

PAS WEEKLY

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Upcoming Events:

Black Lives Matter Week of Action

February 1-5

Coffee with the Principal

Wednesday, February 3, 7pm

Report Card Conferences

February 3-5

GSA

Thursday, February 4, 3:30pm

EC Summer Reading Discussion

Tuesday, February 4, 7pm

Student Grab & Go Meals

Friday, February 5, 9am-2pm

2021-22 PAS Kindergarten Registration CLOSES

February 5

School Advisory Council (SAC)

Monday, February 8, 3:45pm

GSA

Thursday, February 11, 3:30pm

Student Grab & Go Meals

Friday, February 12, 9am-2pm

Presidents Day-School Closed

Monday, February 15

8th Grade Yearbook Photo

Tuesday, February 16



Report Card Conferences: February 3-5

If you haven't already, please sign up for report card conferences.

K-5 Teachers have posted sign up links.

6-8 Teachers have posted links in their [weekly update](#).

Specialist teachers - art, music, library, tech, gym, please email them directly.

Email addresses are listed on our [staff webpage](#)

Term 2 Report Cards will be made available for parents/guardians and students to view in the Backpack of the Parent & Family Portal and Student Portal this week.

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](#)



Coffee with the Principal: February 3

Please join me on Wednesday at 7pm at the zoom link below.

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

Meeting ID: 975 154 0779 Passcode: 820583 Mobile: +13017158592

Agenda items will include the [District's announcement](#) of re-entry for K-2 student.

Please use this [form](#) to submit questions or concerns you have about the reopening or other topics you would like to share at this month's session.

PAS NEWS SEASON 3 EPISODE 1 & Breaking News

The WHY Media Labs students are proud to present the Season 3 Episode 1 of PAS NEWS, along with a Breaking News report! In this broadcast, you will learn about our new playground as well as our music program: <https://youtu.be/aFFJt1DHARQ>

Click here for the Breaking News report: <https://youtu.be/6jCnS71yo88>



Congratulations, Debate Team!

Congratulations to our 8th graders- Eva, Oni, Bella, and Natalie- who competed in last week's ASAP debate. Two of our speakers won top debater awards at the competition- Oni and Natalie. Very proud of them, their hard work and devotion to do 3 hours on Zoom after school!

New middle school students welcome! The team will start a new topic about immigration next week. The team meets on Tuesdays from 3:15-4:15. and new members are always looking for more middle schoolers to join us. Email Ms. M at jamikolajewski@philasd.org for the meeting link.



Missed last week's Student Materials Pickup>Returns?

Please stop by the 210 St. Marks Square porch for self service pickup this week between 8am and 9pm to pick up your student's learning packet.



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](#)



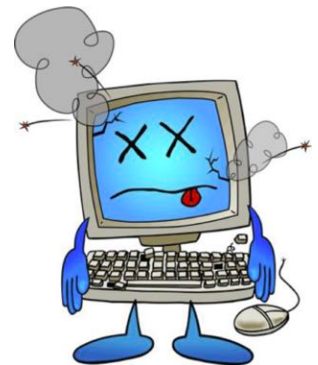
Parent Portal - Made Easy with the App!

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](#).





**Penn Alexander Elementary School
2021-2022 Kindergarten Registration Process**

The following are the guidelines and timelines that will govern how the application and selection process will be conducted to register students to the Kindergarten classrooms of the Penn Alexander Elementary School (PAS) for the 2021-2022 school year. **All applications must be submitted through the online registration system.**

Penn Alexander Kindergarten Lottery Process Timeline	
Registration dates	Monday, January 19, 2021 to Friday, February 5, 2021
School staff sends final list to OSEP via email.	Friday, February 10, 2021
School District processes applications	February 15, 2021 – February 19, 2021
Lottery letters mailed to students homes:	Friday, February 26, 2021

General Guidelines

- Only children who reside within the PAS Catchment are eligible for the lottery. All applications received after the close of the Kindergarten registration period will be placed on a wait list and will not be considered in the lottery process. Applications will be assigned to the waitlist in the order that they are received beginning with the first number after the lottery assigned students. Applications are considered complete once it has been marked complete by the school secretary.
- Two documents confirming residency within the catchment are required upon submission of the registration materials with one document being a Deed, a notarized lease, utility bill or government issued information. Water Bills, Residency affidavits and Delegations of Parental Responsibility will NOT be accepted. All information including immunizations MUST be submitted for consideration. All applications that meet the residency requirements will be placed in a lottery.
- This notice will be reviewed annually and placed on the School District website when the School District announces Kindergarten registration on or before January 11th. All notices will be translated into the District's eight major languages.
- All registration forms must be submitted to PAS on or before the deadline. The system will no longer take applications at 11:59pm on Friday, February 5, 2021.
- All enrollment decisions will only be communicated in writing via email to the email address used in completing the application. Enrollment decisions will not be communicated over the telephone nor will letters be given to parents by the Penn Alexander School or the School District's Education Center.
- For more information and to complete the online registration process, please visit www.philasd.org/studentplacement/registration

Proof of Address



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Proof of Address (Two (2) of the following is required)

Acceptable documentation includes the listed items below: One of the documents must be a deed, notarized lease, or utility bill. All residency information will be verified for accuracy. Additional information may be required during the verification process.

