

PAS WEEKLY

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| 215-400-7760



6GR-8GR In-person Learning Orientation

Please join me on Tuesday at 6:30pm for our orientation for families with middle school students returning to in-person learning the week of May 10.

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

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

Please use this [form](#) to submit questions or concerns you have about the reopening .



Get Your Garden On!

PAS Plant Sale is Here! Not sure what to order for an apartment or a small garden? Check out the [HSA Meeting Recording](#) or view presentation in the pony.

Online Sales open until May 8 Midnight. Remaining plants will be sold all week at pick-up and during drop-off/pick-up. See enclosed flier for more details.

Upcoming Events:

PSSA Starts Grades 3-5

Monday, May 3

Teacher Appreciation Week

May 3-7

6GR-8GR In-person Learning Orientation

Tuesday, May 4, 6:30pm

GSA

Thursday, May 6, 3:30pm

EC Summer Reading Discussion

Thursday, May 6, 7pm

Student Grab & Go Meals

Friday, May 7, 9am-2pm

1st Annual Native Plant Sale

Sunday, May 9

PSSA Starts Grades 6-8

Monday, May 10

School Advisory Council

Monday, May 10, 3:45pm

Eid-al-Fitr

School Closed



PAS NEWS SEASON 2 EPISODE 6

The WHY Media Labs students are proud to present the latest installment of PAS NEWS. In this broadcast, you will learn about our return to school for K-2 students, a new holiday project for some 4th graders, and the first episode of a new feature called Game Changers!"<https://youtu.be/qQZoY9Id78M>



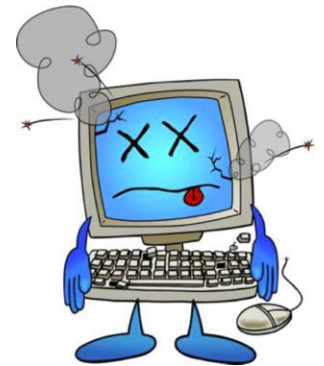
Moving? Not Returning to PAS for '21-'22?

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](#).



Congratulations to the PAS Robotics Team
on winning

Core Values - 1st Place

at the FIRST LEGO League Tournament 2021

Luke Zhu

Owen Munkelwitz

Ishaat Mahavee

Bangle Wei

Stanton So



Shout out to Middle School PAS Science Teacher, Mrs. Kearney, for serving as team advisor!

SPRING FORWARD
PENN ALEXANDER'S FIRST
NATIVE PLANT SALE!



ONLINE SALES NOW!
PLANT PICK UP: MAY 9 @ PAS
Butterfly on Joe Pye by Jill Shashaty

[Order your plants here today!](#)

Plant Native Plants to Beautify and Support our Environment!

- Native plants are the foundation of the food web. All of the animals in our ecosystem are connected to food sources supported by natives.
- Insects and birds in our ecosystem depend on them for survival.
- Native plants evolved in this region and are well suited to its climate and soils. Native plants are thus hardier and use less water than nonnatives.
- Native plants offer beauty and a sense of place to our gardens by blooming through three seasons and dazzling us with colors, shapes, and patterns unique to our region.
- Native plants fight climate change, preserve biodiversity, support pollinators, manage stormwater, and provide wildlife habitat.

Need some ideas for what to buy?

Plant by conditions:

WET (good choices for wet conditions)

Common rush / *Juncus effusus*
Northern blue flag / *Iris versicolor*
Pink turtlehead / *Chelone lyonii*
Red turtlehead / *Chelone obliqua*

SHADE (can thrive in shade)

Tufted hairgrass /
Deschampsia caespitosa
Blue moon woodland phlox /
phlox diverticula
Creeping phlox, sherwood
purple / *Phlox stolonifera*

SUN (require full sun)

Early sunrise tickseed /
coreopsis grandiflora
Evening primrose 'siskiyou
pink' / *Oenothera*
Whirling butterflies /
Oenothera

Plants by blooming time:

