

PAS WEEKLY

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Upcoming Events:

School Advisory Council (SAC)

Monday, December 14, 3:45pm

FACE Family Math Workshop

Tuesday, December 15, 5:30pm

EC Summer Reading Discussion

Tuesday, December 15, 7pm

GSA

Thursday, December 17, 3:30pm

Student Grab & Go Meals

Friday, December 18, 9am-2pm

PAS Family Quizzo Night

Friday, December 18, 6pm

Winter Recess Begins

(Virtual School Closed)

Thursday, December 24

Winter Recess Ends

(Virtual School ReOpens)

Monday, January 4

EC Presents: Equity & PAS Community Conversation

Thursday, January 7, 7pm

#GIVING
TUESDAY
THANK YOU

We Closed Our Campaign Gap!

Thanks to your amazing generosity and participation we were able to close our Giving Tuesday gap last week and raise a total of \$50,557! We also exceeded our participation goal of 200 donors with 212 participants!

Every dollar we raise goes to enriching the educational experience of all students at Penn Alexander. Thank you for helping to make PAS the wonderful school that it is!

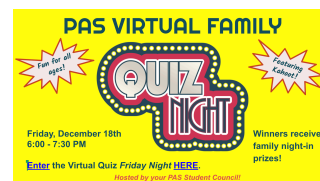
Winning grades for the most participation were 4th and Kindergarten. If you missed the 'Lil Pop Shop popsicle party, contact your room parent.



SUNRISE MOVEMENT

Sunrise Movement Hub Forming at PAS

Check out the new club forming at PAS!. Watch this [video](#) to learn about the Sunrise Movement and check the pony flier for more details, including a logo contest for the PAS Hub.



Join Us - PAS Virtual Family Quiz Night

PAS Student Council is hosting family quiz night on Friday, December 18 at 6pm. See flier for more details. Hope to see you there!

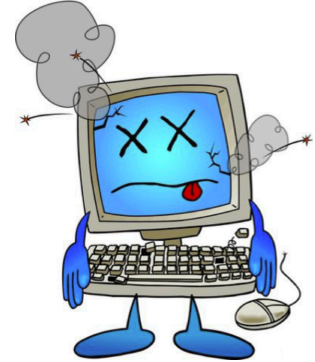
Parent Portal - Made Easy with the App!

The School District Parent Portal for student attendance, grades, reports and more has an app! Get grades and attendance pushed to your smartphone with the Infinite Campus Parent App. Click on either of these links for more information: [iPhone or iPad App](#) or an [Android device](#)



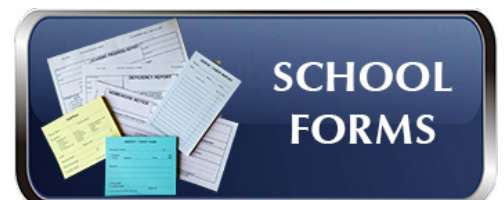
CHROMEBOOK ISSUES?

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.



PAS VIRTUAL FAMILY

Fun for all
ages!



Featuring
Kahoot!

Friday, December 18th
6:00 - 7:30 PM

Winners receive
family night-in
prizes!

[Enter](#) the Virtual Quiz *Friday Night* [HERE](#).

Hosted by your PAS Student Council!

Teacher & Staff Gift Donations

This year, we can all agree, our teachers and entire school community have gone above and beyond in terms of their dedication to students and making school meaningful during a year when so many teachers, students, and families have experienced indescribable loss. We ask all families to give what they can to support these gifts. We will use pooled contributions to divide among teachers (both grade level and specialist) and staff. Our primary goal is to be inclusive, and to ensure that all teachers and staff feel equally valued.

THANK YOU,
PAS TEACHERS & STAFF



In the past, average contributions per student have been \$20-30, and family contributions have ranged from \$1-\$250. Please feel free to give what is comfortable for you.

