

# PAS WEEKLY

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## Upcoming Events:

### School Advisory Council (SAC)

Monday, February 8, 3:45pm

### GSA

Thursday, February 11, 3:30pm

### Lunar New Year-Wear Red or cultural attire

Friday, February 12

### Student Grab & Go Meals

Friday, February 12, 9am-2pm

### Presidents Day-School Closed

Monday, February 15

### 8th Grade Yearbook Photo

Tuesday, February 16

### EC Summer Reading Discussion

Tuesday, February 16, 7pm

### GSA

Thursday, February 18, 3:30pm

### Student Grab & Go Meals

Friday, February 19, 9am-2pm



## K-2 Hybrid Update

As many of you know, the Philadelphia Federation of Teachers has directed teachers serving K-2 students to remain home on Monday, February 8. The district responded that teachers would be disciplined if they do not report. The principals union is standing in solidarity with the teachers acknowledging the environmental challenges and lack of access to vaccines for educators.

**Given the uncertainty, we will maintain a K-2 and specialists asynchronous schedule on Monday.** Our K-2 teachers surveyed the parents who attended conferences. Since the survey, forty PAS K-2 students have chosen to remain virtual.

Some parents were not sure, and will update us within the next week or so. This means we will likely be serving one hundred and eleven students. If your K-2 child attends a daycare, access center or in-person pod, please check with them about their rules for attending in-person at PAS while attending their center. If you plan to opt-out of the hybrid model, please let your classroom teacher or email Ann Kreidle at [kreidlea@upenn.edu](mailto:kreidlea@upenn.edu) so we can continue to plan accordingly. To learn more about the plan for hybrid learning, click [here](#).

## Happy Year of the Ox!

**We encourage our students to wear red on Friday the 12th in celebration of the Lunar New Year.** Thank you to Ms. Lam and the families who helped to share educational resources with our teachers and families! To checkout the resources, click [here](#) as well as the ones below!

### My Day with Gong Gong (read aloud by Ms. Lam)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D1VvYGyqA6M&feature=youtu.be>

**PAS Lunar New Year 2021 Virtual Bulletin Board (post your crafts, learning experiences, and other celebrations with the larger school community.**

<https://teacherscollege120.padlet.org/taylorlam/12i230wg78k27wya>

### **Kindergarten Lottery:**

The kindergarten lottery application window closed on February 5th. The lottery will be held, and letters will be sent to families indicating their status **on February 26th**. The school will not be able to share this information by phone. You will need to wait until you receive the letter in the mail. If, for some reason, your letter doesn't arrive **by March 15th**, please contact me at [loverton@philasd.org](mailto:loverton@philasd.org). Thank you to all who participated.



### **Black Lives Matter Week of Action/Black History Month**

Our teachers started Black History Month by focusing on the Black Lives Matter Week of action and coinciding principles. For more about their plans, click [here](#). You can also check out our ongoing resources for the staff [here](#).



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

As we work to create a yearbook for this year, we need some help from our parents! 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. **Deadline March 1.**

[LINK TO PDF](#)

### **Alumni Shout Outs!**

**Laila Johnson '19** took First Place in the 1st Annual Central High School Virtual Public Speaking Contest

**Aviva Bock '17** won First Prize in the School District of Philadelphia All City Concerto competition for violin.



### **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](#)



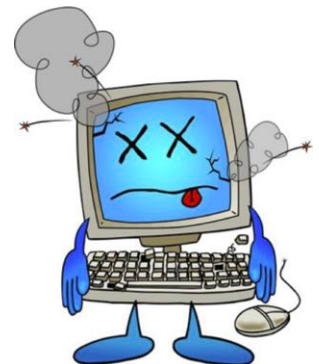
### **Parent Portal - Made Easy with the App!**

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](#).



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# THE YEAR OF THE OX

2021 MARKS THE YEAR OF THE OX AS DEFINED BY THE CHINESE TRADITION OF THE ZODIAC. EVERY NEW YEAR IS REPRESENTED BY 1 OF 12 ANIMALS, STEMMING FROM THE ORIGIN STORY OF THE ZODIAC RACE.

THOSE BORN IN THE YEAR OF THE OX (1961, 1973, 1985, 1997, 2009, 2021) ARE PREDICTED TO HAVE A LUCKY YEAR IN 2021.



