

PAS WEEKLY

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Upcoming Events:

Virtual Spirit Week

June 7-11

Opening Night PAS Musical

Monday, June 7, 7pm

8GR Closing Exercises (Invitation Only Event)

Wednesday, June 9, 3pm

Last Day For Students

Friday, June 11

Student Grab & Go Meals

Friday, June 11, 9am-2pm

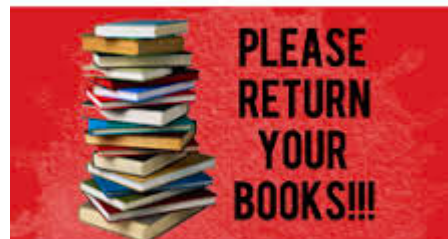
First Day for Students for 21-22SY

August 31, 2021



Fond Farewell

I would like to wish a fond farewell to faculty members - Ms. Collette Carter (2GR) and Ms. Anna Varano (3GR) - who will be moving on to new adventures next year. We wish you all the best!



It's Time to Return Your PAS Books & Materials!

As we bring the 2020-21 school year to an end, please return all PAS books and materials listed on the enclosed fliers by June 11. See the enclosed flier for your child's grade. Chromebooks are to be kept at home. 8th graders NOT attending at SDP high school should return their Chromebook to PAS.



Summer Reading & School Supply Update

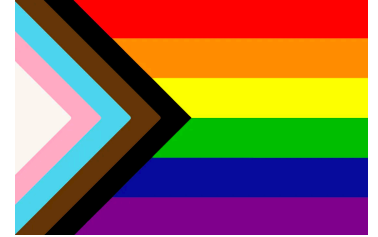
To support everyone taking a screen break again this summer, **each student in grades PreK-7 will receive two books to enjoy this summer.** Books and supply lists for next year will be sent home the last week of school. **At home learners should pick up their packets from the office by June 11.**

See enclosed flier for more information on this summer's selections organized by the Equity Circle.



PAS @ Raising of the Philly Gay Pride Flag

Shout out to Wynn Glazer who will be a student speaker at this year's Raising of the Philly Gay Pride Flag, which will be held on Friday, June 11 at 3:30pm at City Hall (south entrance at Broad Street, near the Catto statue). The event is free and open to the public.



PAS @ Need in Deed Virtual Shout Outs

Shout out to Ms. Ehrenberg (4GR) and Ms. Mikolajewski (6GR) classes for completing service project this year. Classmates and friends can watch Need in Deed's Shout Out live on YouTube this week.

Ms. Ehrenberg's class project "Pollution" will go live on Tuesday, June 8 at 4:00PM

Ms. M's class project "Climate Change- Deforestation and the Misuse of Palm Oil " will go live on Wednesday, June 9 at 4pm.

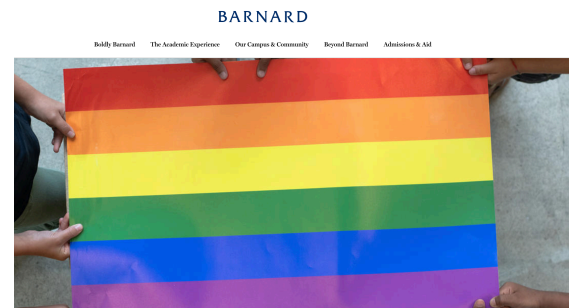
The most efficient way to join the live Shout Outs is to subscribe to Need in Deed's YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSseDFxsmWtegO51z8EbGnQ>



By subscribing, you will receive a notification on your phone or computer when the show goes live. Otherwise, click on above link at show time. Students are encouraged to post positive and encouraging comments **during the live feed.**

