

PAS WEEKLY

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Upcoming Events:

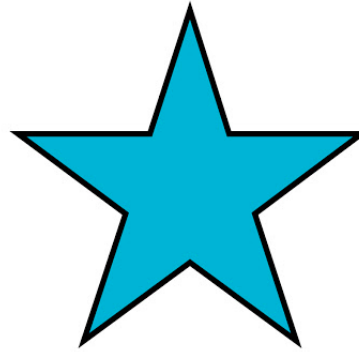
**Election Day
School Closed**
Tuesday, May 18

**EC Summer Reading
Discussion**
Tuesday, May 18, 7pm

GSA
Thursday, May 20, 3:30pm

Student Grab & Go Meals
Friday, May 21, 9am-2pm

**AAPI Book Donor
Appreciation &
Multicultural Night**
Tuesday, May 25, 6:30pm



Talent Show - What a Night!

Huge shout to this year's PAS Talent Show Production Team and to all of our participants!

We can't thank enough HSA, parent volunteers, Mr. Endriss, and especially Dave Stotz and PAS Alum Mitchell Berven-Stotz for transferring this much loved annual tradition into a spectacular video. In case you missed Friday night's Talent Show, be sure to grab your snacks and check out this year's show. All of your favorites are back - singing, dancing, jokes, magic tricks, gymnastics, piano playing as well as some new ones! Check out the program at the end of the pony to learn more about this year's acts. Looking forward to see more PAS talent next year!

PhillyTreeStories - Check Out Our Entries

Be sure to check out Ms. M's 6th grade tree nominations for the Philly Tree Plan photo competition, which is one of many ways the City is learning about the needs and benefits of Philly's trees for its upcoming Philly Tree strategic plan. All winners will be announced in June but there is an opportunity to vote for the audience choice prize next week. The class entered the competition as part of this year's Need in Deed project.

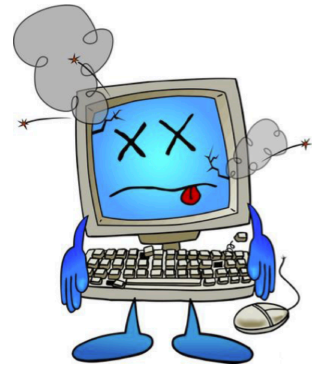
Moving? Not Returning to PAS for '21-'22?

Moving? Not returning to PAS for the '21-'22 school year? If you are planning to relocate, or not return to PAS in the Fall, please contact Principal Overton in writing or email (loverton@philasd.org) as soon as possible. This information will assist us in planning and reorganizing for the upcoming school year. We have a number of students on our waiting list for each grade.



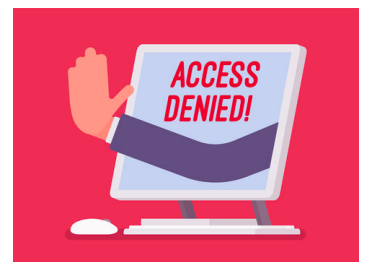
CHROMEBOOK ISSUES?

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](#).



Travel Restrictions with School District Student Apps

As a reminder access to School District services like Google Classroom or Zoom meetings is typically not available from outside the contiguous United States. While you may have an Internet connection through your provider, your student will not be able to access their virtual classroom.



THE PAS EQUITY CIRCLE INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR A

Summer Reading Discussion

Thursday, May 6, 2021
7-8:30 PM

or

Tuesday, May 18, 2021
7-8:30 PM

Readings that will be part of the discussion:

