

# PAS WEEKLY

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## Upcoming Events:

### Equity Circle Summer Reading Discussion

Tuesday, October 13, 7pm

### GSA Meeting

Thursday, October 15, 3:30pm

### K Parent Meeting

Thursday, October 15, 6:30pm

### Lunch Bunch With Ms. Johnson

Friday, October 16, noon

### Early Dismissal Staff PD

Friday, October 16, 12:09pm

### Interim Reports

October 19-21

### Lunch Bunch With Ms. Johnson

Friday, October 23, noon



## PAS Caregivers!

Thank you for contributing teacher shout outs. They truly lifted the spirits of our PAS team. Now it our turn to thank you. We know that virtual schooling has been challenging for families and caregivers. You have gone above and beyond to support your children through this transition. For that, we are eternally grateful. Please know that we couldn't do this without your support. Thank you again!



## Student Council 2020-21

Congratulations to our new student government officers!

Zoey Schnolis - President

Marlene Clemente - Vice President

Betsy Okrent - Secretary

Violet Brenner - Treasurer

### Representatives

Eva McIver-Jenkins, 8GR

Michael Hernandez, 8GR

Ahmed Ahmed, 7GR

Shoeb Sadi, 7GR

Hanane Ali, 7GR

Nate Vandean, 7GR

Wynn Glazer, 6GR

Lorelai Corcoran, 6GR

Willa Roberts-Beg, 6GR

Jonah Lazar, 6GR

### **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.

The first meeting is Thursday, October 15 at 3:30pm. Interested students should complete this interest form here: <https://forms.gle/WZKTF1DHypRZX5vq9> to get the meeting link.



### **Student Emergency/ Medical Form (S-865)**

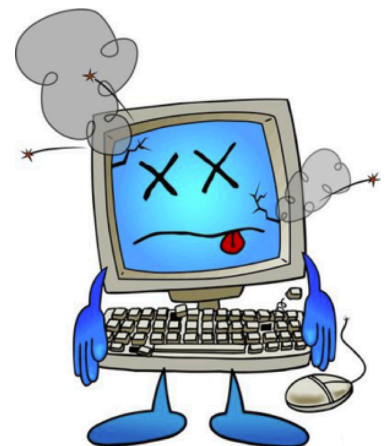
Please complete the **Student Emergency/Medical Form** (S-865) by clicking on this link to complete the form: [Student Emergency/ Medical Form](#)

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](#).





# Kindergarten Parent Meeting

Join us for an important session on how to support your child at home.

**For this session we ask that only grown ups attend.**  
We will be sharing some of the "magic behind the curtain" that is only for grown up ears & eyes.

*Please share your burning questions by completing the form linked below by Wednesday, October 14:*

<https://forms.gle/d7oiriUfX66BhdUo8>

## Thursday, October 15, 6:30pm

**Join Zoom Meeting**

**For Zoom links and passwords, please contact Main Office**

# JOIN US FOR A VIRTUAL LUNCH BUNCH WITH MS. JOHNSON!

**OCT 9, 2020 12:00 PM**  
**OCT 16, 2020 12:00 PM**  
**OCT 23, 2020 12:00 PM**  
**OCT 30, 2020 12:00 PM**  
**NOV 6, 2020 12:00 PM**  
**NOV 13, 2020 12:00 PM**

Join Zoom Meeting

**For zoom links and passwords, contact your teacher.**

All students are welcome for social time, jokes, and good vibes!



We hope to see you there!





The PAS Equity Circle invites you to join us for a

SUMMER READING DISCUSSION  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2020  
7-8:30PM



**Readings 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://tinyurl.com/PASSummerReading2020>

**Zoom Link:** <https://tinyurl.com/SummerReadingDiscussion>

Meeting ID: 898 5143 5625, Passcode: 924885

**Please RSVP Here:** <https://tinyurl.com/SummerReadingSignUp20-21>

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](mailto: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, italicized font. The text "INVITING ALL PHILLY K-5 WRITERS & CREATIVES" is followed by "Submit a written, illustrated, or recorded interview with a secret superhero you know!". A cartoon superhero character is shown on the right side. The deadline "DEADLINE: OCTOBER 30, 2020" is written in red. Below it is the website "https://abookaday.edublogs.org/2020/09/14/philly-writers/". The prizes are listed in a table format: "Winners will receive gift cards to Bindlestiff Books!" followed by "1st place - \$125", "2nd place - \$100", "3rd place - \$75", and "4th place (5 winners) - \$50". The Bindlestiff Books logo is at the bottom left.