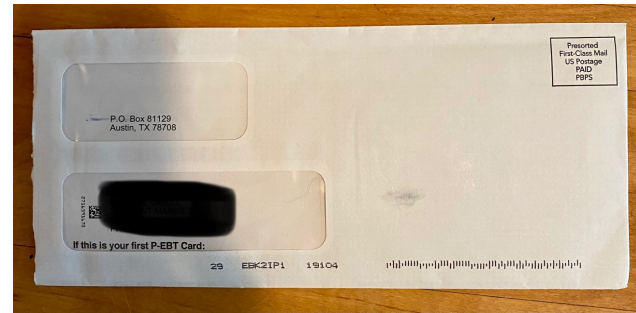
Opinion: As Children Develop Their Gender Identities, Educators and Families Must Support Them

I am excited to share an [opinion piece](#) on gender identity development published by Barnard College at Columbia University that I co-wrote with Erika Kitzmiller, a term assistant professor in the Department of Education at Barnard College of Columbia University.



Help Has Arrived - P-EBT Cards/Funds In The Mail/Uploaded

Pennsylvania Department of Human Services is issuing another round of food benefits to all students. **Be on the look for a plain white envelope like the one pictured here in your mailbox or on your household EBT card.** The state mails the cards to the address on file with the School District for each student. The cards will not arrive at the same time for students. If you do not need your funds, you can donate the value of the card to the PAS Family Support Fund created last year to support our community. Penn Alexander families have always been very active in supporting each other. We will be stronger together. See enclosed flier for ways to support our families in need.



PAS Family Support Fund

We are happy to report that we have received \$2,600 for the PAS Family Support Fund. Penn Alexander families have always been very active in supporting each other. We will be stronger together. See enclosed flier for ways to support our families in need.



Additional Summer Reading

For families that would like additional suggested summer reading, the School District of Philadelphia in coordination with the Free Library of Philadelphia has created lists by grade band. Each list includes high-interest, grade-appropriate books that support students in continuing to read and learn over the summer. All books on the lists are available for check out at the Free Library of Philadelphia.

- [K-2 Summer Reading List 2021](#)
- [3-5 Summer Reading List 2021](#)
- [6-8 Summer Reading List 2021](#)
- [9-10 Summer Reading List 2021](#)
- [11-12 Summer Reading List 2021](#)



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.



THE SADIE TANNER MOSSELL ALEXANDER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA PARTNERSHIP SCHOOL

is proud to present

Disney

HIGH
SCHOOL
MUSICAL



*save the
date!*

**MONDAY, JUNE 7TH
7:00 PM**


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OUR SPRING 2021 MUSICAL PRODUCTION WILL BE PRESENTED VIRTUALLY.
PLEASE COMPLETE [THIS GOOGLE FORM](#) TO RECEIVE THE LINK TO THE SHOW.

The show must go on!

PENN ALEXANDER IS EXCITED TO SHARE ITS ANNUAL SPRING MUSICAL - VIRTUALLY! THE PERFORMERS AND PRODUCERS WOULD LIKE TO THANK EVERYONE WHO MADE OUR VIRTUAL MUSICAL, 43RD STREET STYLE A SUCCESS. THIS PRODUCTION WAS A SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY ENDEAVOR FOR WHICH WE ARE FOREVER GRATEFUL.

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS YEAR'S PERFORMANCE. THEIR SUPPORT MAKES OUR SHOWS POSSIBLE.


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Jeff "City" Block is proud to support Penn Alexander School and its production of High School Musical, Jr.

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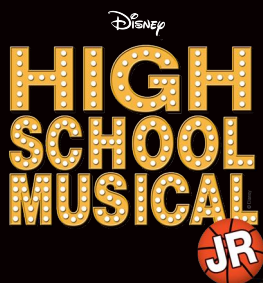
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BOOK BY DAVID SIMPATICO