1619: The Idea of America

1619: The Wealth Gap

Other topics to cover: Talking to Children about Race

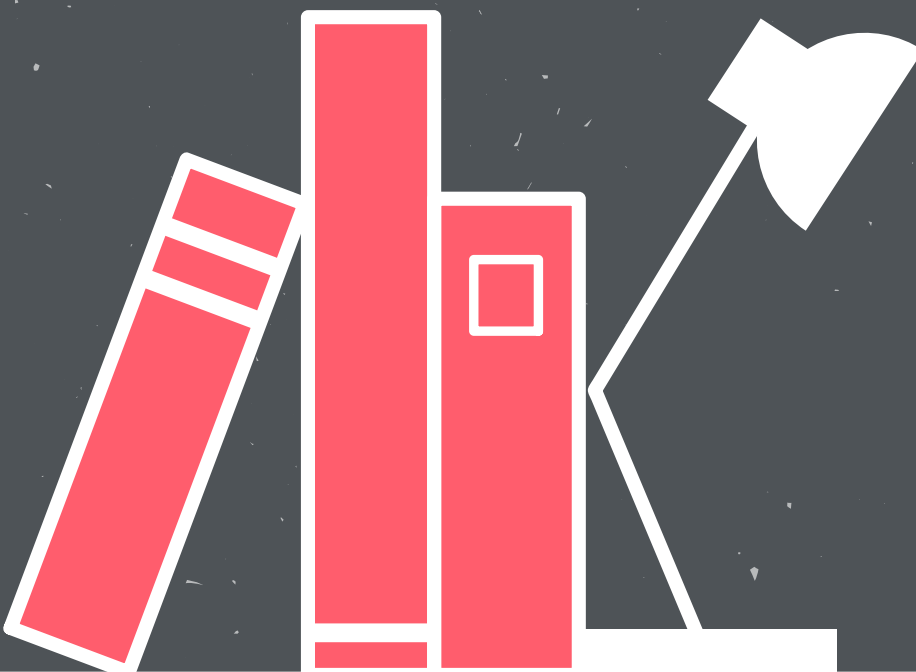
Reading Link:

<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>



PAS YEARBOOKS

We only have 50 yearbooks left to purchase!
Order today if you would like one!

A YEAR LIKE NO OTHER!

Despite its challenges there is
so much good to celebrate!

**YEARBOOKS WILL BE ON SALE
ONLINE UNTIL SUPPLIES LAST.
TO PURCHASE YOUR STUDENT'S
YEARBOOK, PLACE YOUR
ORDER [HERE](#)**

All 8GR students will receive a complimentary
copy as a gift from Principal Overton.





SPRING LEA/PAS BOOK BIN SCAVENGER HUNT

Monday May 17th – Friday June 4th

K-1st	1-2nd	3-5th	Middle School
4420 Larchwood	4524 Locust	4605 Larchwood	228 S 45th
439 south 43rd	4838 Hazel Ave	228 S 45th	4529 Locust St
217 S Melville St	4211 Regent Sq	4420 Larchwood	4254 Regent Sq
	5127 Pine St	430 S 44th St	500 South 44th St
	4254 Regent Sq	4522 Locust St	
	4428 Pine St	4317 Osage Ave	

FIND ALL THE LETTERS AND
UNSCRAMBLE THEM TO MAKE A
WORD (EACH GRADE
LEVEL HAS ITS OWN WORD)
THEN EMAIL THE ANSWER TO
LIZABLE@GMAIL.COM AND
EARN A PRIZE!

Sponsored by The Families of LEA and PAS



ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

Thank you to our school community, families, friends, and neighbors who supported our AAPI Heritage Month book project. We appreciate all of your kind messages of support, as well as the generous donations given.

We are happy to share that we exceeded our fundraising goal!

We have purchased **150 AAPI**-related books for the PAS library and classrooms!

We are excited that our students will have easy access to these wonderful books.



THANK YOU!



AAPI HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION

To commemorate the success of this book project, as well as AAPI Heritage Month, we will have a virtual celebration. We will share AAPI stories, poems, and experiences and invite all families to join. Everyone of all backgrounds are welcome to attend and share.

