

# PAS WEEKLY

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| 215-400-7760

## Upcoming Events:

**Food & Supplies Drive: Blacktop**

November 23-24

**Early Dismissal: Report Card Conferences**

November 23-25

**Yoga Class**

Tuesday, November 23, 3:15pm

**Student Grab & Go Meals**Wednesday, November 25,  
9am-2pm**School Closed: Thanksgiving Holiday**

November 26-27

**NATIVE AMERICAN  
HERITAGE MONTH**

Click [here](#) to learn more about Native American Heritage Month

**Report Card Conferences: November 23-25**

Report card conferences will take place Monday, November 23 to Wednesday, November 25 from 1-3pm and on Monday, 11/23 from 6-8pm. K-5 families, please contact your child's teacher directly. See links below for specialists, PAS leadership team and middle school. If you can sign up during the November 23-25, 1 PM-3 PM window, please do. This will ensure that folks who need access to night conferences slated for Monday, November 23, 6-8 PM will be able to access those time slots. Teachers will be on a tight schedule. Please be sure to be on time for your time slot and be mindful of end times. If you prefer to speak with a teacher by phone instead of through Zoom or Google Meets, please let your child's teacher know. The teachers look forward to meeting with you.

Contact teacher or main office for Zoom links and schedules

**Report Cards**

Term 1 Report Cards will be made available for parents/guardians and students to view in the Backpack of the Parent & Family Portal and Student Portal by **Monday, November 23rd**. A District-wide message will be sent to parents/guardians.

Steppers and a video outlining how to view report cards are linked below:

[Viewing Report Cards in Campus Parent Stepper](#)

[Viewing Report Cards in the Student Portal Stepper](#)

[Video for Accessing Backpack in the Student Portal](#)

Translations are available from the [Parent Portal landing page on the FACE site](#)

### **Internet Access Assistance**

[PHLConnectED](#) program helps K-12 students get access to the internet is working to improve internet access and recognizes that some families have had challenges getting their internet solution. Please share your feedback or seek assistance so they can make sure every family who needs internet access can get it. Click on this form [Issue Escalation form](#) to share user experience, any issues, and other feedback. They want to make sure the process to sign up and get connected as seamless as possible.

Families can fill out the form directly or advocates can fill it out on behalf of someone they know needs help. At any time, the K-12 family member can dial 2-1-1 option 1 and a Resource Navigator can also help them complete this form over the phone.

The form can be access directly on the PHLConnectED webpage: [www.phila.gov/phlconnected](http://www.phila.gov/phlconnected)



### **Transgender Awareness Week**

Our GSA members created a few read-aloud recordings for the students in honor of **Trans Awareness Week**.

This is a recording from Ellie Bosse reading Neither by Airlie Anderson <https://youtu.be/MQfsPoI0Az8>.

This video is of Wynn sharing about Gender Neutral Language- Shout out to Mr. DiMatties who Wynn shared, uses the word Human to address his classes. Wynn shared that simple choice makes them feel welcome at [school. https://youtu.be/UM0mTzOcPDM](https://youtu.be/UM0mTzOcPDM)

This video is of Maha sharing a bio of a newly elected transperson to public office: <https://youtu.be/Ho16N0dzZyg>

In this video, Mabel shares about the term LGBTQIA+ <https://youtu.be/tOe65DqfFv4> Tips for Allies: <https://www.glaad.org/transgender/allies>



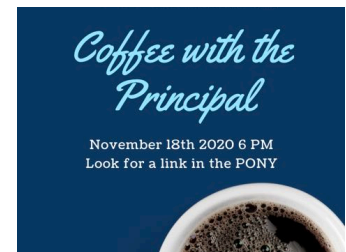
### **Google Meet - Now Has Backgrounds**

Google Meet now offers availability for virtual backgrounds for students to use during remote learning. Students can still use the blurred background but now they can also have virtual backgrounds.



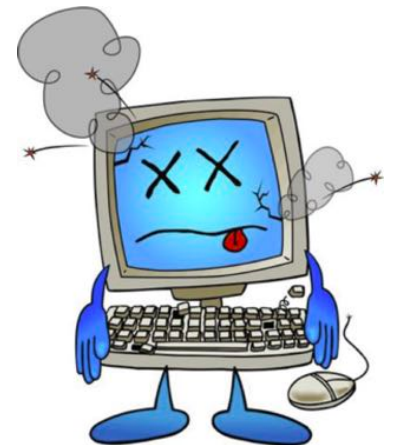
### **Coffee with the Principal Recording**

If you missed last week's Coffee with the Principal on November 18. Click [here](#) for the recording.



### **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](#).



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

REMINDER, if you haven't completed the Student Emergency/ Medical Form for your child, please click on this link to complete the form: [Student Emergency/Medical Form](#). The nurse will include this information in your child's record. It is helpful to have this information for virtual as well as in-person learning.





