city.

The 2018–2020 Outgoing HSA Board

Leila Graham-Willis, President

Karla Thut, VP of the Upper School

Rotonya Carr, Co-VP of the Lower School

Hannah Sassaman, Co-VP of the Lower School

Elizabeth Johnson, Secretary

Roseann Liu, Treasurer

Gina Bittner, Media Manager

Angela Curry, Volunteer Coordinator

Jim Dugan, Room Parent & MTK Coordinator



2020 - 2021 Family Giving

Donations to the Home & School Association support academic and extracurricular programs at Penn Alexander.

Where did my dollars go last year?

- **Enrichment:** Full-time art teacher * After-school programs * Music education
- **Teacher Support:** Books and supplies * Staff appreciation * Professional development
- **Building Community:** Equity Circle * Ice cream social * Pancake Breakfast * Fall Festival
- **Facilities:** Gardening * Playground repair * School grounds renovation

Suggested Donation: \$100 per student

Goal: While we do not have a stated fundraising goal for this school year, **all amounts are welcome.**

- My donation:**
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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$10 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$75 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 (suggested per student) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$200 (suggested for two students) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other \$ _____ | |

Ways to Give:

- **Online options (preferred):** [PayPal](#) (Penn Alexander Home and School Association); [Venmo](#) (@PennAlexanderHSA)
- **Other online options:** Donate by credit card online at <https://pennalexanderschool.org/product/donation/>
- **Check or Cash:** Enclose cash or a check with this form (please make checks payable to "PAS HSA") and put in the mail slot of 210 St. Mark's Square (the block near the main school entrance).
- **Stock transfer:** Please contact Roseann Liu (hsatreasurerpas@gmail.com) for more information

Contact Info:

My name: _____ My email: _____

My company may match charitable donations; please contact me. Company Name: _____

My Student(s):

Name: _____	Room Number: _____	Grade: _____
Name: _____	Room Number: _____	Grade: _____
Name: _____	Room Number: _____	Grade: _____

VOLUNTEER!

Calling all volunteers! Please get involved. Penn Alexander relies on the time, effort, and talents of our families. Whether you can serve on a committee, volunteer at an event, serve as a room parent, donate a skill or talent, or something else, we want you and we need you!

_____ Yes, I would like to be contacted by the HSA Volunteer Coordinator to learn more about how I can help.

THANK YOU!



Grab & Go Meals

The School District of Philadelphia continues to provide meals to students. Pick up a box of 5 breakfasts and 5 lunches per student.

New Day and Time!
Every Friday 9-2

Find your closest distribution location:
<https://www.philasd.org/coronavirus/grab-go-meals/>



Grab & Go Meals Delivery

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Practical English for Daily Living

Wednesdays & Fridays
10:00-11:30am
September 23rd – November 20th, 2020

All classes will meet online via Zoom.

We will be offering 3 levels of ESL instruction this fall. To learn which level is right for you, visit [our website](#).

To register or for more information, please email Katherine at omorchoe@upenn.edu.

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