MUSIC ADAPTED, ARRANGED, AND PRODUCED BY BRYAN LOUISELLE

BASED ON A DISNEY CHANNEL ORIGINAL MOVIE WRITTEN BY
PETER BAROSOCCHINI

SONGS BY MATTHEW GERRARD & ROBBIE NEVIL; RAY CHAM, GREG CHAM & ANDREW SEELEY; RANDY PETERSON & KEVIN QUINN; ANDY DODD & ADAM WATTS; BRYAN LOUISELLE; DAVID LAWRENCE & FAYE GREENBERG; JAMIE HOUSTON

student performers

CAST

GABRIELLA MONTEZ.....MARLENE CLEMENTE
TROY BOLTON.....NATHANIEL JOHNSTONE
SHARPAY EVANS.....LENA JOHNSON
RYAN EVANS.....WYNN GLAZER
TAYLOR MCKESSIE.....NATALIE MARGASAK
CHAD DANFORTH.....IAN DINGLE
KELSI NIELSEN.....CECILIA DORN
MS. DARBUS.....MARGARET PERNER
COACH BOLTON.....JONAH LAZAR
ZEKE BAYLOR.....ILLIANA HEDMAN-WILKES
MARTHA COX.....KIRAN KROP
JACK SCOTT.....JONAH LAZAR
MS. TENNEY.....HANANE ALI
SCIENCE DECATHLON MODERATOR.....OWEN PIZARRO
DRUM MAJOR.....LORELAI CORCORAN
RIPPER THE REBEL.....RUBEN WITMER
MONGO THE REBEL.....ALEXANDER CORDOVA-PEREZ
LEAD CHEERLEADER.....ANNA SAKS
LEAD CHEERLEADER.....WILHELMINA ROBERTS-BEG
PARTY KID/BRAINIAC.....LORELAI CORCORAN

CHOIR

DAVID GHOHESTANI, LAUTARO
GUZMÁN, IRENE GUZMÁN,
RABAB RABAB, ANAIS MELZER-
SURKAN, FANTA DIABIRA,
MAHA ABASHERA, RUTH
MOORE, RYANN JOHNSON,
JOSEPHINE MCCOLLUM,
TAYLOR NIXON, JAMES GRAY,
DAISY BLOODWELL, GABRIELLA
JOHNSTONE, JAYDEN
EDWARDS, ZOE STATHIS, YIAN
WEI, ATHINA DAVATZIKOS,
SARA-BELA MARCUS, MABEL
KAYSER, SOLIANA BERHANE,
LUCILE STARK-JORDAN, INDIRA
BHOJ

Thank
you!

CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW TO ACCESS OUR EXTENDED DIGITAL PROGRAM TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PERFORMERS AND PRODUCTION ITSELF. THIS YEAR'S PRODUCTION FEATURED 20 CAST MEMBERS IN GRADES 6-8, AND 23 CHOIR MEMBERS IN GRADES 4-5.

[DIGITAL PROGRAM LINK](#)

8th grade performers

THIS YEAR WE HAVE SEVEN 8TH GRADERS IN OUR CAST. THEY ARE SEASONED PERFORMERS WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN MULTIPLE MUSICAL PRODUCTIONS DURING THEIR TIME AT PENN ALEXANDER. WE WILL MISS THEIR TALENTS ON OUR STAGE AND WISH THEM ALL THE BEST AS THEY BEGIN HIGH SCHOOL.



CLICK THE LINK BELOW TO LEARN MORE
[8TH GRADE PROGRAM FEATURE](#)



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Keep your SDP Chromebook at home.

Look at the following pages for the materials to return.

Drop off at main office or at 210 St. Marks Square.

Thank You!

If you have questions, contact your teacher or Ann Kreidle at
kreidlea@upenn.edu or 215-284-8601

Instrumental Music

By June 11, please return the PAS materials listed here - EXCEPT CHROMEBOOKS.

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[CLICK HERE FOR BAND INSTRUMENTS THAT MUST BE RETURNED \(BECHTOLD\)](#)

All materials included with the instrument (case, mouthpiece, flute cleaning rod, bow, rosin, shoulder rest, etc.) must be returned as well. Email wbechtold@philasd.org with any questions!