# Attention!

The distribution scheduled for Friday 11/27/2020 will take place on 11/25/2020 due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

**Please plan to pick up your 5 day meal box on Wednesday 11/25/2020 from 9 AM-2 PM**

Find your closest distribution location:

<https://www.philasd.org/coronavirus/grab-go-meals/>





The 19th Annual

# Harvest Food Drive



Penn Alexander School will be hosting its annual Food Drive to support the University City Hospitality Coalition.

This year, the Coalition needs donations to make pre-packaged, take-home meals.



## Donate in-person:

November 23-24  
at Penn Alexander School

## Donate Online:


<https://www.uchcphiladelphia.org/donate.html>




## Donate by Check:

University City Hospitality Coalition  
c/o Ally Kulesher  
623 Federal Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19147


*\*Monetary gifts are tax-deductible.*




The University City Hospitality Coalition (UCHC) has been serving University City's homeless and needy for over THIRTY-FIVE YEARS and is an all-volunteer non-profit organization.




## FOOD:

- **Granola bars**
  - **Individually packed snacks** – chips, cookies, crackers, etc.
  - **Tuna** Seasoned Packets (preferred) or pop-top cans
  - **Fruit cups and applesauce** (individually packed)
  - **Cans of Fruit or Vegetables** (#10 Size cans if possible) Preferably: corn, sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, collard greens, green beans, peaches, pears, or fruit cocktail
  - **Peanut Butter**
  - **Jelly**
  - **Bottles of water**
  - **Cans of seltzer**
  - **Juice boxes**
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## TOILETRIES:

- **Packets of tissues**
  - **Chapsticks**
  - **Travel Bottles** (small sizes) – soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, deodorant, lotion
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## PPE AND SUPPLIES:

- **Face Masks** (boxes)
  - **Hand sanitizer** – individual sizes or large for community use
  - **Disinfecting wipes**
  - **Ziplock Bags** – quart size
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THE SADIE TANNER MOSSELL ALEXANDER UNIVERSITY  
OF PENNSYLVANIA PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL PRESENTS

# THE PAS CLASSROOM MUSIC SHOWCASE

Featuring student work created and performed  
during the first marking period.

**CLICK HERE TO BEGIN!**

All students K-5 receive weekly music instruction, generally lasting between 30-45 minutes . Middle Schoolers receive 45 minutes of music every 6 school days. Our students have been creating, performing, responding, and connecting to music. We are so excited to share our work with you!

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# MS. KAMERA CARRIKER

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## Keeping PAS Safe

Prior to PAS having the pleasure of working with Ms. Kamera Carriker, she was helping make sure elderly people within Philadelphia were being fed. Helping others and making sure people get what they need, especially the underserved is something that Ms. Carriker has long been focused on. Kamera has been working with PAS for one month. Ms. Carriker's official role is General Cleaner so she makes sure the rooms and school are cleaned, disinfected, ventilated, dusted and ready for kids as preparations for their return are made and sustained as we enter into a new normal.



On top of everything Ms. Carriker does to keep our children safe, she also has 2 boys of her own she is supporting educationally and otherwise. Ms. Carriker has a son in third grade and a one year old son. She is very excited for PAS students to return and to be able to meet families. Ms. Carriker shared she has been able to meet some students and parents while tidying the outside given the enormous traffic our new playground has seen. If you see someone emptying the trash or sweeping up in front of the school, please introduce yourself so we can welcome and share our gratitude to Ms. Carriker.

During the pandemic, an appreciation for community and all that means in our lives has been felt in unimaginable ways. It was moving to hear Kamera share her dedication to her critical role within PAS through the lens of a parent wanting the same level of care, consideration and attention to detail that she wants for her boys. Thank you and welcome Ms. Carriker!!!



Favorite color: **Blue**

Favorite book: Becoming



Favorite Food: Italian food







Dear PAS friends-

One of the most amazing things about our Penn Alexander community is our extensive circle of supports. Seeing grandparents, aunts, uncles, and special friends helping our students reminds us how important it is to have a village to love and aid our children.

While our circles can't support our children in person at PAS right now, this is a great time to ask our families and friends to help their students through a donation to the PAS Home and School Association during our month of Giving Tuesdays. Their donations pay for our Art teacher, teacher programming, student activities, playground upkeep, and assistance for struggling families.

Here are some ways you can ask your circle of support to give to the PAS HAS this month:

Mom and Dad, as you know, it's been a rough year for our kids. Their school has been a valuable source of support for us. Can you help support their school by making a donation to the Penn Alexander HSA to make sure that help can continue?

Grandma and Grandpa- Because of the pandemic, our school's HSA can't hold its usual events this year where it raises money for Penn Alexander. Can you make a donation to the HSA to make up the difference?