EARLY BLOOMS/April-June

Beardtongue red rocks / *Penstemon mexicali*
Blackbeard beardtongue / *Penstemon digitalis*
Small's beardtongue / *Penstemon smallii*
Woodland phlox 'blue moon' / *phlox diverticula*
Bluestar / *Amsonia hubrichtii*
Early sunrise tickseed / *coreopsis grandiflora*
Golden alexander / *Zizia aurea*
Red columbine / *Aquilegia canadensis*
Creeping phlox 'sherwood purple' / *Phlox stolonifera*
Spotted cranesbill / *Geranium maculatum*
Carolina allspice / *Calycanthus floridus*
Red osier dogwood / *Comus sericea*
Smooth hydrangea 'incrediball' / *Hydrangea aborescens*
Sweetspire 'little henry' / *Itea virginica*
Mountain laurel 'pink charm' / *Kalmia latifolia*
Mountain laurel 'raspberry glow' / *Kalmia latifolia*
Coral honeysuckle / *Lonicera sempervirens*
Carolina jessamine 'margarita' / *Gelsemium sempervirens*

MIDSEASON BLOOMS/July-August

Little bluestem / *Schizachyrium scoparium*
Bee balm / *Monarda species*
Big blue lobelia / *Lobelia siphilitica*
Black truffle cardinal / *Lobelia cardinalis*
Coneflower / *Echinacea species*
Green spice alum root / *Heuchera americana*
Green-headed coneflower / *Rudbeckia lacinata*
Anise hyssop 'blue fortune' / *Agastache foeniculum*
Little joe pye / *Eupatorium dubium*
Ox-eye daisy / *Heliopsis helianthoides*
Zagreb tickseed / *Coreopsis verticilata*
Ninebark 'summer wine' / *Physocarpus opulifolius*
Ninebark 'tiny wine' / *Physocarpus opulifolius*
Black chokeberry 'viking' / *Aronia melanocarpa*
American wisteria / *Wisteria frutescens*

LATE BLOOMS/September-October

Aster Wood's Purple
Black-eyed susan / *Rudbeckia fulgida*
Smooth aster / *Aster laevis*



PENN ALEXANDER SCHOOL

PRESENTS ...

TALENT SHOW 2021!!!



A Virtual Evening

Friday, May 14, 2021

6:30 pm

Come and see your classmates!!

Tickets

- Register [here](#) for tickets! You will receive a link to the show after registering.
 - Suggested contribution 15\$ per household
 - Pay what you wish, or not at all

Show Details





- The show will provide an entire evening's entertainment!
- Feel free to join us over dinner and stay all evening
 - You will also be able to stop the event at any time and watch the remainder another time.
 - Not free on May 14? No problem! You can watch the show at a time that works for you.
- Prepare to be AMAZED at the diverse show of talent from our PAS students!!

Sponsorship (details on following page)

- Want to show support for a student or students? Consider purchasing a Family Call Out in the program!
- Want to support a local business? Consider purchasing an advertisement to support them!

Questions? Contact your planning committee:

Michelle Bloodwell (mgoeke@gmail.com), Angela Curry (akweon@hotmail.com),
Chrissie Hill-Kayser (hill.kayser@gmail.com), Dave Stotz (dstotz@constitutioncenter.org),
Carrie Waterman (carrie.waterman@compass.com)



Penn Alexander School
4209 Spruce St., Phila., PA 19104
(215) 400-7760

TALENT SHOW
MAY 14, 2021
Virtual Showtime - 6:30pm



PENN ALEXANDER SCHOOL

SPONSORSHIP FORM

TALENT SHOW 2021!!!

CALL FOR SPONSORS
To Support the Penn Alexander School
The PAS HSA is a registered 501(c)(3). EIN is 11-3707471



Sponsored Tiers

\$10 for student / family shout out in program

\$20 for company name in program

\$35 for company name at end of the show + in program

\$50 for slide during show

Sign up [HERE](#)
by April 25th

Sponsorship Contact _____

PAS Student / Family Shout Out _____

Company _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Sponsorship Amount \$ _____

OR please return this form:

PAS HSA
4209 Spruce St.
Phila., PA 19104

Attn PAS HSA
Fax (215) 400-7761

Enclose check payable to **PAS HSA**
PayPal to hsatreasurerpas@gmail.com
Venmo @PennAlexanderHSA



THANK YOU FOR HELPING SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!!!