String students are permitted to keep instruments through the summer. Please return your instrument to school before June 11 if you were not in string classes this year. Thanks! -Ms. Vines

Musical Cast + Choir

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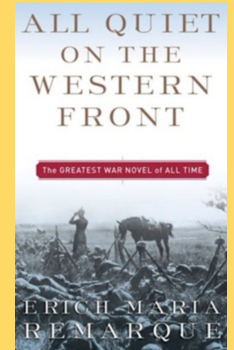
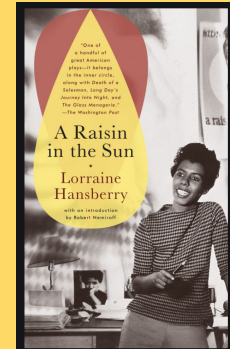
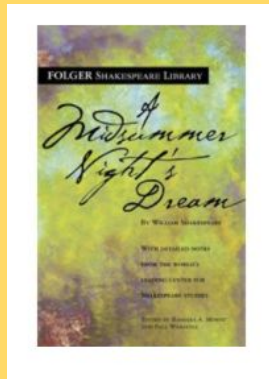
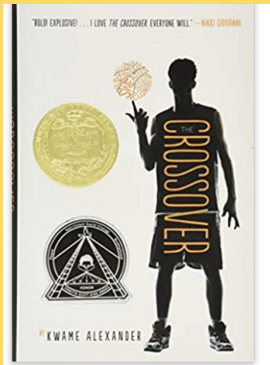
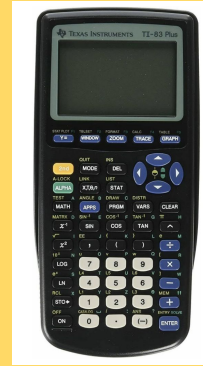
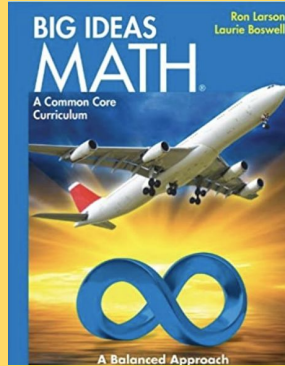
[CLICK HERE FOR THE CHOIR MATERIALS THAT NEED TO BE RETURNED](#)

[CLICK HERE FOR THE CAST MATERIALS THAT NEED TO BE RETURNED](#)

All students have costume pieces that must be returned before the end of the school year. Email Ms. Lam at tlam2@philasd.org if you have any questions.