Friend- We're really upset that we won't see you this holiday season because of the pandemic. Instead of exchanging gifts, can you make a donation to our kid's school's HSA? We've been really grateful for everything our teachers are doing to make this year work for our kids and the HSA helps cover costs around programming.

Our goal is to raise \$50,000 during this month from Giving Tuesdays, from November 10 to December 1. By reaching out to friends and family, you can help us get there. Thank you.

In community,

Jim Dugan, HSA President  
Jennifer Nix, HSA Vice-President, Upper School  
Rotonya Carr, HSA Vice-President, Lower School

Angela Curry, HSA Treasurer  
Helena Miller, HSA Secretary  
Christine Hill-Kayser, Room Parent Coordinator  
Carrie Waterman, Fundraising Chair





## 2020 Month of Giving Tuesdays

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

**Goal:** \$50,000

**My donation:** ☐ \$10 ☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$75 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$200

☐ \$500 ☐ 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 Angela Curry ([hsatreasurerpas@gmail.com](mailto:hsatreasurerpas@gmail.com)) for more information

### **Contact Info:**

My name: \_\_\_\_\_

My email: \_\_\_\_\_

My address: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **My company may match charitable donations; please contact me. Company Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **My Student(s):**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Room Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Room Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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# SUPPORT PAS HSA FUNDRAISING GIVING TUESDAYS

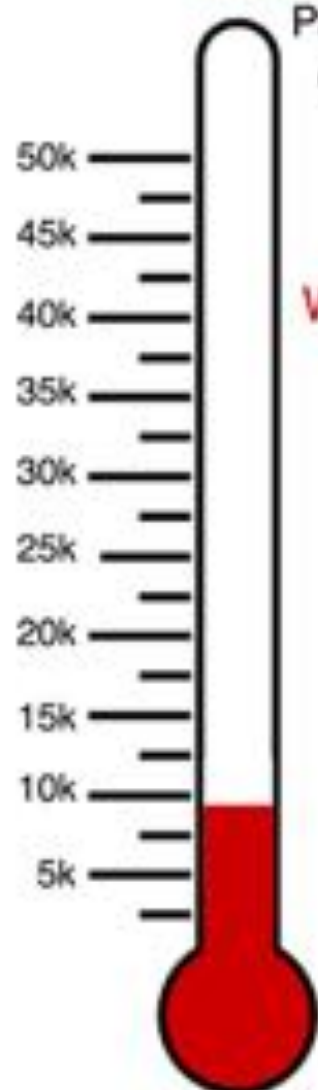
THE PAS HSA IS A REGISTERED 501(C)(3). EIN 11-3707471

LET'S REACH OUR GOAL BY 12/1/20

PayPal to [hsatreasurerpas@gmail.com](mailto:hsatreasurerpas@gmail.com)  
or enclose a check and mail to

PAS HSA  
4209 Spruce Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

WE ARE IN THIS TOGETHER



GOAL  
50K

ART PROGRAM

TEACHER  
APPRECIATION

STUDENT MATERIALS

TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES

STUDENT PROGRAMS

BUILDING, PLAYGROUND & GARDEN MAINTENANCE

PAS FAMILY SUPPORT FUND &  
COMMUNITY OUTREACH



# Ways to Help Penn Alexander:



**Amazon Smile** is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as

Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on Amazon Smile, the **Amazon Smile Foundation will donate 0.5%** of the price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice.

**If you shop on Amazon, bookmark [smile.amazon.com/](https://smile.amazon.com/) instead,** and choose *Home and School Association of Penn Alexander School* as your charity.

A percentage of every purchase will go to PAS.

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**Box Tops for Education** gives families an easy way to earn cash for PAS with products you already buy.

Click [here](#) to enroll. Once there, enter **19104** for the zip code and select **"SADIE TANNER MOSSELL ALEXANDER SCHOOL"** so that your eligible purchases will benefit PAS.

Then, **download the Box Tops app**, shop as you normally would, and **use the app to scan your store receipt within 14 days of purchase**. The app will identify Box Tops products on your receipt and automatically credit PAS's earnings online.

Twice a year, PAS will receive a check and can use that cash to buy whatever it needs! Plus, you can **invite friends and family** to earn, get reminders to scan, give credit for your earnings and more!

*Join us online for*  
**Hot Stuff**

*November 27th-30th*



ucartsleague.org

Please join us for UCAL's annual fundraiser, HOT STUFF, and support the organization while doing your **holiday shopping**. Just like HOT MUGS, but online this year and featuring bowls, cups, vases, plates... all the STUFF. You'll also be able to buy raffle tickets for local West Philly business gift cards and purchase the newest edition of UCAL's t-shirt!

To register and preview items, go to <https://HOTSTUFF.givesmart.com>. All pieces will be available to buy from November 27th-November 30th and all proceeds will support the Arts League stay afloat during a shaky time.