Deed or Notarized Lease	Valid DOT identification card
Mortgage settlement sheet	Current credit card bill
Current utility bill (gas, electric)	Recent vehicle registration
Recent property tax bill	Voter Registration Card showing current address
Valid driver's license or change of address card with your current address	Recent bank statement with current address
Letter from Social Security Office with current address	IRS Statement or other wage and tax statements e.g., W2, 1040, 1099
Letter from Public Assistance Office with current address	Recent Employer Pay Stub showing current address
Foster care/child care and DHS letters are acceptable for registration when a student is in the care of a foster/child care agency	Original lease with name(s) of parents/legal guardians and children
Signed property sales agreement, followed by original copy of settlement papers within 45 calendar days of settlement	



Wynn Glazer

2nd Place

and

master writing class invitation



Excerpt from: New Beginnings

Wynn Glazer, age 12

I was dragged home on a skateboard. When we got to where "home" apparently is, I stare up at the house—no, it is not a house—I stare up at the apartment building. The little girl and her mother live alone just like he said they were did. He's house was very big, though. There were rooms that never stopped but in, she acted as if they were others. He's house smelled like lavender and empty space, whilst this girl's house smells like something I can't quite put my finger on.

Later that day, the girl paints me more green. He's house has the color that's everyone's, though. While I am dying, I wonder how many years I will spend with this little girl. Will she put lots of things in my dreams? Will she know them later? Will she take off the college? Will she skip? I won't know until it happens, I just have to wait. But I don't want to wait. I want to jump up and scrape the revolting green paint off of my unsplashed soul and run all the way to where he is, if it's halfway across the world or a walk in the park, away. But I guess it's not me and he won't move. No matter how much I want it to be. It's me and this little girl. My whole life was the same, getting up on the same carpet in the same room that smelled the same with the same girl putting the same style of clothes on me. I don't even know if it was as long as I will myself it was, but it felt like it. It felt like 100 years. And...I haven't even witnessed any sort of change. This girl certainly has a routine, but she's new. She's not the stuff she sprays in the bathroom to make it smell nice, she's the welcoming air you breathe in at the beach. Alone in the room with the child and at school, I ponder the thought that I never liked in. She was just my only option. It's just such. She's not more green, but definitely not anymore yellow.

We're starting now with this house, this girl. It was my beginning, and this is hopefully not my end. It's just another start.



THE PAS EQUITY CIRCLE
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR A

Summer Reading Discussion



1619

Thursday, February 4, 2021, 7-8:30 pm

Tuesday, February 16, 2021, 7-8:30 pm

Readings that will be part of the discussion:

1619: THE IDEA OF AMERICA & 1619: MEDICAL INEQUITY

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!



PAS HSA LOVE CONNECTION

With Valentine's Day around the corner, let's create a PAS love connection!

Make your own Valentine

Print and color the one below

Pick up a template from a porch at:

219 St. Marks/4420 Larchwood Ave/4248 Regent Sq

Post in your window to help spread some love during these unprecedented times.

If you'd like to add your address to the map for those wanting to do a PAS Valentine stroll, enter it here - [PAS HSA Valentine](#)

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY



LOVE



PAS HSA





JOIN US AT OUR SAC MEETING!

Penn Alexander School Advisory Council (SAC)

Tuesday, February 8, 2021, 3:45-4:45PM

Zoom Link:

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

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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!

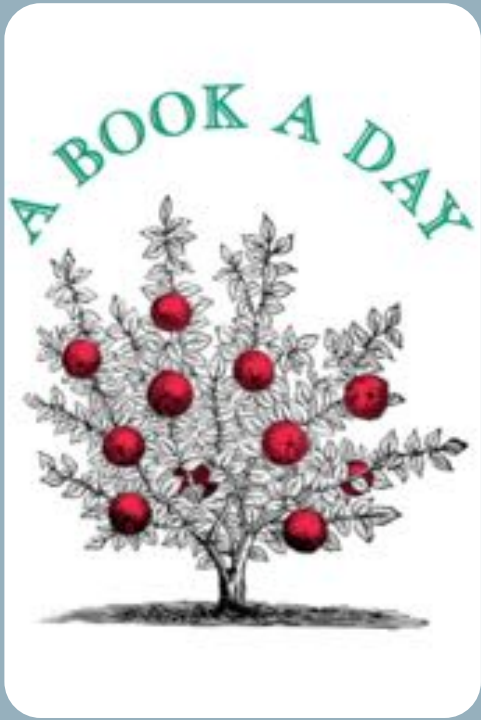
The SAC meetings are public meetings that are open to all families and community members. The first thirty minutes of each meeting is reserved for family or community members to address the SAC in a public forum, each speaker will be given three minutes to speak. If you wish to speak at a SAC meeting, 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/