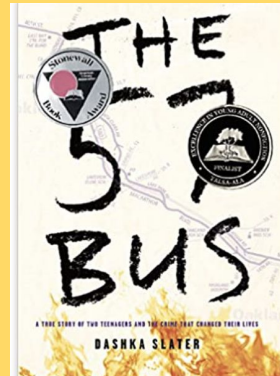
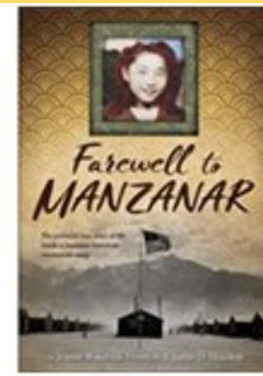
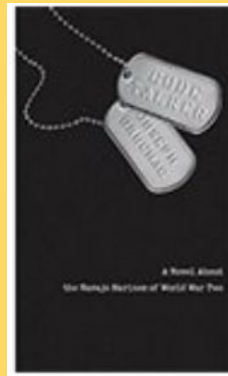
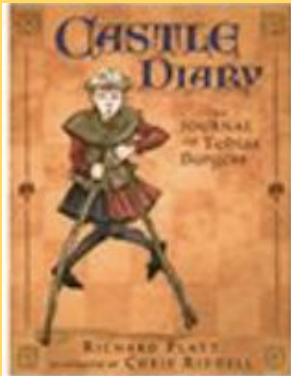
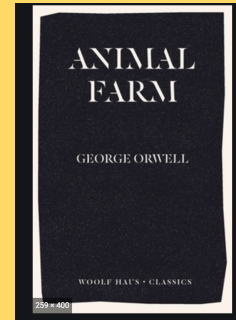
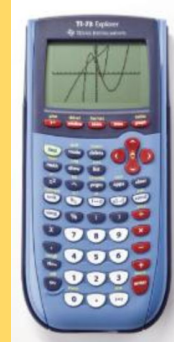
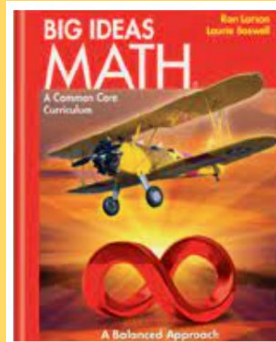
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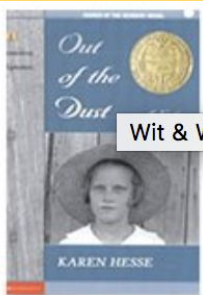
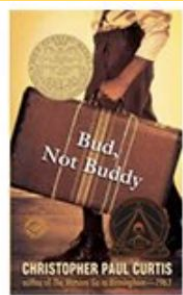
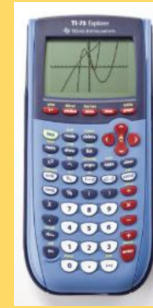
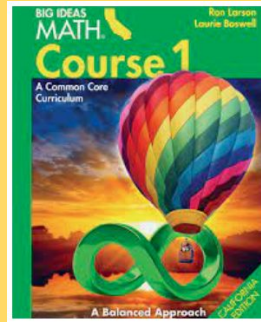
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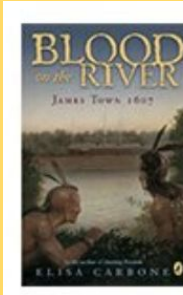
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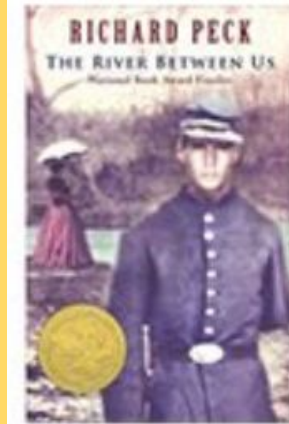
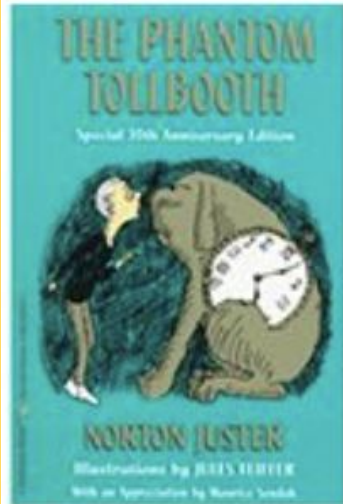
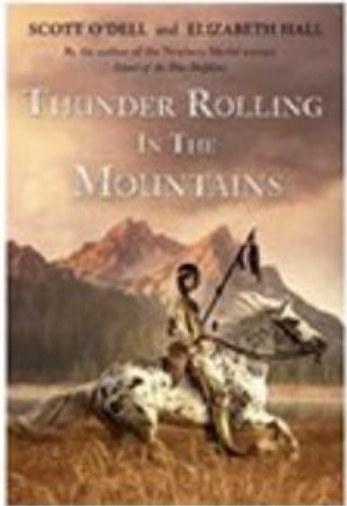
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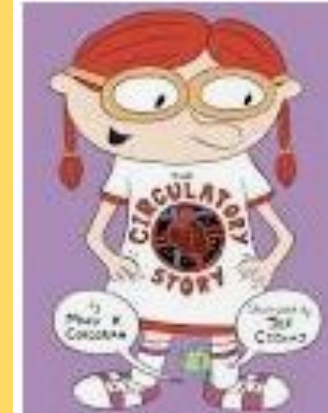
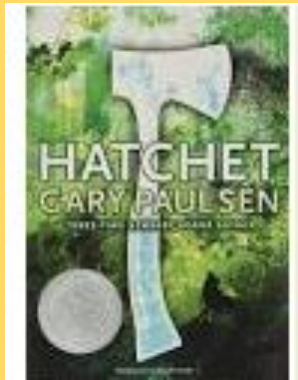
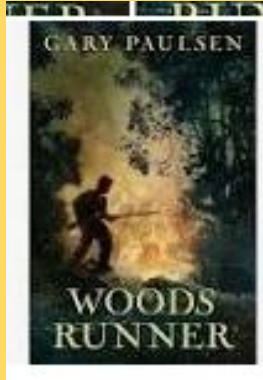
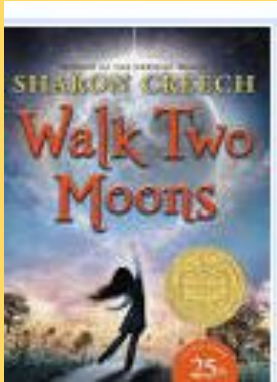
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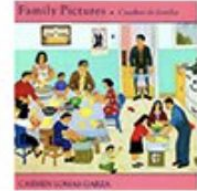
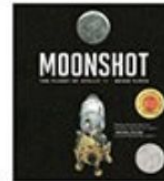
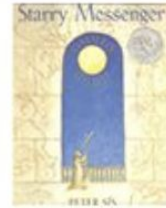
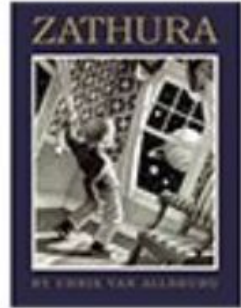
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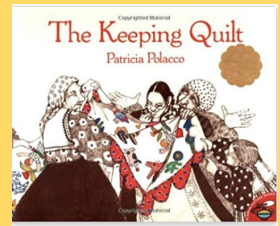
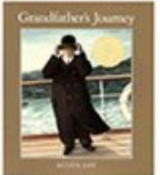
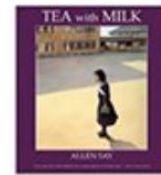
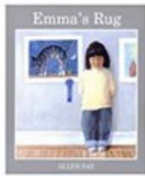
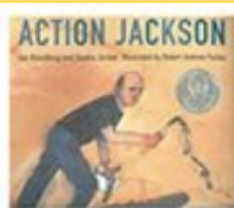
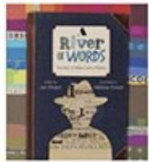
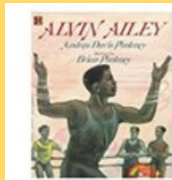