Follow PAS on Instagram @pennalexanderschool

**PAS YEARBOOKS
NOW AVAILABLE!**

**A YEAR
LIKE NO OTHER!**

**Despite Its challenges there is
so much good to celebrate!**

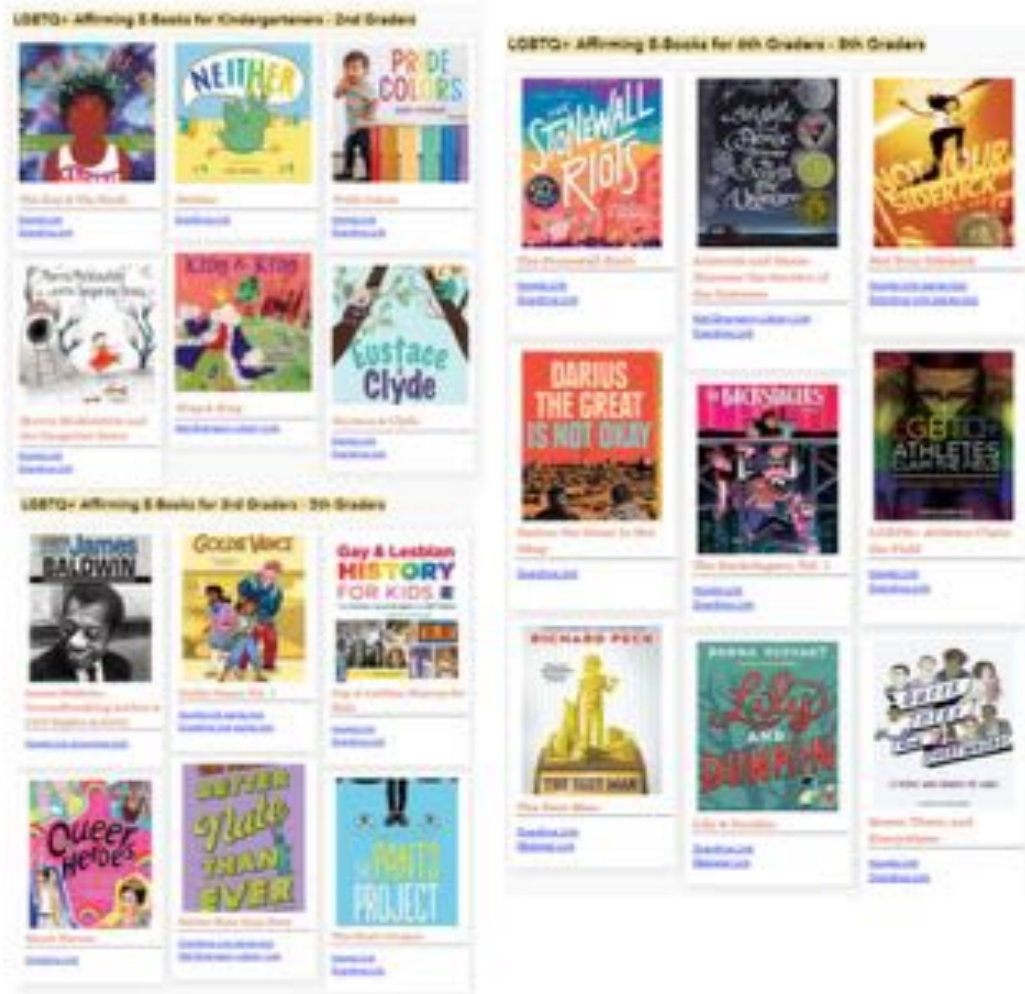
**YEARBOOKS WILL BE ON SALE
ONLINE UNTIL SUPPLIES LAST.
TO PURCHASE YOUR STUDENT'S
YEARBOOK, PLACE YOUR
ORDER HERE**

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



PAS Student GSA Needs Our Help!

We are far short of our goal to have 5 books per classroom of these great selections!



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.



Penn Alexander School
HSA General Meeting

April 29, 2021

UPCOMING EVENTS

Teacher Appreciation Week
(ALL Next Week)

Plant Sale (May 9)

Talent Show (May 14)

The image shows a screenshot of a calendar application for the 'PAB Community' for the month of May 2021. The calendar is displayed in a grid format with days of the week as columns and dates as rows. The current date, May 10, is highlighted in yellow. Several events are listed as blue bars across the calendar grid. The events include:

- Teacher Appreciation Week (May 10-14)
- Plant Sale (May 9)
- Talent Show (May 14)
- Various other community events and meetings, some of which are partially obscured or cut off by the image's resolution.

