

# PAS WEEKLY

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## Upcoming Events:

### Title One Meeting

Wednesday, February 24, 9am

### GSA

Thursday, February 25, 3:30pm

### Student Grab & Go Meals

Friday, February 25, 9am-2pm

### K-7 Student Portraits Due

Monday, March 1

### Interim Reports

March 1-3

### First Day of Hybrid Learning K-2

Monday, March 1

### GSA

Thursday, March 4, 3:30pm

### PAS Musical T-shirt Order Due

Thursday, March 4,

### EC Summer Reading Discussion

Thursday, March 4, 7pm

### Student Grab & Go Meals

Friday, March 5, 9am-2pm

### SAC Parent Nominations Due

Thursday, March 11



## K-2 Hybrid Update

As many of you may know, the district has changed the start date for in-person learning for K-2 to Monday, March 1. **We will have full day schedules for all grades next week with a half day on Friday, February 26.**

To learn more about the plan for hybrid learning, click [here](#).



## Parent Help Needed NOW - K-7 Student Photo

Thank you to the 40 families who have submitted their child's portrait for our yearbook!

Our goal is have all 529 K-7 students included in the yearbook!

To create each class page, we need all families to submit a "portrait" of their K through 7th grader class pages! Please click [HERE](#) for instructions. Please reach out to your room parent for assistance.

To ensure we meet our yearbook production deadline, we need all families to participate by **March 1.**

**Thank you for lending a hand to create our yearbook this year!**

## **PAS Musical T-shirts - Now Available**

PAS musical t-shirts for our High School, Jr production are now available to order! To order, click [HERE](#). Shirts are \$12 each. Purchase by Venmo or cash.

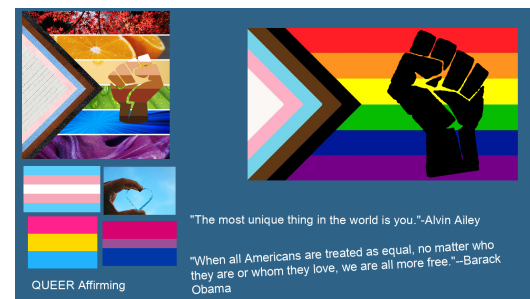
**Deadline to order is March 4.** Shirts will not be available to order after this deadline. Shirts will be available for pick up in early April.



## **Black History Month - Check out these awesome posters!**

I am pleased to share posters created by Ms. M's 6th graders, [affirming identities](#), [celebrating our uniques](#), the power of [empathy](#), the [intersectionality race and gender](#), and [using our privilege to support others](#). We hope to have several of the posters created this month by our middle school students printed and hung in our hallways and classrooms when we return to school.

For more about our plans for the month, click [here](#). You can also check out our ongoing resources for the staff [here](#).



## **Applications are open for the Board of Education's Parent and Community Advisory Council**

Are you or someone you know interested in using their voice to be a champion for public education? Consider applying for the Parent and Community Advisory Council! The Board of Education invites Philadelphia residents, who are passionate about improving public education, to **apply by March 1** for a position on the Parent and Community Advisory Council (PCAC) that begins in the 2021-2022 school year.

The Parent and Community Advisory Council serves as a bridge between the city's school communities and the Board of Education with council members sharing critical information on Board work with their networks while communicating the concerns of their school communities to the Board. Council members champion public education and promote city-wide engagement with the Board and School District with a focus on Goals & Guardrails, the Board's five-year plan to increase student achievement and success. Interested applicants can submit their application by 5:00 PM on March 1, 2021, by clicking [here](#) or by submitting a completed application via email to [schoolboardadvisorycouncil@philasd.org](mailto:schoolboardadvisorycouncil@philasd.org).



[Learn More and Apply Today](#)

## **Title One Parent Meeting**

Please join us for our Title One Parent Meeting **JOIN ZOOM MEETING:**

[HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/9751540779?pwd=SLC5Y2O3T2VUUMRLA01WDEXVMZNRQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9751540779?pwd=SLC5Y2O3T2VUUMRLA01WDEXVMZNRQT09)

MEETING ID: 975 154 0779. PASSCODE: 820583



## **Attendance Matters**

As a reminder to our students in grades 1-8, specialist classes - art, music, library, technology and gym - are graded subjects. Attendance and full participation in each class is expected. If your student is having difficulty accessing class, please reach out to the teacher. Email addresses are listed on our [staff webpage](#)



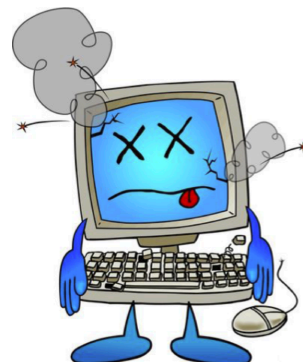
## **Parent Portal - Made Easy with the App!**

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](#).