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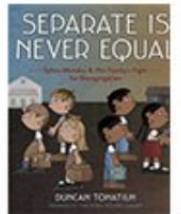
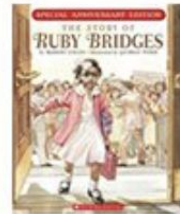
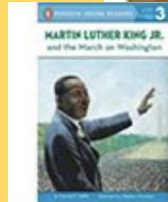
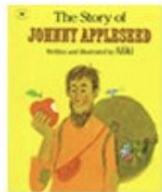
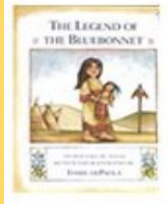
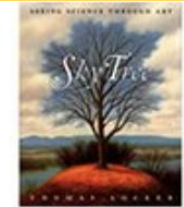
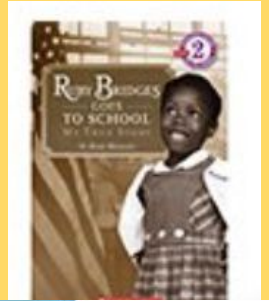
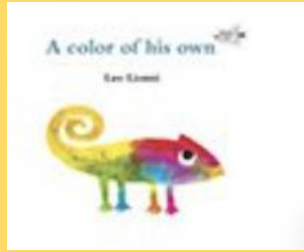