AAPI BOOKS VOLUNTEERS AND DONORS APPRECIATION & MULTICULTURAL NIGHT

Tuesday, May 25th, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Zoom ID: 975 154 0779

Passcode: 820583

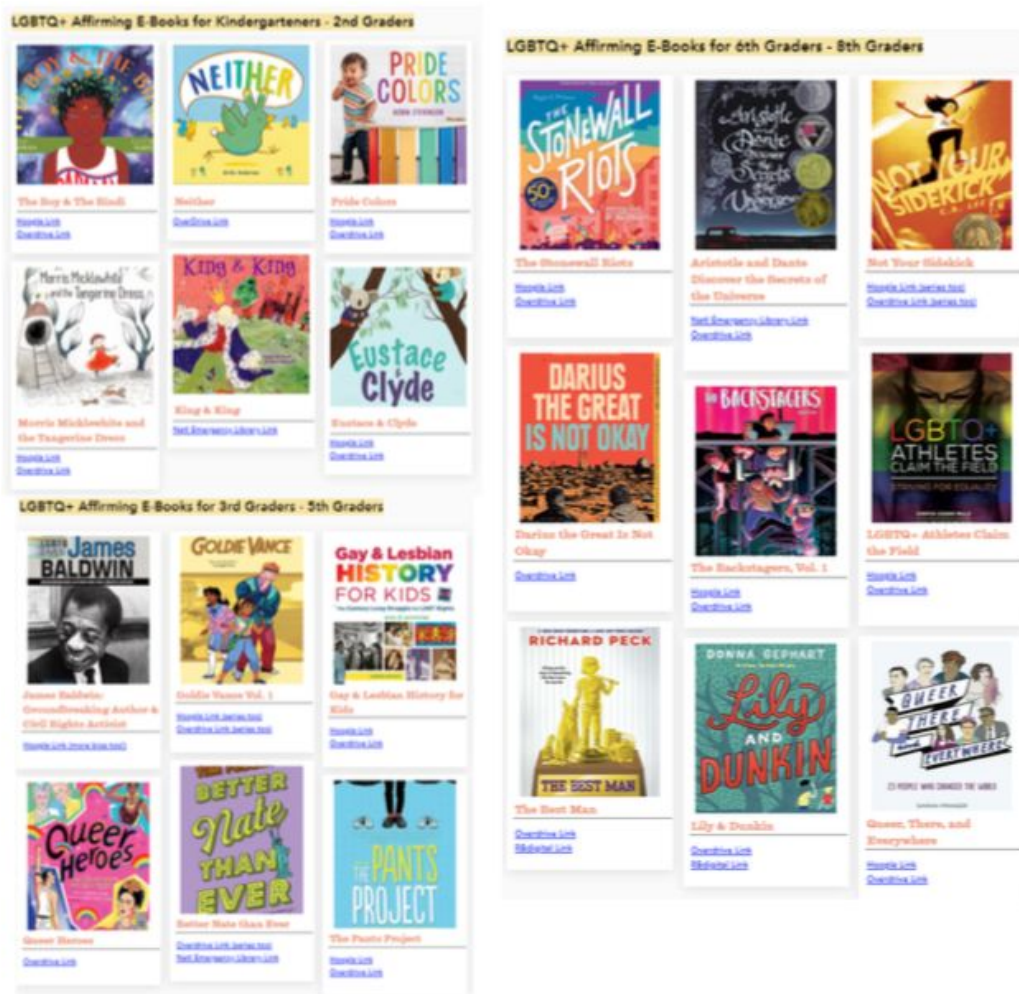
So that we may schedule appropriately, please email Fang Yuan at sufangyuan2008@gmail.com by May 20th if you would like to share a poem, story, or personal experience.

For more info please contact Fangyuan Su (sufangyuan2008@gmail.com) or Lilly Kosaka (lillywingyen@hotmail.com)

ALL ARE WELCOME!

PAS Student GSA Needs Our Help!