Teacher Appreciation Week

Room Parent Communication

Handwritten notes brought to school
or dropped through Dr. Kreidle's
mailslot at 210 St. Marks Square

Carts for gifts all next week – mark
with teacher name and room number



Co-Chairs:

Hanh La and Jill Shashaty

Committee Members

Jenn Nix

Stephanie Kearney

Carrie Waterman

Angela Curry

Online Sales Now until May 8 Midnight
Remaining plants will be sold all week
at pick-up and during drop-off/pick-up.

Sales Goal \$10,000

To Date \$4600

Funds will support graduation,
computer and technology repair and
purchases for this school year.



The Show Must Go On!

Still Time to Sponsor!

Sponsored Tiers

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- ❖ \$20 for company name in program
- ❖ \$35 for company name at end of the show + in program
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Talent Show Committee

Chrissie Hill-Kayser, Executive Producer

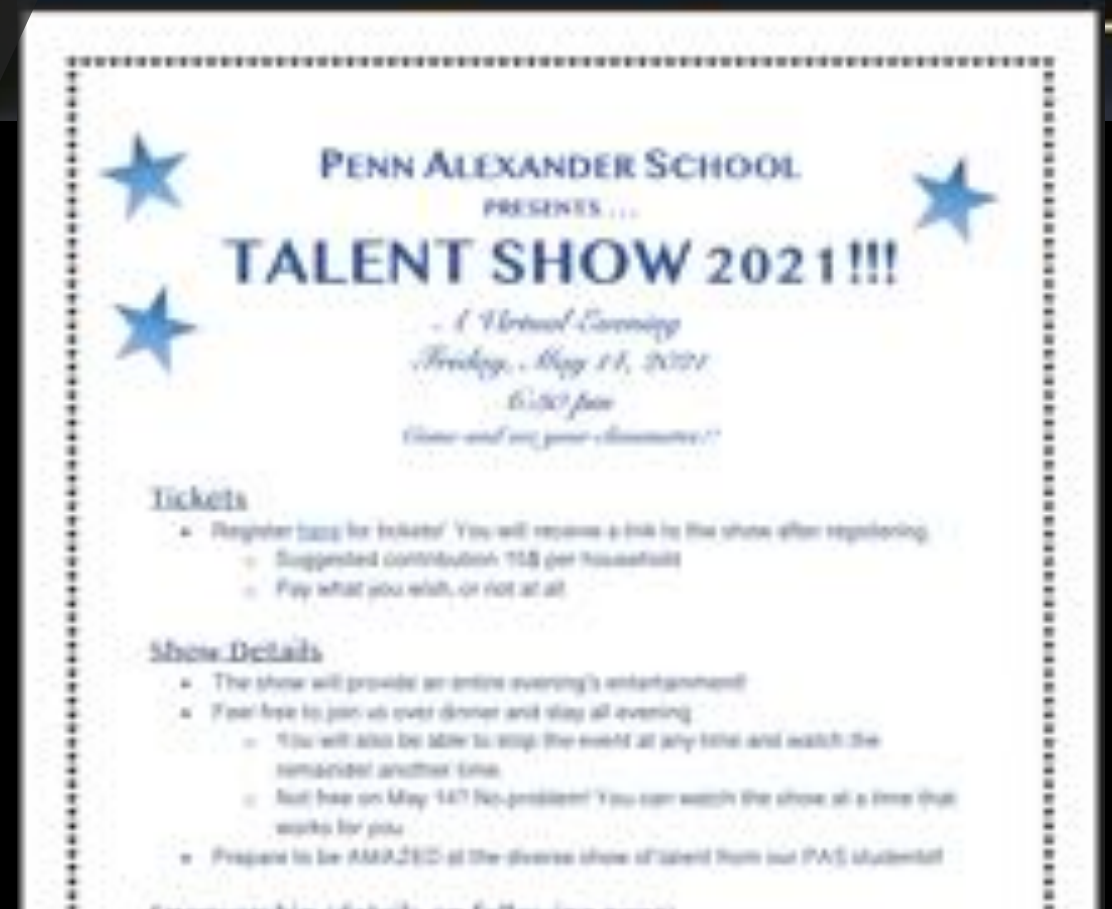
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Treasurer's Report on Fundraising