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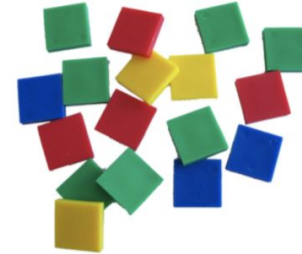
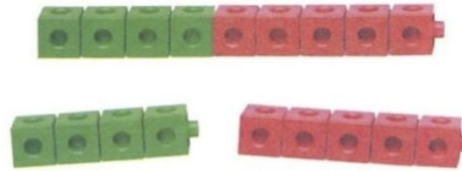
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Bag of leveled texts



Math Manipulatives





2021-22 School Supply Program

Dear PAS Parent/Guardian,

June 2021

We are pleased to be able to offer families the same three options we provided last year for ensuring your child has their school supplies when they return in the fall.

How the program works: Teachers have prepared supply lists for each grade that will be included in their summer reading packet they will receive at the end of the year. You can also find the lists [HERE](#). Be sure to look at the list for your child's grade next year. **Check out the options on the reverse side of this letter, including the option to have supplies delivered directly to your child's classroom! Please note the deadlines for each option.**

Note to parents of rising Kindergartners and 1st graders: Your child(ren)'s school supplies for these grades will be purchased by the teachers. You can pay the \$50/75-per-child fee through the [HSA website](#), cash or check payable to PASHSA and drop off at school or through the mailslot at 210 St. Marks Square.

Greening PAS through Upcycling + Reuse RETURNS! PAS is joining schools around the country utilizing resources in smart and creative ways by upcycling and reusing new or gently used supplies. We're excited to make good use of valuable school supplies and prevent usable items from going to a landfill. You can drop off any of the items on the list below in the PAS atrium and we will put them to good use for the next school year.

Items should be clean and in good working order. We're looking for: marble composition books with wide or college rule (if partly used, remove used pages), plain pocket folders (OK if they contains a name concealable with a label), erasers, #2 Dixon Ticonderoga pencils, other pencils, Crayola crayons (boxed or loose), personal hand sharpeners, white school glue, glue sticks, safety scissors, protractors, and 6 and 12 inch rulers. It's a win-win: supplies get put to good use and you get to clear the extras and leftovers out of your home and office!

Donations Welcome! Whichever option you choose for the school supply program this year, please consider purchasing an extra kit or supplies to ensure that every child at PAS starts and finishes the school year with necessary supplies.



2021-22 School Supply Program

Hassle-free school supply shopping!

Three Options

Don't Delay! There are ordering deadlines.

Buy an extra kit for a student in need*

(* use Ann Kreidle as the recipient)

Need help? Contact Ann Kreidle at kreidlea@upenn.edu or 215-284-8601

OPTION A: EduKits

Order deadline: Wednesday, June 30

Description: Each kit contains all items listed by your teacher and approved by the school. Kit is shipped to school for the first day, labeled with the student's name. Click on the Edukits link above to place your order. BE SURE TO CLICK ON YOUR CHILD'S GRADE FOR NEXT YEAR.

Prices:

Kit	Price	Kit	Price	Kit	Price
2GR	\$84.62	4GR	\$40.40	6-8GR	\$88.73
3GR	\$48.06	5GR	\$76.31		

Option B: Teacherlist.com

Order deadline: varies, based on vendor

selected.