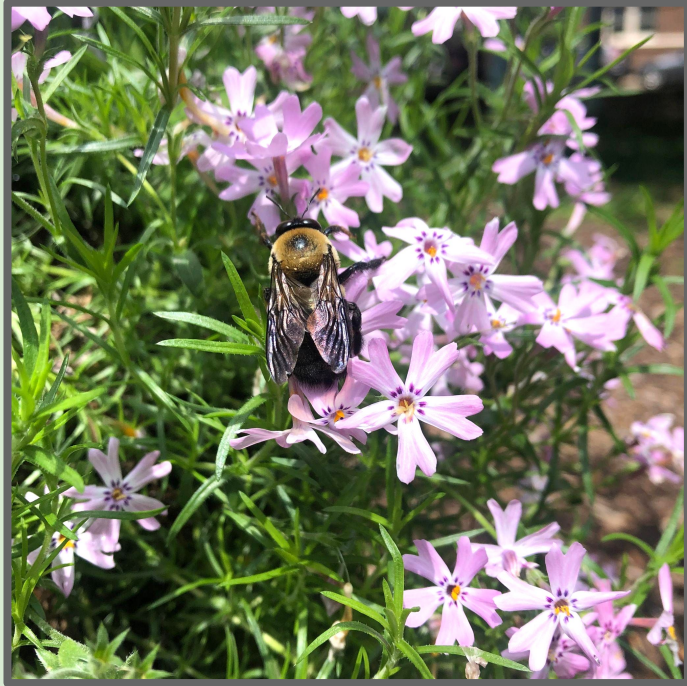
We are getting closer to having a rainbow library in each classroom! Any size contribution helps!



Donating is easy!

1. Order directly from the [Amazon Wishlist for PAS Rainbow Library](#). Books will be sent directly to PAS.
2. Share the Wishlist with Family and Friends!
3. Venmo @PennAlexanderHSA (note "Rainbow Library")
4. Cash or check payable to PAS HSA and drop off with PAS HSA Treasurer Angela Curry, 219 Saint Marks Sq.

Spring Garden Tenders



The Penn Alexander School is looking for nature-loving students (and their families) to help tend the school garden!

PLANTING ● WEEDING

WATERING ● GENERAL CARE

If you are interested in helping, please complete this [quick form](#).

Above: Eastern carpenter bee (*Xylocopa virginica*), a native pollinator, on creeping phlox (*Phlox subulata*), a native perennial wildflower, photographed in the school garden. If you are interested in learning more about native plants and pollinators, please see our [Native Plant Sale Store](#)! Consider making a plant donation to the school garden!



Penn Alexander School Presents:

TALENT SHOW 2021!

*14 May, 2021
6:30 pm*



Act 1

1. Introduction.....Principal Lauren Overton
2. "Be True to Your Virtual School" voice and ukelele.....Ava Luna Golzari-Hunt, Grade 3
3. "Start of Something New" *High School Musical* Preview.....PAS 2021 Spring Musical Cast Members
4. "Moonlight Mood" on piano.....Brandon Lau, Grade 3
5. "Etude by Moskowski" on piano.....Cecelia Dorn, Grade 7
6. "Prelude" (JS Bach) and "Mazurka" (PI Tchaikovsky) on piano.....Tommy Dorn, Grade 2
7. Piano Song.....Maya Brodsky, Grade 2
8. Monsters' Duet.....Finbarr Curry, Grade 4; Desmond Curry, Grade 2
9. Jokes.....Adnan Rayyan, Grade 2
10. Basketball,..... Sullivan Whipple, Grade 4
11. "Allegro" (Shinchi Suzuki) on piano.....Ritika Sinha, Grade 3
12. "Dani California" (Red Hot Chili Peppers)Sophia Karakasheva, Grade 3
13. "Ghost Pepper" (Original composition) on piano.....Gigi Skidmore, Grade 4
14. "Cabinet Battle 1" lip-sync, from *Hamilton*,Lucile Stark-Jordan, Grade 5
15. Break Dancing.....Joseph Yanchis, Grade 2
16. Drawing.....Srujanika Roy, Kindergarten
17. Cartwheels.....Oliver Pino, Kindergarten
18. Cartwheels, II.....Sivan McKenna, Kindergarten
19. "Yaya Song".....Alice Rosenberg, Grade 1
20. "The Swallow".....David Wong, Grade 1
21. "Lightly Row" and "Herman the Hippo" on piano.....Charlie Bloodwell, Grade 2
22. "Believer".....Zhiyuan Zheng, Kindergarten
23. Singing and Dancing.....Avery Beris and Zivah Rasberry, Grade 2
24. "Alouette" on piano.....Seamus Higgins, Grade 4
25. Dramatic reading: "The Ugly Pumpkin".....Kieran Nyak-Bole, Grade 1
26. "Holiday in Paris" on Piano.....Emma Zheng, Grade 3
27. Magic.....Athina Davatzikos, Grade 4
28. Making a Robot with Legos.....Protim Biswas, Kindergarten
29. "This Land is Your Land" on piano.....Hazel Cohen, Grade 3

