

PAS WEEKLY

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Upcoming Events:

Yom Kippur, School Closed

Monday, September 28



NEW Student Materials Pick Up

Tues., September 29, 5-7pm

Coffee With the Principal

Wed., September 30, 4-5pm

Equity Circle Summer Reading Discussion

Thursday, October 1, 7-8:30pm

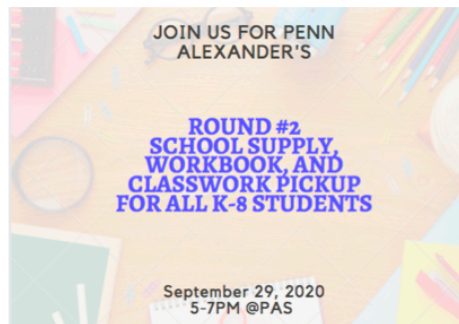
Tuesday, October 13, TBC

8GR Parent Meeting for High School Selection

Tuesday, October 6, 6pm

GSA Meeting

Thursday, October 16, 3:30pm



Pickup Student Materials

Please pick up your child's next set of learning materials from your teacher on **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 5-7PM** from the blacktop. If you can't come, please coordinate with a neighbor.



Monthly Coffee With the Principal

Please join me on Zoom each month for "Coffee with the Principal." I will provide school updates. The first session is Wednesday, September 30, 4-5pm.

Teacher Shout Outs

Our student government representatives shared this great idea to jump-start our school spirit during virtual learning. Please submit the teacher shout outs and pictures of your children learning via email to Ms. Overton at loverton@philasd.org by October 9. To follow our school spirit shout outs and highlights follow us on Instagram and Facebook.



SDP Fall 2020 Online Learning Survey

SDP wants to know more about how you and your child are doing during digital learning! Your answers to these questions will give the district a better sense of how things are going and what changes are needed to better support students and families. This survey should take about 5-10 minutes to complete. Your individual answers are confidential, and you can skip any question. Click on this link to complete the survey: [Parents/Guardian Survey](#)



GSA Coming to PAS

PAS is starting a GSA! All LGBTQ+ students and their allies are welcome to attend. LGBTQ+ student-led clubs and GSAs (Gender and Sexuality Alliances) are pivotal in creating safe and LGBTQ-inclusive schools. Along with providing space to organize, GSAs are spaces where students can receive support, socialize, and find community together.



GLSEN research indicates that students at schools with a GSA were less likely to feel unsafe because of their sexual orientation or gender expression and missed less school than their peers who attended schools without a GSA.

LGBTQ+ students with a GSA at their school also reported less anti-LGBTQ discrimination.

Interested students should complete this interest form here: <https://forms.gle/WZKTF1DHypRZX5vq9>. Once we gather interest information, we will organize and share an invite for the first meeting with all interested students. Meetings will be held virtually from 3:30-4:30 in the afternoon. More on GLSEN and the research they conduct can be found here: <https://www.glsen.org/research/school-climate-survey>.



Student Emergency/ Medical Form (S-865)

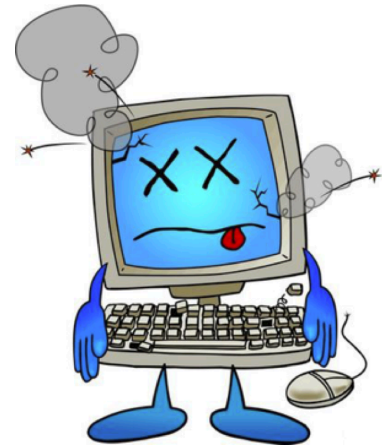
Please complete the **Student Emergency/Medical Form (S-865)** by clicking on this link to complete the form: [Student Emergency/ Medical Form](#)

The nurse will include this information in your child's record.



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>

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*8th Grade Meeting with
Mrs. Knight*

TO DISCUSS THE HIGH SCHOOL
SELECTION PROCESS

OCTOBER 6TH

6PM-7PM

LINKS TO FOLLOW





Please join me in thanking our outgoing HSA officers for their service on behalf of the families and children at our school. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for all that you do to ensure our students have the best possible school experience! Your efforts, energy and commitment have enriched our school community more than you know.