# **FREE BACK- TO-SCHOOL PACKS**

**SUNDAY, 10/11 • 12-2PM**  
**RALPH BROOKS PARK**  
**S. 20TH STREET**  
**PHILADELPHIA, PA 19145**

**FRIDAY, 10/16 • 5-7PM**  
**SMITH PLAYGROUND**  
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# School District of Philadelphia Family Academy Online October 2020



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## FACT Online Catalog: October 2020

This October, find a new slate of Family Academy Online workshops, specifically designed for School District of Philadelphia families to help support their students during remote learning and beyond. Find workshops on the



school selection process, supporting kindergarteners during digital learning, and more!

**This month, we've adjusted the start times of sessions to better accommodate digital learning schedules. Find the course descriptions, dates, and information to join the online workshops below!**

### Visit the FACT Online Website

#### Using a Chromebook with Google Classroom

**Tuesday,  
October 6, 2020  
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm**

In this session, participants will learn the basic features and functions of Chromebooks in order to support students in engaging in instruction with their teacher(s). Accessing, completing, and turning in assignments in Google Classroom will also be reviewed during this session.

#### **JOIN SESSION**

##### Dial-in Information

Phone #: 267-831-0333  
Meeting ID: 956 6417 3580

*Hosted by the Office of Educational Technology*

#### Find Your Fit: Understanding the School Selection Process

**Wednesday,  
October 7, 2020  
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm**

This workshop will talk about the the essence of School Selection, what it is, what it does, and how to participate. More specifically, families will learn about what the different opportunities it affords their child when it comes to the school their child can potentially attend. Families will understand the different types of schools the District has and what it takes to gain admission into those schools.

Families will learn about the LeGare Consent Decree, what it is, and how it came to be. They will learn "do's & don'ts" when it comes to researching and applying to the different District Schools. They will also learn where and how to apply through School Selection, depending on where their child attends school now.

#### **JOIN SESSION**

##### Dial-in Information

Phone #: 267-831-0333  
Meeting ID: 972 9115 0700

*Hosted by the Office of Student Enrollment and Placement*

#### Multilingual Session - Using a Chromebook with Google Classroom

**Thursday,  
October 8, 2020  
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm**

## & Understanding the School Selection Process

This session will offer the content of the above two workshops in Albanian, Arabic, Chinese, French, Khmer (Cambodian), Portuguese, and Spanish.

*Links to join can be found through the language sites linked at the top of this email or at [www.philasd.org/face/fact](http://www.philasd.org/face/fact).*

*Hosted by the Office of Family and Community Engagement*

### Parent Portal: The Parent's Education Gateway

**Tuesday,  
October 13, 2020  
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm**

In this workshop, participants will be given a virtual tutorial on the assets of Parent Portal. Our team will show you how to create an account and provide an overview of how Parent Portal can benefit you and communication with your child's school.

#### **JOIN SESSION**

##### Dial-in Information

\*This session will not be used as a time to register families in Parent Portal.

Phone #: 267-831-0333  
Meeting ID: 556 152 9418

*Hosted by the Office of Family and Community Engagement*

### How to Support Your Kindergarten Child with Virtual Learning

**Wednesday,  
October 14, 2020  
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm**

In this session, families will learn strategies and tips to support their kindergarten child during virtual learning. This includes how to set up an engaging environment/physical space for their child and recommended materials and supplies and activities to implement at home to support their child's learning.

#### **JOIN SESSION**

##### Dial-in Information

Phone #: 267-831-0333  
Meeting ID: 694 253 7437  
Passcode: 4cmyB5

*Hosted by the Office of Early Childhood Education*

### Multilingual Session - Parent Portal: The Parent's Education Gateway and How to Support Your Kindergarten Child with Virtual Learning

**Thursday,  
October 15, 2020  
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm**

This session will offer the content of the above two workshops in Albanian, Arabic, Chinese, French, Khmer (Cambodian), Portuguese, and Spanish.