Intermission

Act 2

1. "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" on violin.....Billie Mintz, Grade 2
2. "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" on keyboard.....Ammie Lin, Grade 1
3. "The Lion Sleeps Tonight" on piano.....Keira Taylor, Grade 1
4. "Don't Think Twice"(Bob Dylan) on guitar.....Dahlia Shashaty, Grade 3
5. Martial Arts Sets.....Constantine Paschos, Grade 2
6. Skit: "14 Hole A Tube" Ad.....Yian Wei and Sengele Tulante, Grade 4
7. Dance.....Tessa (Kindergarten) and Micah (Grade 1) Brubaker
8. Piano solo.....Elizabeth Peng, Grade 2
9. "Driver's License" .(Olivia Rodrigo) voice and ukelele.....Ani Melzer Surkan, Grade 5
10. Drawing and Painting.....Agnibha Roy Chowdbury, Grade 2
11. Imitation Show.....Meilanqin Huang, Kindergarten
12. Comedy.....Miles Blecker-Friedman, Kindergarten
13. "Waltz" (Bartolome Calatayud) on guitar.....Nate Van Dean, Grade 7
14. "April Snowdrops" *The Seasons* (Tchaichovsky) on piano.....Arnesh Das, Grade 6
15. "Deck the Halls" on piano.....Zolana Tulante, Grade 2
16. Singing "Girl on Fire" (Alicia Keys).....Mabel Kayser, Grade 4
17. Jumping rope.....Mumtahina Fardous, Grade 3
18. Jumping rope II.....Abigail Lim, Kindergarten
19. Singing "God Bless America".....Tyree Carr, III, Grade 5
20. Drawing a "Heart Person".....Lillian Higgins, Kindergarten
21. Singing.....Sara Meneses Bolanos, Kindergarten
22. "Indiana Jones in the Basement of Doom" on fluteMarie-Rose Scott, Grade 3
23. "Ecossaise" (L.W. Beethoven) on piano.....Arda Erus, Grade 5
24. Magic Show.....Oliver Whipple, Grade 1
25. "Duncan" (Paul Simon) voice and ukelele.....Micah Miller-Bosse, Grade 3
26. "Minuet" (L. Mozart) on piano.....Anna Stehle, Grade 1
27. "Minuet" (JS Bach) on flute.....Isaac Aguirre, Grade 2

Intermission

Act 3

1. Art: "Panda Eating Bamboo".....Thanos Davatzikos, Grade 4
2. Artwork.....Borami Samedi, Grade 6
3. Singing "You're Gonna Miss Me When I'm Gone" (Brooks & Dunn)..... Hannah Daniel, Grade 4
4. Open-Close (Silverstein).....Katherine Palmer, Grade 3 & Mika Sanzari, Grade 1
5. Long Long Ago/ Twinkle Twinkle Little Star.....Zoe Goldstein, Kindergarten; Isaac Aquire, Grade 2
6. Freestyle Dance.....Ruby Partee Carlsen, Kindergarten
7. "Waltz" (J Brahms) on violin.....Lucia Nasrallah, Grade 4
8. Hula Hoop.....Katherine Yu, Grade 2
9. "Ten Dual Commandments" (*Hamilton*) with Jedi Jumps.....Ian Kayser, Kindergarten
10. Tributes to Ms. Carter.....Amy Hillier & the Nix-Kable Family
11. Magic Show.....Owen Pizarro, Grade 6
12. Singing "Snowflake".....Mayeda Alam, Kindergarten
13. Piano Solo.....Ruby Agnew, Kindergarten
14. "Ah, A Snake!" skit with violin.....Lily Brickman, Mira Brickman, Penelope Nasrallah, Grade 1
15. "Battle of the Drinks" dance.....Alexander (Grade 4) & Betsy Okrent (Grade 8)
16. Ballet with piano.....Avery Carr (Grade 1) and Tyree Carr, III (Grade 5)
17. Piano Solo.....Daniel Xin, Grade 1
18. Somersaults.....Emma Lim, Kindergarten
19. Art.....Shariqul Shayan, Grade 4
20. Dancing.....Jyothsnaa Bhattarai, Kindergarten
21. Singing "Count on Me" (Bruno Mars).....Mabel Kayser, Sara Bela Marcus, Josephine McCollumn, Grade 4
22. "Sonatina" on piano.....Katherine Zhou, Kindergarten
23. "Ode to Joy" on trumpet.....Joseph Li, Grade 1
24. Closing.....Principal Lauren Overton