## **Calling Parent Nominees for the PAS School Advisory Council (SAC)**

Join the School Advisory Council! The SAC supports the mission of Penn Alexander, and is comprised of parent, staff and community representatives. We are seeking nominees for 4 parent representatives, to be elected by the families of Penn Alexander students. SAC parent representatives serve a term of two years. Parent representative duties include:

- Representing parent viewpoints on issues brought to the SAC
- Responding to and collaborating with school community members
- Serving as a SAC officer or committee member
- Attending monthly SAC meetings
- Participating in workshops and trainings

For more information about the PAS SAC, please visit  
<https://pennalexander.philasd.org/school-advisory-council/> .

Serving on the SAC can help you make a difference at PAS!

We invite and encourage all interested parents (who will be parents at PAS for at least the next two years) to apply for nomination online at  
<https://www.philasd.org/face/sac/>. Select the SAC quick link “2020-2021 School Year SAC Application”.

**The nomination deadline is March 11th at 3:30PM EST.**

A ballot, including statements by all parent nominees, will be circulated to the parent community beginning the week of March 18th. Nominees are invited to participate in a meet and greet with parents at a virtual HSA meeting in March. Elections will be held during report card conferences April 3rd-5th. Election results will be announced on April 8th.

For questions or comments, contact Elections Committee Chair Monica Calkins,  
[mcalkins@upenn.edu](mailto:mcalkins@upenn.edu).

### **2021 PAS SAC Elections Committee**

Monica Calkins (Chair), Spruce Hill Community Association (SHCA) & Parent Volunteer; Jayne Downing, PAS PFT Building Representative; Helena Miller, HSA & Parent Volunteer; Al Suh, SHCA & Parent Volunteer; Rebecca Geller-Puchalsky, SHCA & Parent Volunteer

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# BLACK HISTORY MONTH ESSAY CONTEST

4TH ANNUAL

**For students in grades 3 to 8**

Winners in 3rd/4th, 5th/6th & 7th/8th grade

Walnut Hill Community Association

Central City Toyota

Iron Stone Real Estate Partners

The Enterprise Center

categories will receive:

**FIRST PLACE: \$100**

**SECOND PLACE: \$75**

**THIRD PLACE: \$50**

## TOPICS:

### Grades 3 & 4, choose one topic:

1. Marian Anderson
2. Ruby Neil Bridges Hall
3. Faith Ringgold
4. Congressman John Lewis

### Grades 5 & 6, choose one topic:

1. Octavius Catto
2. Senator Cory Booker
3. Chadwick Boseman
4. Vice President Kamala Harris

### Grades 7 & 8, choose one topic:

1. Julian Abele
2. Senator Vincent Hughes
3. Lucien Blackwell
4. Cecil B. Moore

## RULES & SUBMISSION:

Essays should be 2-4 pages double spaced. Please include a cover page with your name, school, grade, and a parent or guardian phone number and address. Essays will be judged on originality, research, organization, and writing.

First place winners will read their essays at the Black History Month celebration on March 11, 2021 via Zoom platform from 6:00pm to 7:00 pm. Runner ups will be introduced.

For more information, contact your school representative and/or 215.895.4000 ext. 4040 (Leave brief msg your call will be returned). Zoom link will be sent closer to Award Ceremony date via email

Essays can be submitted to [Info@walnuthillca.com](mailto:Info@walnuthillca.com) OR [Webmaster@walnuthillca.com](mailto:Webmaster@walnuthillca.com)

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 28TH, 2021**

**AWARDS CEREMONY: MARCH 11TH, 2021 6PM-7PM**





*The Philadelphia Writing Project presents...*



# The Black Girls Literacies Project

An online literacy collaborative for adolescent girls ages 13-18. Students will read, write, and respond to each other in order to explore the concept of love. This is a space for students who also enjoy composing texts using digital tools and desire to learn more about how to love themselves and others.

***Interested?** Register for our 3-day spring workshop series and one-week summer program. The cost of each is \$150. Scholarships are available for Philadelphia students. Capacity is limited, so sign up now!*



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# UNIVERSITY CITY ARTS LEAGUE SPRING 2021

events exhibitions classes

## COVID-19 EMERGENCY SHUTDOWN POLICY

If another stay-at-home order is issued by the city or state, UCAL classes will move to a virtual format, where possible. This applies to both adult and children's programs.

If UCAL needs to shut down because a student or staff member has tested positive for Covid-19, UCAL classes will move to a virtual format, where possible.

UCAL will respond to other refund needs on a case by case basis

## ADULT PROGRAM PRICING SPRING 2021

2 sessions - 16 weeks total

3 hour class cost \$299  
2 hour class cost \$181  
Online class cost \$110  
4 week workshop \$93

## 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.

## ADULT PROGRAMMING SPRING 2021

Monday March 15th Session Begins

UCAL is closed May 31st

Visit [www.ucartsleague.org](http://www.ucartsleague.org) to learn about our day camps, (We are open during Spring Break)

Friday June 11th, 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.