Leila Graham-Willis, president

Karla Thut, vice president

Hannah Sassaman, vice president

Elizabeth Johnson, secretary

Roseann Liu, treasurer



Congratulations to the **new Home & School Association **Executive Board!****

President:	Jim Dugan
Vice President Upper School:	Jennifer Nix
Vice President Lower School:	Rotonya Carr
Secretary:	Helena Miller
Treasurer:	Angela Curry

The new board will take office this week, on October 1, and serve through this school year and next.

Thank you to everyone who ran for office and to everyone who voted! Your interest in and enthusiasm for the PAS HSA helps make our school the special place it is.

Nominating Committee

Elizabeth Johnson, johnsonegj@gmail.com

Janhavi Chandra, janhavi.chandra@gmail.com

Joe Mintz, jwmintz@gmail.com

Ms. Johnson, kdjones@philasd.org

Connecting with Your Room Parent!

We are extremely fortunate to have a wonderful group of Room Parents this year, representing every class at PAS! Over the course of the year, Room Parents will provide support to teachers, kids, and families in numerous ways, and we are extremely grateful to them.

One of the key ways that your Room Parent will communicate with the class families is via email. At this point, all Room Parents have reached out to introduce themselves to the parents of classes they represent.

Haven't heard from your Room Parent? If you haven't received an introductory email from the Room Parent(s) who represent your child's class, please send your Room Parent(s) a message with your contact information if you'd like to be added to their list. You can see a list of Room Parents from each room and their email addresses below. Room parents will make every effort to keep your information confidential.

Want to be a Room Parent? We need additional Room Parents for several classes. If you're interested, please reach out to Christine Hill-Kayser (hill.kayser@gmail.com)!

Additional Room Parent support is needed for the following classes:

Lapina (Kindergarten)

Bennefield (1st grade)

Ottinger (4th grade)

DiMatties (7th grade)

Kearney (8th grade)

Naughton (8th grade)

PAS Room Parents 2020-2021

Middle School

Grade	Room/ Teacher	Room Parent	Room Parent	Room Parent
6	317 Moon	Shaheen Beg shaheen.beg@gmail.com	Laura Cowden lauralcowden@gmail.com	
6	319 Mikolajewski	Jenine Sanzari jenineka@gmail.com	Laura Parnum lparnum@msn.com	Wydia Becton mrs.wydiabecton@gmail.com
7	309 Johnson	Richard Ninness richardninness@yahoo.com	Stella Ninness stgev@yahoo.com	Lisa Cooper lacoop3266@gmail.com
7	310 DiMatties	Amy Hillier ahillier@upenn.edu		
8	301 Kearney	Jenine Sanzari jenineka@gmail.com		
8	318 Naughton	Linda DaCosta ldacosta1977@gmail.com		

Lower School

Grade	Room/ Teacher	Room Parent	Room Parent
K	230 Hartzog	Sarah Sheppard SarahSheppard@gmail.com	Evan Tindell tindell.evan@gmail.com
K	231 Roche	Faith Goldstein faithgoldstein@gmail.com	Saptarshi Roy saptarshi304@gmail.com
K	233 Sharkey	Becca Geller-Puchalsky rebeccagellerpuchalsky@gmail.com	Christine Hill-Kayser hill.kayser@gmail.com
K	234 Lapina	Susie Pierce susiepierce@gmail.com	
1	131 Bennefield	Jenine Sanzari jenineka@gmail.com	
1	133 Naughton	Tamika Barrow tamika.barrow@gmail.com	Lori Goldstein lag0106@gmail.com
1	134 Lino	Anna Brickman anna.brickman@gmail.com	Joshua Sabloff jmsabloff@gmail.com
2	117 Carter	Shari Mintz sharijagerhyman@gmail.com	Anna Selfridge selfridge.anna@gmail.com
2	118 Brame	Jennifer Skirkanich jennifer.skirkanich@gmail.com	Michelle Bloodwell mgoeke@gmail.com
2	119 Wenigmann	Erin Ticehurst eticehurst@gmail.com	Adrienne Chapman achapmanesq@gmail.com
3	108 Ross	Mary Maier maier.mary@gmail.com	Judith Max Palmer judithmax@gmail.com
3	109 Baylor	Steve Erdman Steve.erdman77@gmail.com	Anita Murray amurray475@gmail.com
3	110 Varano	Jaie Bosse jaie.bosse@gmail.com	Sayan Sinha sayantani.guha@gmail.com
4	208 Ehrenberg	Emily Gregory emily.gregory@gmail.com	Evi Parmpi pparbi@yahoo.com
4	209 Hunn	Michelle Bloodwell mgoeke@gmail.com	Christine Hill-Kayser hill.kayser@gmail.com
4	210 Ottinger	Chris Moore moore.l.chris@gmail.com	
5	217 Hibbard	Karl Surkan ksurkan@gmail.com	Jill Shashaty jillshashaty@gmail.com
5	218 McNamara	Liz Bhoj Lizable@gmail.com	Angel Brice abrice10.ab@gmail.com
5	219 Kurland	Holly Lau lau_holly@yahoo.com	Katherine Kiefer Stark kkstark@gmail.com