# WHY RED?

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THE PAS EQUITY CIRCLE  
INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR A

# *Summer Reading Discussion*



*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

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**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>

**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](mailto: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.

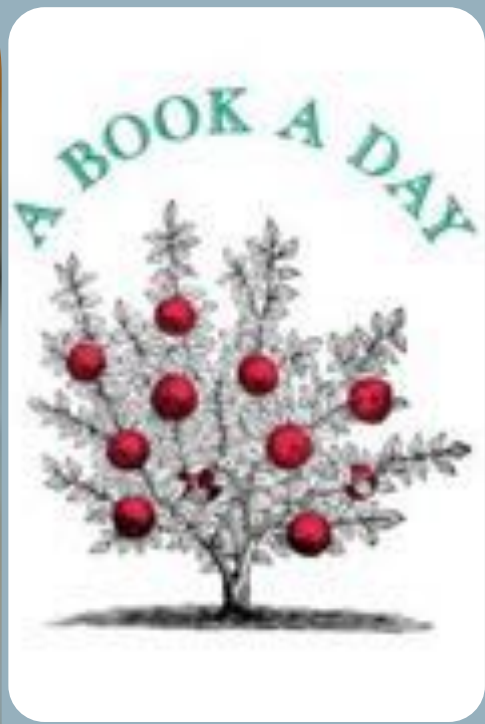
To learn more about Penn Alexander's SAC and review a list of SAC members, please visit our SAC website-[pennalexander.philasd.org/school-advisory-council/](http://pennalexander.philasd.org/school-advisory-council/)

## **February 2021 SAC Tentative Meeting Agenda**

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

	Agenda Item	Time Estimate
1	Open Forum - <a href="#">10 Demands for Radical Education Transformation</a> - 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



To discover more books and programs, see our Newsletter



*New Virtual*  
**Film + TV Classes**  
with  
**Curio Theatre School**



*Lights, Camera,  
Action!*

Explore Film and  
TV Production!

**For Kids in Grades 4 - 8**

*Winter Session:*

Saturdays from 10am - 12pm  
February 6th to March 20th

Each session is \$200 with opportunities  
for both partial and full scholarships  
by emailing Education Director  
Tessa Kuhn: [Tessa@curiotheatre.org](mailto:Tessa@curiotheatre.org)

For more information visit [www.curiotheatre.org](http://www.curiotheatre.org)  
or call 215-921-8243

Looking for a great way to kick off your school's chess club this spring? [The Eighth "Hour of Chess Week"](#) is back! Whether your school is meeting in person or virtually (or a combination), "Hour of Chess Week" is a fun way to connect your students with each other and to enjoy the benefits of chess!

Once again, we will dedicate one full week to encouraging chess in schools (in every school) for at least one hour. This edition will be **February 22-26, 2021. Participation is FREE!**

## What Is Hour of Chess Week?

The Hour of Chess Week is a week dedicated to playing chess with everyone, anywhere in the world, for at least one hour! But specifically, ChessKid will be working with its major programs, largest and most active school districts, as well as promoting the efforts to as many worldwide schools to "try chess club at your school for one hour this week" and see if your kids love to play chess. We think they will!

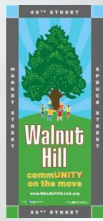
## Why is ChessKid Doing This?

We want to help you grow chess in your area! In fact, we're giving away prizes to prove it! All schools that sign up with their planned time of participation during the week of February 22-26, 2021, will be registered in a drawing to win one year free of ChessKid Gold Membership access for every kid in their school. (Up to 500 Gold Memberships -- a \$5000 USD value). Only one school will win.

In addition, ChessKid will give away three more prize packages of 20 gold memberships (a \$700 USD value) chosen from among all programs (school or homeschool) who share a photo of their chess class (in person or virtual) and tag ChessKid on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), or [Instagram](#)! Make sure to use the hashtag **#HourOfChessWeek**. We will share and promote the best photos and announce the three winners (subjectively chosen as our three favorite photos) to receive a prize package of 20 gold memberships!

*Don't miss Hour of Chess Week! Sign up [here](#).*

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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**





# Going Back to Child Care: Parent Town Hall on COVID Safety

on Zoom & Facebook Live

Thurs, Feb 11, 2021

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Are you ready to send your children back to child care, but have questions about COVID precautions? Know the facts so you can make the right decision for you and your family.