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*Hosted by the Office of Family and Community Engagement*

## **Introduction to the Special Education Process**

**Tuesday,  
October 20, 2020  
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm**

In this workshop, participants will learn to identify the criteria for special education and understand the disability categories in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Special education terms and procedures will be explained, as well as what to do if you suspect your child is in need of special education services.

### **JOIN SESSION**

#### Dial-in Information

Phone #: 267-831-0333  
Meeting ID: 308 997 9389  
Passcode: 3bhq2S

*Hosted by the Office of Specialized Services*

## **Bullying, Cyber-bullying and Harassment: An Overview for Parents and Guardians**

**Wednesday,  
October 21, 2020  
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm**

Participants will have an opportunity to learn about District policies related to bullying and harassment as well as how to report incidents of bullying and harassment and what to expect for their child after a report has been submitted. This live session will allow time for participants to engage with presenters via a question and answer segment.

### **JOIN SESSION**

#### Dial-in Information

Phone #: 267-831-0333  
Meeting ID: 222 219 7510

*Hosted by the Office of Climate and Safety*

## **Multilingual Session - Introduction to the Special Education Process and Bullying, Cyber-bullying and Harassment: An Overview for Parents and Guardians**

**Thursday,  
October 22, 2020  
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

This session will offer the content of the above two workshops in Albanian, Arabic, Chinese, French, Khmer (Cambodian), Portuguese, and Spanish.

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*Hosted by the Office of Family and Community Engagement*

## **Find Your Future: A School District of Philadelphia Guide to Career Pathways**

**Tuesday,  
October 27, 2020  
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm**

This workshop is an introduction to the District's newest resource tool for young adults in grades 7 through 12. This tool will help identify, build, and navigate a future career pathway by increasing their understanding of the knowledge, skills, and abilities needed to begin a future career and connect them to district schools and programs.

### **JOIN SESSION**

#### Dial-in Information

Phone #: 267-831-0333  
Meeting ID: 308 997 9389  
Passcode: 3bhq2S

*Hosted by the Office of Post-Secondary Readiness*

## **Find Your Future: College Readiness**

**Wednesday,  
October 28, 2020  
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm**

This workshop will review the different supports and programs that come out of the Office of Postsecondary Readiness including: SAT/ACT Prep, Funding Your Future (FAFSA, Scholarships, Grants, etc), Senior Year Only Program/Dual Enrollment, and other college preparatory resources.

### **JOIN SESSION**

#### Dial-in Information

Phone #: 267-831-0333  
Meeting ID: 556 152 9418

*Hosted by the Office of Post-Secondary Readiness*

## **Multilingual Session - Find Your Future: A School District of Philadelphia Guide to Career Pathways & College Readiness**

**Thursday,  
October 29, 2020  
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm**

This session will offer the content of the above two workshops in Albanian, Arabic, Chinese, French, Khmer (Cambodian), Portuguese, and Spanish.

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## Learn Where You Live - On Your Time!

Every live FACT Online workshop is recorded for anyone to view at a later time. Additionally, new pre-recorded sessions will be regularly added on topics such as how to support students with technology, online registration, and more!



Visit the [FACE YouTube Page](#) to View all Recorded Videos!

## No Registration Required!



Just follow the links above to join individual sessions at the listed date and time to participate in the webinars. Before joining a Zoom meeting on a computer or mobile device, you can download the Zoom app at [zoom.us/download](https://zoom.us/download) or in your device's app store. Otherwise, you will be prompted to download and install Zoom when you click a join link.

We look forward to seeing you there!

### For more information:

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More on our school's namesake here: <https://collaborativehistory.gse.upenn.edu/stories/sadie-tanner-mossell-alexander>

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Nice White Parents

<https://www.thisamericanlife.org/712/nice-white-parents>

**Currently Reading:**

*Untamed* by Glennon Doyle

<https://untamedbook.com/>

*We Want to Do More Than Survive: Abolitionist Teaching and the Pursuit of Educational Freedom* by Bettina Love

<https://bettinalove.com/>

“You have to act as if it were possible to radically transform the world. And you have to do it all the time.”

— **Angela Davis**