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The PAS Equity Circle Invites you to Join us for a

SUMMER READING DISCUSSION

OCTOBER 1ST, 2020

7-8:30PM



1619

Reading that will be part of the discussion:

1619: The Idea of America

1619: Capitalism

Other topics to cover: Talking to children about race

Reading Link:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1v4Yj2ni4apeSFhSd3ws06gaW-hponA6/view?usp=sharing>

Zoom link: <https://tinyurl.com/SummerReadingOct1>

Meeting ID: 989 7575 6609 Passcode: 354150 One tap
mobile+12678310333,,98975756609# US (Philadelphia)

Please RSVP Here: <https://forms.gle/8mwZbupta4Dmi4F48>

Virtual Bulletin Board For PAS Families

Has your child outgrown their clothes and needs a bigger size?

Do you have puzzles, games, or toys you are ready to give away?

Looking for a bike for your child? Able to offer emergency childcare?

We have a solution!

The [PAS Virtual Bulletin Board](#) is a place you can post items* you are seeking or offering. Just go to the Seeking or Offering tab at the bottom of the sheet and list your items. See something you want or have something to fulfill a request? Get in touch with the person listed and arrange a hand off.

A few suggestions to make sure the bulletin board works smoothly:

- Please only offer items that are in good condition (or better).
- Please delete your request/offer once an item is claimed.

Want to help monitor the list and make connections from the postings? Email Leila at lgw215@hotmail.com.

* Please do not list books. Use the self-serve book bins in the neighborhood (see the first tab at the bottom of the sheet for locations).

Dear PAS Community:

The [A Book A Day Program](#) is proud to announce our second writing competition, open to all Philadelphia K-5 students.

Back in March, we held our first contest, “My Indoor Adventures.” We asked kids to express their thoughts and feelings about the changing world around them, and specifically how COVID has affected their everyday lives. Check out [Peter Crimmins, WHYY](#), featuring Asa Vershbow, one of our contestants.

Inspired by the compelling stories that students submitted for the first contest, we are now inviting kids to get creative again and write on a different topic: “[Find Philly’s Superheroes!](#)” This year has been tough, but we can always look up to the heroes that make everything possible and continue to ensure things get done right. We are calling all Philadelphia K-5 students to write about their community heroes and what their super powers are.

The contest info can be found [here](#), but the logistics are simple - submit your work (written, illustrated, and/or recorded) via email following the guidelines on our [website](#).

The deadline is October 30, 2020!

- 1st place – a gift card to Bindlestiff Books - \$125
- 2nd place – a gift card to Bindlestiff Books - \$100
- 3rd place – a gift card to Bindlestiff Books - \$75
- 4th place – a gift card to Bindlestiff Books - \$50

Please feel free to reach out with any questions: abookadayprogram@gmail.com

We hope you’ll join in on the fun!

Please share this exciting opportunity with your friends and families.