*Congratulations to our wonderful
performers!*



about our performers!

Billie Mintz: Billie just started playing the violin recently

Joseph Yanchis: I accidentally spun on my head one time, and I love break dancing!

Ritika Sinha-Ritika started playing piano 2 years ago and really enjoys music

David Wang-David loves music since he was little. He likes to dance with music and try different kinds of music instruments. He also likes to play soccer and read fictions.

Isaac Aguirre- Isaac's favorite food is ice cream

Michah Miller-Bosse-Paul Simon and Bob Dylan are my favorite musicians.

Keira Taylor: My piano teacher lives in South Carolina.

Miles Blecker-Friedman: Miles has been doing zoom comedy shows for friends and family throughout the pandemic

Marie-Rose Scott - Marie-Rose worked with flute teacher Rebecca Silverstein to arrange John Williams' song for the flute.

Olliver Whipple - When he's angry, he spends the day glaring at people.

Lucia Nasrallah-Although I prefer to play upright, I can play upside-down.

Joseph Li- This is my second trumpet. My first one is blue and was broken accidently. It was broken into pieces when I was walking downstairs and it fell. I started to cry.

Kieran Nayak - Kieran just learned to read this year but has always had a dramatic flare.

Cecelia Dorn-The famous pianist Vladimir Horowitz liked to play this as an encore, but he played twice as fast as I am :)

Athina Davatzikos - My new hobby during pandemic.

Brandon Lau - i have been learning piano for about two years

Zoe Goldstein - Zoe loves to read!

Sullivan Whipple - Just turned 10 before the video was shot!

Oliver Pino: Oliver taught himself to do cartwheels, and loves doing them all the time and EVERYWHERE

Josie, Sara Bela & Mabel - Longtime buddies singing a song about friendship.

Alice Rosenberg - Alice wants to be an artist when she grows up

Zolana Tulante-I have been learning piano for two years

Tommy Dorn-I look forward to playing four-hand pieces with my baby brother (but this will take a while because he is only 11 months old)!

Ruby Agnew; She thinks it's "cool to just move your fingers around fast and make music."

Hannah Daniel- I like performing for my family

Emma Borami Samedi: I'm Self-Taught



about our performers!

Ammie Lin: My dad is teaching me to play the piano!

Finbarr & Desmond Curry: We really wanted to do a fight sequence, but our mom wouldn't let us.

Zivah Raspberry-If you are in Room 118, you might notice us doing a little bit of the "Walk Like an Egyptian" dance in our Talent Show Performance! ;)

Charlie Bloodwell: I love my lion stuffie Rar!

Arnesh Das- I won the 2020-2021 Sylvia G. Wexler Memorial Scholarship for playing piano, given to me by the Settlement Music School in Philadelphia.

Gigi Skidmore: I made that song up!

Avery Beris: I have been singing since I was about one year old and I love singing and dancing!

Lillian Higgins - Lilly loves making art, listening to music, and wants to be a DJ.

Avery & Tyree Carr: Avery has been doing ballet for a year. Tyree has played piano for over 5 years.

Sivwan Mckenna: Sivan just got out of a boot for an ankle fracture a week before shooting this video!

Meilan Huang: Meilan really loves to mimic animals

Ada Erus-I've been

playing piano since I was 7 years old.

Lucile Stark-Jordan: I think it's fun to play with gender identity and did that in this performance.