**Asian American Pacific
Islander Library
\$2002**



**Rainbow Library
\$531**



**Plant Sale
\$4600 / \$10,000**



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA'S

SUMMER PROGRAM

June 28th to July 30th

ELEMENTARY (K-7TH): [REGISTER HERE](#)
SECONDARY (8-12TH): [REGISTER HERE](#)

IN-PERSON instructional programming will be offered Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m.- 4 p.m. Extracurricular activities, art, and athletics will be offered daily by the City of Philadelphia.

For more information, click [here](#).

Placement is accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Families are **encouraged to sign up by 4/30/21**, although registration officially closes 5/15/21.

Information Session Links

[Monday 4/19 @ 10am](#)

[Monday 4/19 @ 6pm](#)

[Wednesday 4/28 @10am](#)

[Wednesday 4/28 @ 6pm](#)

[Interpretation Sign Up](#)

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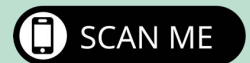


Virtual May Fair

5.8.2021

An interactive community event featuring local vendors, games and more, all happening in a simulation of Spruce Hill's own Clark Park.

**Chat. Play.
Shop.**



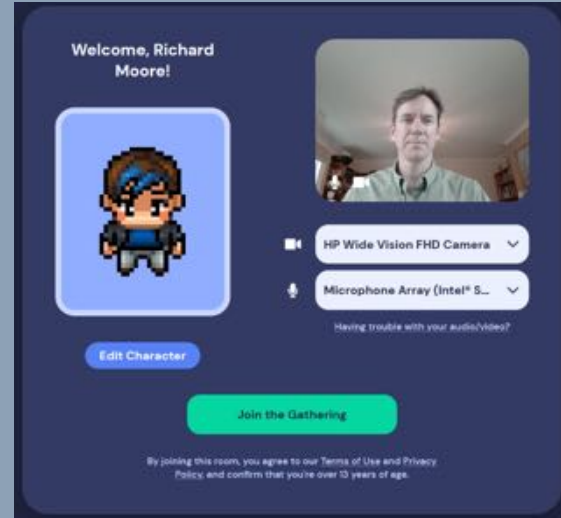
Visit online any time starting TODAY!
Attend the real-time interactive event **5.8.2021**
4 to 8 p.m.
Learn more at sprucehillca.org

How to Enjoy the Spruce Hill Virtual May Fair Gather Space

1

Joining

When you enter the networking space, be sure to enter your **NAME and/or ORGANIZATION** so you can easily be identified by other attendees. Select your camera and audio settings. (**Note that you can only use your camera with one app at a time.**) Click "Join Gathering."



2

Choosing an Avatar

When you join, you will be randomly assigned an avatar and dropped into the room. You can select a new avatar by clicking on the character icon next to your name in the bottom center tool bar. Scroll through the available characters and hit save when you are done!



3

Navigating

Use the arrow keys on your keyboard to move your avatar around the room. You will automatically connect to audio and video to any avatar that is within range of yours. Your video will appear in the bottom right corner of your screen.

PRO TIP: To walk through the room uninterrupted without connecting to nearby people, hold down the G key (**G as in Ghost**) until you get to where you are going!

Ghost Mode:



How to Enjoy the Spruce Hill Virtual May Fair Gather Space

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Finding Friends

There is a participant icon in the bottom left corner. **Click it to expand the attendee list to see who is in the room.** To find someone, click on their name in the attendee list and select "Locate on map". This will draw a line directly to that person so you can easily find them.



5

Stay Together by Following

Once you have connected with friends, you can walk and talk around the room! Click on your colleague's name in the participant list and select "Follow." When following someone, your avatar will automatically follow them when they move around the space and your video and audio will stay connected as you move through the room.



6

Chat Feature

There is also a chat feature on the left side tool bar. You can message specific people by finding them in the attendee list, clicking their name, and then click message. Or you can message everyone in the room or only avatars that are nearby.