February 2021 SAC Tentative Meeting Agenda

February 8th, 2021, 3:45-4:45PM

	Agenda Item	Time Estimate
1	Open Forum - 10 Demands for Radical Education Transformation - Black Lives Matter Week of Action	30 minutes
2	Approval of January 2021 Meeting Minutes	5 minutes
3	PAS Parent Rep Elections	5 minutes
4	Kindergarten Registration	5 minutes
5	Principal Report	10 minutes
6	Future SAC Meeting Dates:	5 minutes

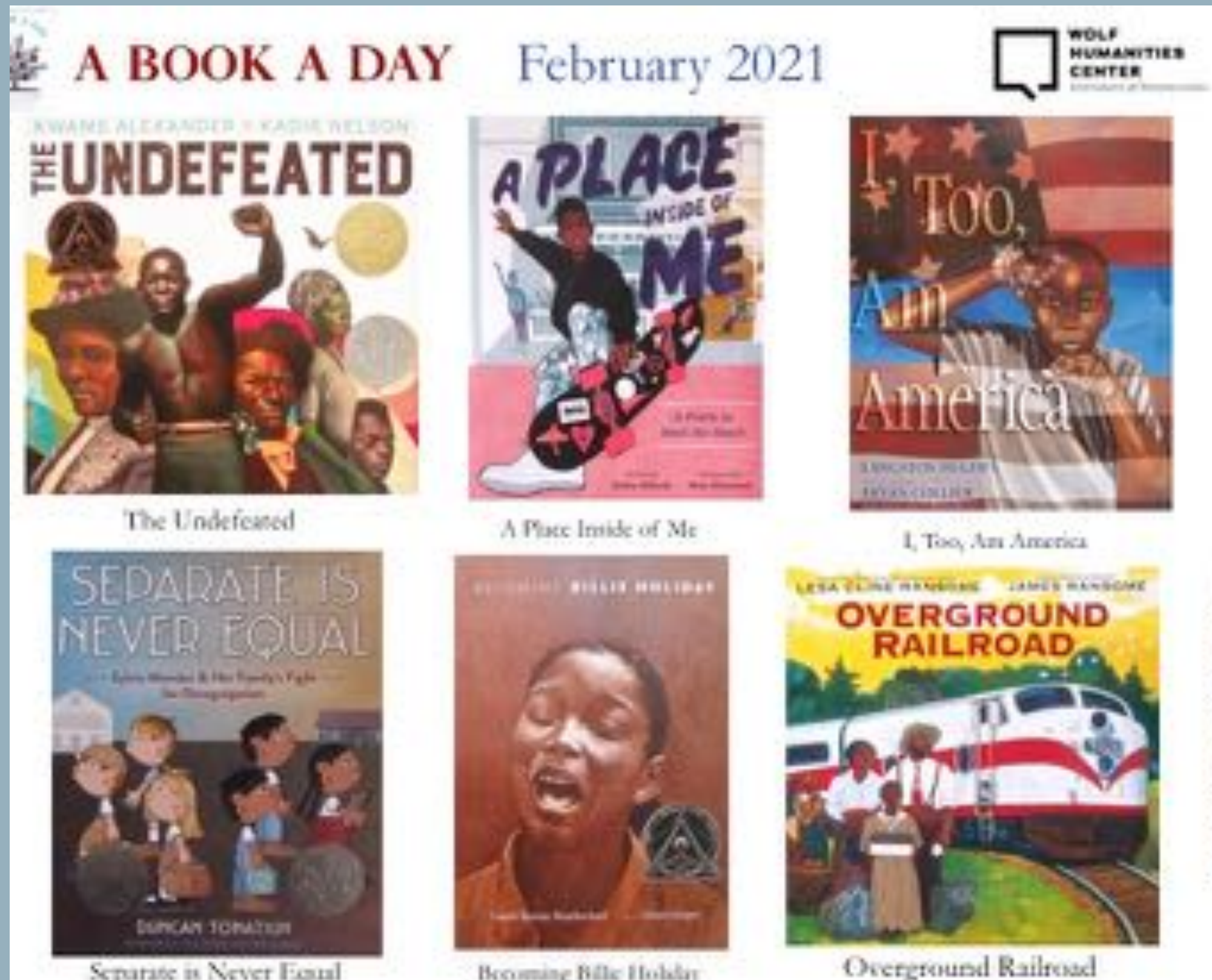


A Book A Day

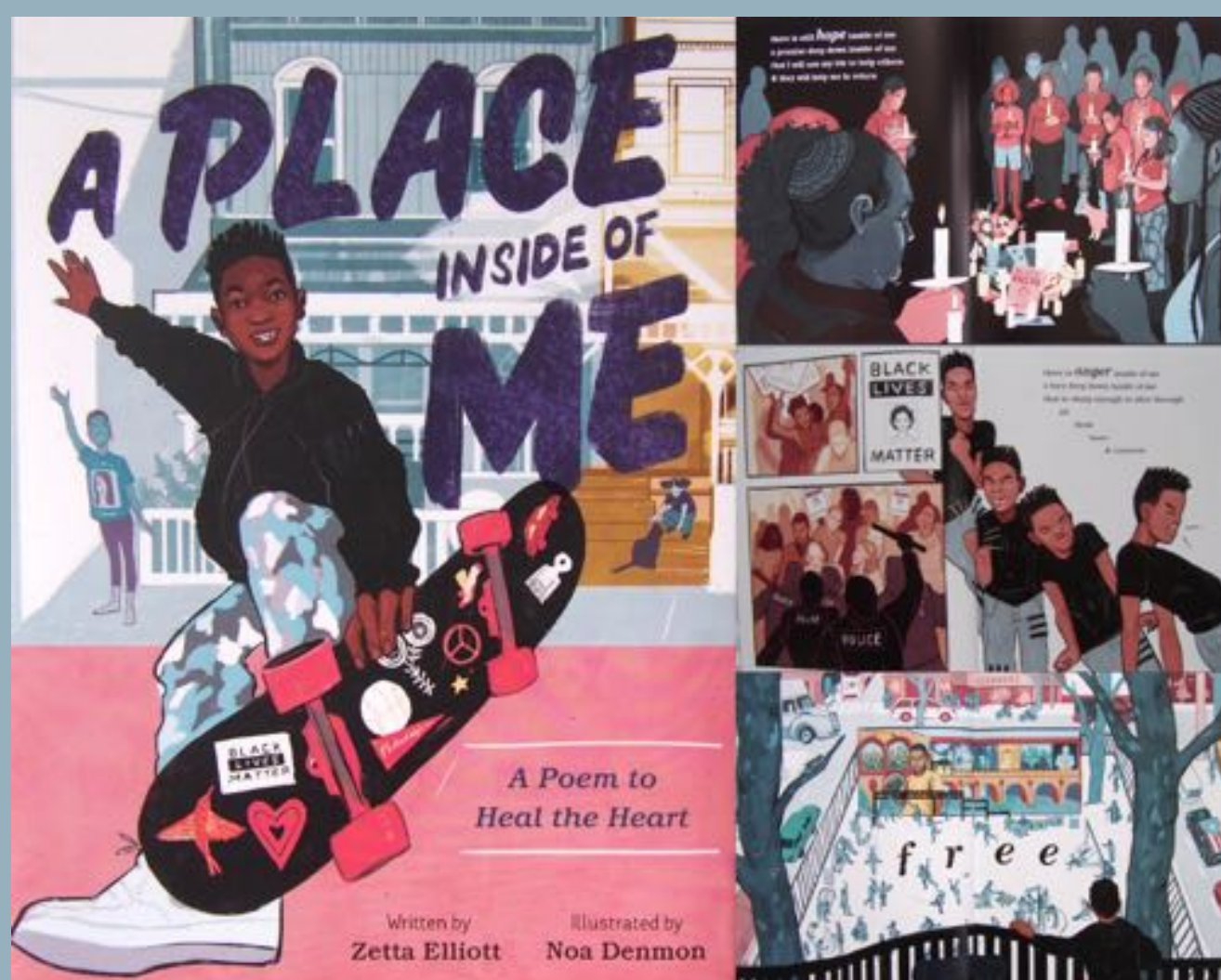
Our staff is thrilled to share a new selection of titles, featuring some outstanding new publications.
You can find more about these new books here: <https://abookaday.edublogs.org/>

A special thank you to the Wolf Humanities Center for generously supporting this donation to the Henry Charles Lea and Penn Alexander schools.

These books are available at Bindlestiff Books and will be eagerly awaiting check out from your school library when it is safe to resume book circulation. Click on the titles to learn more about the artists.



Donated Books



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books and programs,
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