Tyree Carr, III- I've been in the Philadelphia Boys Choir for over 2 years.

Thanos Davatsikos-It is a panda eating bamboo

Seamus Higgins - I love instrumental music, Minecraft and rocks! Fun Fact - the ID of a noteblock in Minecraft is 25.

Ian Kayser: I love Hamilton and I love Starwars!

Yian Wei & Sengele Tulante-This is a skit that is trying to get you to buy a product called a 14 Hole A Tube. We always hang out and make up storys..

Dahlia Shashaty-Dahlia plays two instruments, the guitar and the ukulele. Her favorite musicians are Bob Dylan, the Beatles, and Talisk.

Ava Luna Golzari-Hunt: I got the ukulele for Christmas & have been teaching myself to play it on YouTube. I wanted to take a classic song & update it for PAS virtual school.

Shayan Shariqul- I am good at drawing landscape.

Penelope Nasrallah, Lilly Brickman, Mira Brickman- We love to play violin and to ice skate together!

Ani Melzer-Surkan-Ani just learned ukulele this year!

Addnan Rayan: I am really good at jokes

Owen Pizarro-Owen's grandfather was a magician by the name of Parnumski The Great

Alexander & Betsy Okrent-Alexander has been dancing for five years and Betsy has been dancing for 9 years.

Mabel Kayser: I love the song "Girl on Fire!"

Mika Sanzari and Katherine Plalmer: Mika and Katherine have been lifelong friends and enjoy silly things together, like the characters in Shel Silverstein's books

Agnibha Roy Chowdhury: I am learning from my teacher who teaches me online from India!

Shout outs to our performers!

- Go **Billie!!** We love you and we are so proud of you!
Mom, Dad, Alex and Melvin XOXOXOXOXOX
- **Dahlia**, it's a joy to watch your musical talents develop!
Cheers to all of the amazing performers in this year's talent show! -- The Shashaty Family
- **Joseph**, it is SUCH a joy to watch your trumpet performance as always! You are an amazing son, little brother, and grandson!
We love you! ----Joseph's family
- Shout out to all of the **second graders!** You rock! ~Emily T
- Great job **Ritika** and congratulations to all of the talented participants this year.
Best wishes from Sinha family
- Bravo **Elizabeth** Peng!
- Congratulations to **Mabel & Ian** Kayser on a Great Performance! We love you! ~ Mom & Dad
- Rock on **Micah!** We love you, the Miller-Bosse family.
- Brava to the very talented **Ammie** Lin. Love you, Ginny
- "Open your mouth and close your eyes, **Kirby and Mika**, you have given us a big surprise.
- We love you. Momma, Sadie and Mike **Katherine** Palmer"
- What a great job on the talent show, **Lilly & Seamus!** Congratulations! Baba, Mamo, Mama, and Dada are so proud of you both.
- To **Owen**, AKA The Great Kerfluff-Fluff, your magic was WAND-erful! --Mom, Dad, and Milo
- So proud of you, **Joseph!** Love, Sis, Kev and Mom
- Great job **Isaac!!** Awesome job **Zoe!!** Love Mom & Dad
- **Fifth Graders** have talent...and resiliency! - Lots of Love- Your teachers! Amy Kurland, Max Hibbard, Brianna McNamara, and Janine Schwab
- We love you, **Charlie B!** Congrats to all our talented PAS superstars! Love Mom & Dad
- CONGRATULATIONS on all of your hard work this year, **Marie-Rose!** Love, Mom and Dad
- ***Avery May*** you are dazzling! Love you and your boundless creativity, sparkling talent, and flair for performing! (StripeSisters4everA-Z woot woot!) Hugs, Mama xoxo
- Big shout out to **ALL the students sharing their talents tonight!** Love Karla Thut

What a great show!

Congratulations!

We are grateful to our ***Sponsors!***

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LGBTQ+ PROGRAM VIRTUAL INFO SESSION

**MAY 24TH, 2021
@3PM VIA ZOOM**



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For more information, email Tim McKinney, LGBTQ Resource &
Program Manager at tmckinney@independencebigs.org