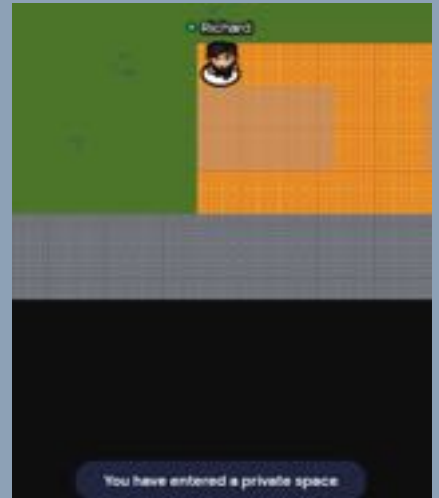


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Private Spaces

Some areas (e.g., the playground and basketball court) are private spaces. Private spaces allow you to have a conversation with a small group of people without the added 'noise' of all the other avatars walking around you. You will see a message that says "You have entered a private space" right above the center tool bar when you are in a private space. Your audio and video will only connect to other attendees that are in a shared private space with you.



8

Resetting Your Avatar

If you get lost, you can click on your name in the bottom center tool bar and select "Reset Position." If that doesn't work, click "User/Video Settings," scroll to the bottom, and click "Respawn." This is essentially refreshing the page and will regenerate your avatar in the space.



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Enlarge Video Boxes

To make the video boxes larger, click the double arrows next to the video boxes at the top of your screen. This will make the video windows your main view.

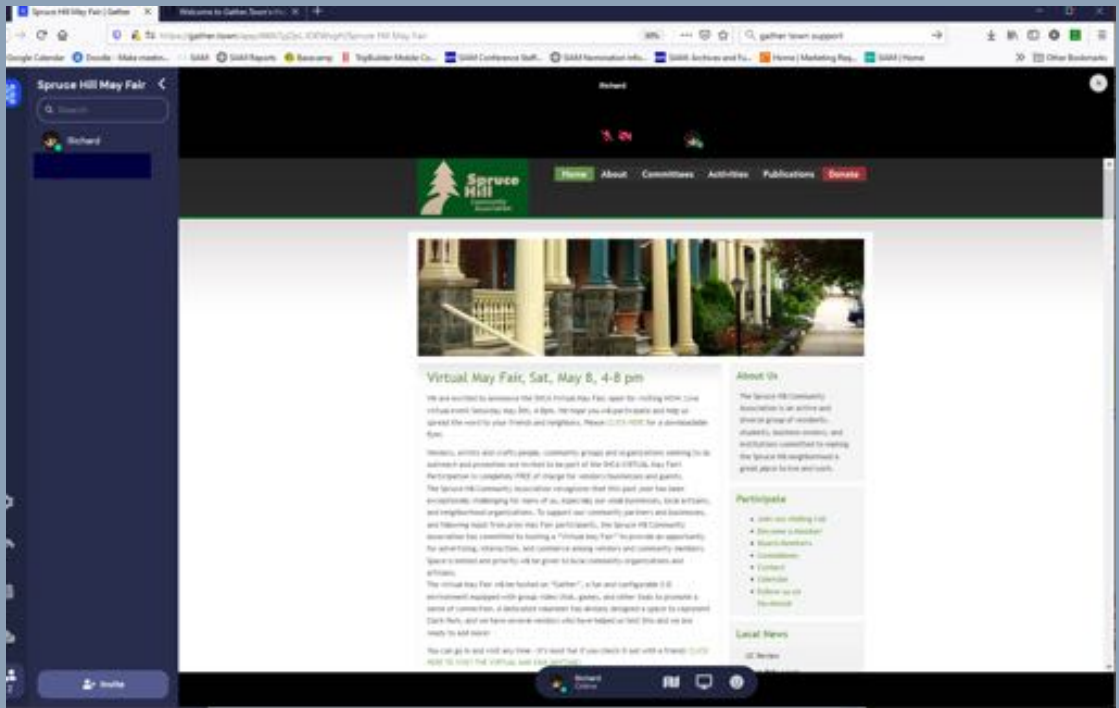


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Interactive Objects

Lots of things in the Gather space are interactive. To interact with objects, such as booth items or game tables, press "x" when you are close enough for the object to glow yellow.



Having trouble with your audio or video? Find help at <https://support.gather.town/help/>



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Want to learn more?

Click here to sign up for a Virtual Town Hall
April 20th, 24th, 27th or May 1st

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