Ways to Give:



@PennAlexanderHSA; label as "Teacher/Staff Gift"



CASH OR CHECK

Penn Alexander Home and School Association; label as "Teacher/Staff Gift"

Payable to "HSA of PAS labeled "Teacher/Staff Gift" along with your room number(s) and drop off at PAS HSA Treasurer Angela Curry's mail slot (219 St. Marks Sq., just across from the PAS playground)

CREDIT CARD

Pay online and select the "Teacher Gift" option on the Shop page > <https://pennalexanderschool.org/shop/>

Sunrise Information Session!



The Sunrise Movement is a youth climate action that is focused on implementing the Green New Deal. We are dedicated to educating our community about our climate crisis, and advocating for government officials to take action in improving our climate.

The PAS Sunrise Hub is a group that meets every Friday to discuss current news topics, and ways to participate in the Green New Deal upbringing (along with some other social issues.) We participate in seminars and trainings over zoom with over 300 hubs around the country that also are a part of the Sunrise program.

We are looking to recruit **seventh graders** to join our team, and fight to make our country green. **Seventh graders** will be able to join an information session during one of our teams meetings on Friday January 8th. You will learn about the green new deal, our program, and our future actions. Feel free to send any questions to the emails below.

Date January 8, 2020

Time 11:30 am - 12:00 pm

Email sunrisemvmtwestphilly@gmail.com

Email 8394526@philasd.org

Website <https://www.sunrisemovement.org/?ms=SunriseMovement>

Sunrise Hub Art Contest!



Hey Everyone! There is a group in our Penn Alexander called The Sunrise Movement.

Now you may be asking...what is Sunrise?

The Sunrise Movement is a movement for young kids, like you, to stop global warming and create millions of good jobs in the process. We're building an army of young people to make climate change important across America! Sunrise was recently introduced to our school. We hold meetings every Friday.

We're holding an awesome contest to create a logo for our hub, which will be used for social media, flyers, and more!

The only rule is you need to incorporate a sun in the logo! To submit your design, email your design to 8393936@philasd.org. We hope you talented artists participate to help our cause!

JOIN US AT OUR SAC MEETING!

Penn Alexander School Advisory Council (SAC)

Monday, December 14, 2020, 3:45-4:45PM

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9751540779?pwd=Slc5Y2o3T2VuUmRLa01WdExVMzNRQT09>

Meeting ID: 975 154 0779 Passcode: 820583

One tap mobile +13017158592

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.

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/

December 2020 SAC Tentative Meeting Agenda

December 14th, 2020, 3:45-4:45PM

	Agenda Item	Time Estimate
1	Open Forum 10 Demands for Radical Education Transformation	30 minutes
2	Approval of November 2020 Meeting Minutes	5 minutes
3	Digital Learning & Digital Learning Schedule moving forward	10 minutes
5	Principal Report	10 minutes
6	Future SAC Meeting Dates: Wednesday, January 13 - 3:45pm-4:45pm Monday, February 8 - 3:45pm-4:45pm	5 minutes

THE PAS EQUITY CIRCLE
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR A
SUMMER
READING DISCUSSION



1619

Thursday, December 10, 2020
7-8:30 PM
or
Tuesday, December 15, 2020
7-8:30 PM

READINGS THAT WILL BE PART OF THE DISCUSSION:

1619: THE IDEA OF AMERICA

1619: TRAFFIC

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>

YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN ONE OR BOTH SESSIONS THIS MONTH!



TRAPEZIUM MATH®

Club

INFORMATIONAL SESSION

**Join us Wednesday, December 2,
Monday, December 14 or
Tuesday, December 15
at 7:00 pm (EST) to:**

- See how Trapezium Clubhouse and Clubhouse Jr. makes learning math online fun and engaging.
- Learn why Trapezium Clubhouse and Clubhouse Jr. is decidedly “low tech” and why that’s a good thing.
- See how Trapezium Clubhouse and Clubhouse Jr. prepares elementary students for success in middle school math and beyond!
- Hear about our plans for the next session beginning January 11th 2021.

[**Click Here to Register**](#)



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF
PHILADELPHIA

**SAVE THE DATE FOR
OUR FIRST**

Math Is Everywhere!