	2 Hour Classes	3 Hour Classes	Spring workshops
SUN		<b>HAND &amp; WHEEL</b> <i>handbuilding and wheel throwing</i> Bryson Kerns \$282	<b>BISQUE MOLD HANDBUILDING</b> Roberta Massuch \$176    5 weeks  <b>LIDDED BAKEWARE</b> Deborah Williams \$141    4 weeks
MON	<b>THE BRUSH AND CANVAS*</b> Jo Gamel \$159 <b>PRINTMAKING</b> Martha Knox \$137	<b>HAND &amp; WHEEL</b> <i>handbuilding and wheel throwing</i> Heather Ossandon \$282	<b>HANDBUILDING PLANTERS</b> Domenic Frunzi \$141    4 weeks  <b>MAKING SETS IN POTTERY</b> Heather Ossandon \$176    5 weeks
TUES	<b>WORKS ON PAPER*</b> Jo Gamel \$181	<b>HAND &amp; WHEEL</b> <i>handbuilding and wheel throwing</i> Josh Landowe \$299	<b>PLASTER MOLD MAKING</b> Hlroe Hanazono \$70    2 weeks  <b>SURFACE STUDIES</b> Kopal Seth \$176    5 weeks
WED	<b>ART &amp; SOCIAL MEDIA*</b> Jo Gamel \$181  <b>DRAWING WITH INK**</b> Pat Aulisio \$93	<b>HAND &amp; WHEEL</b> <i>handbuilding and wheel throwing</i> Debora Williams \$299	<b>LUSTER GLAZING</b> Yvonne Lung \$40    1 day
THURS	<b>OIL PAINTING 101*</b> Jo Gamel \$181  <b>POETRY NIGHT</b> Karen Smith \$181		<b>Online Only Classes</b>  <b>HANDBUILDING (ONLINE)</b> 4 week pottery course Heather Ossandon \$110
FRI	<b>THE PAINTED SKETCH</b> Ekaterina Vanovskaya \$93		<b>*Participants can join this class both in person and online</b>  <b>**session 1 is a 4 week workshop</b>
SAT		<b>HAND &amp; WHEEL</b> <i>handbuilding and wheel throwing</i> Ian M. Petrie \$282	





# **PAYSA**

## ***Youth Baseball***

**Registration for the 2021 season of  
Philadelphia Athletics Youth Sports Association (PAYSA)  
Baseball at the 48<sup>th</sup> & Woodland Playground  
is now OPEN via the registration tab on our website:**

**[www.phillyathletics.org](http://www.phillyathletics.org)**

The following in-house age groups are anticipated/planned:

Ages 3 - 4	Pee Wee (Introduction to Baseball)
Ages 5 - 6	Tee Ball (Tee, Coach Toss & Machine Pitch)
Ages 7 - 9	Rookie (Machine Pitch)
Ages 9 - 11	Senior Rookie (Machine & Kid Pitch)

*Final age groups and format are subject to change based on the number of players who sign up.*

### **In-House League Registration = \$85**

- Discounts for multiple children
- Financial assistance available

Opening Day is Saturday, April 10

**Registration will close by March 7 or when we fill up, whatever comes first.**

Questions, for more information, interested in coaching/volunteering,  
please email: [paysabaseball@gmail.com](mailto:paysabaseball@gmail.com).

*The focus of PAYSA Baseball is Learning, Fun & Good Sportsmanship*

Help us build on our successful beginnings by expanding access  
to more families in West & Southwest Philly

**[www.phillyathletics.org](http://www.phillyathletics.org)**



### General information:

- All practices are held at the fields at 48<sup>th</sup> & Woodland.
- Practices generally run 6-7/7:30 p.m. on weeknights. Games are mostly Saturdays and occasionally Sundays; some games will be played instead of practices later in the season.
- No games Easter and Memorial Day weekends.
- Once your child is placed on a team, you will be told their practice night.
- Pee Wee will be held once a week only on Saturday mornings (no weeknight practices).

### Important In-House dates:

- **Field Work Day:** Saturday, March 13
- **Coaches Meeting:** Monday, March 15
- **Evaluation Day (Rookie & Senior Rookie Leagues):** Saturday, March 20
- **Opening Day:** Saturday, April 10
- **Closing Day:** Saturday, June 5
- **Annual Fundraiser / Family Picnic:** TBD

**The Registration Cost for a child participating in any of the In-House Leagues will be \$85.**

- Discount for 2 players; total = \$150
- Discount for 3 players; total = \$200
- Discount for 4 or more; total = \$225

PAYSA is a 100% volunteer-run organization. Join our team and help us continue to make a difference in our community!

*Final age groups and format are subject to change based on the number of players who sign up. PAYSA reserves the right to place your child in the appropriate level with athletic ability and the safety of play the determining factors.*

## 2021 In-House Age Cutoff Dates

Birth Year	Age	Level	Notes
2018	3	Pee Wee 3-4	Must be age 3 by March 1, 2021
2017	4	Pee Wee 3-4	
2016	5	Tee Ball 5-6	
2015	6	Tee Ball 5-6	
2014	7	Rookie 7-9	
2013	8	Rookie 7-9	
2012	9	Rookie 7-9 OR Senior Rookie 9-11	PAYSA will place 9 years olds on a case-by-case basis with <i>athletic ability and the safety of play the determining factors</i> . Children <b>must</b> be evaluated on Evaluation Day in March 2021.
2011	10	Senior Rookie 9-11	
2010	11	Senior Rookie 9-11	