Sincerely,

The Team at A Book A Day Program



The poster features a green border and a light purple background. At the top, the text 'A BOOK A DAY' is written in a green, curved font. Below it is a small illustration of a tree with red leaves. The main title 'FIND PHILLY'S SUPERHEROES!' is written in large, bold, black letters, with 'FIND' in a yellow starburst. Below the title is the subtitle 'a storytelling contest' in a smaller, black font. The text 'INVITING ALL PHILLY K-5 WRITERS & CREATIVES' is written in black. Below that is the instruction 'Submit a written, illustrated, or recorded interview with a secret superhero you know!' in black. To the right of this text is a cartoon illustration of a superhero girl with a red cape and a yellow mask. Below the instruction is the deadline 'DEADLINE: OCTOBER 30, 2020' in red. Below the deadline is the website 'https://abookaday.edublogs.org/2020/09/14/philly-writers/' in black. At the bottom left is the Bindlestiff Books logo, which includes the text 'Winners will receive gift cards to Bindlestiff Books!' and a small illustration of a book. To the right of the logo is a list of prizes: '1st place - \$125', '2nd place - \$100', '3rd place - \$75', and '4th place (5 winners) - \$50'.

Go the social distance with us



Starting next Monday UCAL is hosting socially distant classes that run from 12 – 3 as well as classes that run from 3 – 6 Monday through Friday, to provide accessible, safe programming for a wide range of school schedules this Fall. Our reduced enrollment and social distance class plan has created a safe and supportive environment for students as early as July with zero covid cases (and lots of testing of staff)

This Fall, we're beginning many of our programs on the week of September 28th to give parents some time for the "back to school" dust to settle before deciding on any extracurriculars. We know it's been rough y'all, and we're right here with you.

[Parents can visit our website for more information regarding prices, agreeable payment plans, and our full safety procedures.](#)

Below is a list of our Fall programming.

MONDAY

Extended Half Day Class (Monthly registration) – Ashley 12:00 – 3:00 PM

Regular time – 3-6

(K – 2 kids) Crafting an Ecosystem – Loren Groenendaal

(K – 2 kids) beginner sewing – Josey

(K – 2 kids) beginner pottery – Rosemary

(older kids) Beginner music lab – Desmond Lee

(older kids) printmaking – Martha Knox

TUESDAY

Extended Half Day Class (Monthly registration) – Claire Tenhula 12:00 – 3:00 PM

Regular time – 3-6

(K – 2 kids) Ballet – Olivia Brown

(K – 2 kids) Puppet Making – Ashley Hamilton

(K – 2 kids) cartooning/beginner drawing – Pat Aulisio

(older kids) Monster stuffies – Josey Lee
(older kids) Intermediate pottery – Rosemary

WEDNESDAY

Extended Half Day Class (Monthly registration) – Desmond Lee 12:00 – 3:00 PM

Regular time – 3-6

(K – 2 kids) Tumblehop – Loren
(K – 2 kids) Beginner pottery – Marsiella Catanoso
(K – 2 kids) Planet Earth – Martha Knox
(older kids) Drawing (comics) for Fun – Pat Aulisio
(older kids) Pixelated Palette – Kevin Dunne

THURSDAY

Extended Half Day Class (Monthly registration) – Pat Aulisio 12:00 – 3:00 PM

Regular time – 3-6

(older kids) Advanced music – Desmond Lee
(K – 2 kids) Music and Mixed Media – Karen Smith
(K – 2 kids) Puppet theater – Claire Tenhula
(K – 2 kids) Art Adventures – Ashley Hamilton
(older kids) Advanced pottery – Marsiella Catanoso

FRIDAY

Extended Half Day Class (Monthly registration) – Claire Tenhula 12:00 – 3:00 PM

Regular time – 3-6

(K – 2 kids) Storytelling through movement – Olivia Brown
(K – 2 kids) Costume Creation Station – Josey Lee
(K – 2 kids) Beginner pottery – Marsiella Catanoso
(older kids) Manga class – Jo Gamel
(older kids) The 'Venture Zone – Don Corcoran

And hey, we hope y'all are staying healthy in both mind and body right now.