**WORKSHOP FOR
FAMILIES**

December 15th

5:30pm

Math is Everywhere: Creating Math Joy at Home

This workshop will provide families of young children the opportunity to learn how to create math joy at home. They will learn about their own math identities, begin to explore the math that exists in their everyday lives, and discover ways to make math moments at home.

Click this [link](#) to join the session!

A photograph of a child wearing a patterned face mask leaning over a table covered with a white cloth in an art studio. Other children are visible in the background working at tables.

UNIVERSITY CITY ARTS LEAGUE WINTER 2021

215-382-7811 www.ucartsleague.org

JOIN OUR AFTERSCHOOL POD CLASSES

This year UCAL has adjusted the afterschool program to provide the community with the childcare and support we need while maintaining a safe, quarantined environment.

Our classes are running with limited space for a socially distant learning environment ensuring students have access to socializing without putting anyone at risk. If you are in a pod, we invite you to join a class as a group! Visit our website for our safety policy, which is subject to change based on CDC recommendations. You can also find information about our online programming for families who wish to join us from home.

AFTER SCHOOL PRICING | WINTER 2021 | 10 WEEKS

1 class per week \$230

5 classes per week (-10%) \$1,035

UCAL NEEDS

YOUR SUPPORT!

It's no secret that UCAL is struggling financially as we head into the 2021 school year. If you're able, please invest in your art community and donate to UCAL when you sign up for classes this session. We need your support to continue to serve our community.

AFTER SCHOOL SCHEDULE | WINTER 2021

Monday, January 4th, session begins

UCAL CLOSED: January 18th

FULL DAY CAMP: February 15th

Friday, March 12th, session ends

DAILY SCHEDULE

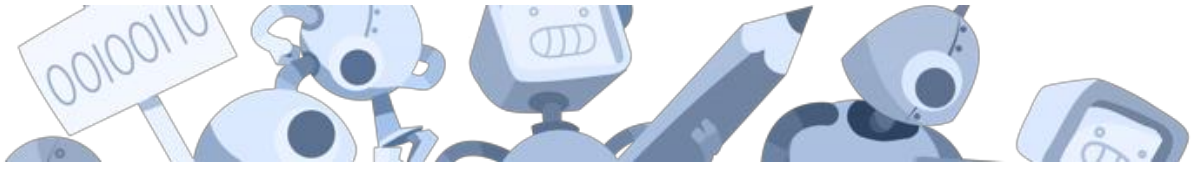
3:00pm - 4:00pm Parent dropoff & playtime

4:00pm - 5:30pm Art classes

5:30pm - 6:00pm Free play & parent pickup



University City Arts League is a nonprofit organization dedicated to education and cultural enrichment in the arts. We serve people of all ages in the diverse community of West Philadelphia.



PLAY WITH A TELEPRESENCE REHAB ROBOT!!

What are the goals of this research study?

The Rehabilitation Robotics Lab at the University of Pennsylvania Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation is conducting a robotic interaction study with children with both typical and atypical upper extremity limb function.

Who can be a part of this research study?

Children aged **4 to 17** both **with** and **without** disabilities.

What will participants be asked to do?

- The study will be performed at The Penn Institute for Rehab Medicine (18th & Lombard) or on the Penn Engineering Campus
- Cognitive and motor assessments will be performed
- Participants will be asked to interact with the robot, performing hand and arm activities, while being recorded, with parent in the room
- Children and parents will answer several survey questions
- The study will take approximately **1.5-2 hours**

What are the benefits of taking part in this research study?

- There is no direct benefit to children or their parents from taking part in this study. The knowledge gained from the study will be used to further develop robotic systems for treatment of persons with upper extremity impairments.
- You will be compensated for your time and travel.

I want to help! Who do I contact?

The study is under the direction of Dr. Michelle Johnson, PhD, Assistant Professor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. Please contact Michael Sobrepera, (215) 893-2695, mjsobrep@seas.upenn.edu for more information.

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