Join us for a free Zoom event and ask the experts:

**Philadelphia Department of Public Health**

- Gail Carter-Hamilton, MSN, RN, CSN, Pediatric Resource Manager
- Tanya Dhingra, MPH, Pediatric Resource Coordinator

**Division of Disease Control, Philadelphia Department of Public Health**

- Julianne Burns, MD, MSCE, Medical Specialist, COVID-19 Immunization Program
- Nicole Spector, MSN, CRNP, Covid-19 Immunization Program Nurse Practitioner

**CHOP PolicyLab**

- Dr. Susan Coffin, MD, MPH

**Philadelphia Office of Children and Families**

- Sean Perkins, Chief of Early Childhood Education

**Office of Early Childhood, School District of Philadelphia**

- Michelle Linder-Coates, Executive Director

**Early Learning Resource Center, Region 18, Philadelphia**

- Diane Getzinger, Assistant Director of Provider/STARS

**Public Citizens for Children and Youth**

- Mai Miksic, Early Childhood Policy Director



Register and ask an early question at <http://bit.ly/3oGOAke>  
or watch live on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/PCCYPage>.



CHOP PolicyLab



# 您是否获取了费城市身份证？ 立即申请！



## 费城市身份证是什么？

费城市身份证是由政府签发的、有效而可选的身份证，所有城市服务和本市资助的计划都接受此身份证。



## 谁可以获取费城市身份证？

居住在费城并且年满 13 岁的所有人都可以获取费城市身份证。



## 获取费城市身份证需要多少费用？

- 13–17 岁的年轻人收取 5 美元
- 18–64 岁的成年人收取 10 美元
- 65 岁及以上的年长者免费



## 我可以用费城市身份证来做什么？

您可以使用身份证来：

- 在纽约的银行和信用社开户。
- 获取健康服务。
- 借阅图书馆图书。
- 登记进入学校和城市建筑。
- 在精选博物馆、娱乐场所及更多地点享受折扣。
- 任何您需要出示身份证的场合！



## 如需了解更多信息：

- 在线访问 [phila.gov/PHLcityID](http://phila.gov/PHLcityID)
- 拨打 311
- 造访位于市政厅 167 房间的 311 Walk-in Center（311 市民服务步入式中心）。



## 如何获取费城市身份证？

申请费城市身份证的所有人都必须提供身份证明和住址证明。所有文件都必须是最新的原件。可接受某些过期的身份证表格。

### 可接受的身份证明文件范例：

- 美国或外国护照
- 退伍军人身份证
- SEPTA Key（宾州东南交通局智能交通卡）年长者身份证
- 美国或外国驾驶执照
- 高中或大学学生证
- 领事身份证（CID）

### 可接受的居住地址证明文件范例：

- 公用事业费用账单
- 银行对账单
- 当前租约
- 工资单
- 来自医院、健康诊所、避难所或社会服务机构的信函

请前往 [phila.gov/PHLcityID](http://phila.gov/PHLcityID) 查看可接受文件的完整列表。

# Did you get your PHL City ID? Apply today!



## What is the PHL City ID?

The PHL City ID is an optional, valid, government-issued identification card that is accepted by all City services and City-funded programs.



## Who can get a PHL City ID?

The PHL City ID is for anyone who lives in Philadelphia and is age 13 or older.



## How much does it cost to get a PHL City ID?

- \$5 for youth age 13-17
- \$10 for adults age 18-64
- Free for adults 65 and older



## What can I use my PHL City ID card for?

Use your card:

- To open a bank account at participating banks and credit unions.
- To access health services.
- To check out library books.
- To sign in to schools and City buildings.
- To get discounts at select museums, entertainment venues, and more.
- Anytime you need to show ID!



## To learn more:

- **Go** online to [phila.gov/PHLcityID](http://phila.gov/PHLcityID)
- **Call** 311
- **Visit** the 311 Walk-in Center in Room 167 of City Hall



## How do I get a PHL City ID?

Anyone applying for a PHL City ID must provide Proof of Identity and Proof of Address. All documents must be originals and current. Some expired forms of ID may be accepted.

### Examples of accepted Proof of Identity Documents:

- U.S. or foreign passport
- Veteran identification card
- SEPTA Key senior ID card
- U.S. or foreign driver's license
- High school or college student ID card
- Consular identification card (CID)

### Examples of accepted Proof of Address Documents:

- Utility bill
- Bank statement
- Current lease
- Paystub
- Letter from hospital, health clinic, shelter or social service agency

**Go to [phila.gov/PHLcityID](http://phila.gov/PHLcityID)**  
to see the full list of accepted documents.