Description: Buy the entire list of supplies uploaded by PAS or just what you need from the list from one of five partners: Amazon, Target, Office Depot and Walmart. Shipped to home. Click the Teacherlist link above to order.

Prices: varies, depending on store and items you choose.

Option C: DIY Do It Yourself PAS Supply Lists

Reuse supplies leftover from last year and purchase just the items you need from the store(s) of your choice. For example, Staples and Walmart often have great sales in mid-July. Teachers will send home all locker contents on your child's last day in school. PAS Supply lists can be found [here](#).



2021-2022 Equity Circle Summer Reading (and Watching!) Suggestions:

The videos and readings below can help us understand the intersections of race, inequity and education in America. We look forward to these grounding much of our conversation and work together throughout the year!

VIDEOS of Bettina Love and Gholdy Muhammad speaking about equity, justice, and learning:

- [2014 interview with Bettina Love](#), 25 min., TEDxUGA
- [2020 interview with Gholdy Muhammad](#), **minutes 29:28 - 1:06:00 only** of “All of the Above”, episode 58

More from Love & Muhammad:

- Podcast/Radio Interview:
 - 22 min., [May 2019 WAMC radio interview with Love ** first 22 min. only**](#) about Love’s more recent work, *We Want to Do More than Survive* (2019)
 - 45 min., [Jan. 2021 interview with Muhammad by Chris Rogers of the Paul Robeson House and Museum](#) about *Cultivating Genius* (2020), through the National Writing Project podcast “The Write Time”
- Author Q&A/Blog:
 - [Abolitionist Teaching in Action: 2019 Q&A with Bettina L. Love](#)
 - [2020 Author Interview with Dr. Gholdy Muhammad, by Larry Ferlazzo for EdWeek Classroom Q&A blog](#)





Help PAS Families in Need!

Put Your P-EBT Card to Good Use!

What's a P-EBT Card?

The Federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act of 2020 allowed Pennsylvania approval to issue Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (P-EBT) benefits to families of school-age children who no longer have access to free or reduced-price school meals due to public school closures.

This means **ALL** district students, regardless of their current eligibility to receive free or reduced lunch meals, will receive the P-EBT benefit of approximately **\$6.82** per day per student.

Families who are currently receiving EBT benefits will begin noticing the additional funds added, for each child currently receiving the benefit, added to their existing EBT card.

For those who do not currently receive EBT benefits, the state will mail an EBT card in late May to the household address on file in the district's student information data system (SIS) also known as Infinite Campus.

If I want to, can I donate my card to a family in need?

Food security is an issue for families now more than ever. Families that were once, if not thriving, at least getting by, are now faced with unemployment and underemployment, more family members eating at home, rising food prices, and fewer options for supplemental incomes such as teen jobs and second jobs.

The cards are non-transferable so unfortunately you cannot give the card to another family. **If your family isn't in need of the funds and instead of destroying the card, we ask that you consider one of these ways to help:**

- Donate the value of the card to the [PAS Family Support Fund](https://pennalexanderschool.org/product/family-support-fund/) to support families in our school community:
- Click the link to see other ways to support families in need in our broader school community. *Add organizations to the list if you like.*

Who can I contact with questions, if my family is in need of assistance or if I know of a family in need?

Ann Kreidle, kreidlea@upenn.edu 215-284-8601 or during the school year - PAS Counselor Theresa Knight, tknight@philasd.org 484-278-1466

Visit <https://www.philasd.org/studentplacement/pebt/> for more information about the P-EBT program.



PAS Mutual Aid For Families

Financial assistance

- Please consider making a donation to the PAS Family Emergency Fund to help families affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.
<https://pennalexanderschool.org/product/family-support-fund/>
- If you are in need of support, apply for a small grant, by completing this [application](#)

Grab & Go Summer Meals

- Fridays, 9 AM - 2 PM; pick up from PAS on 43rd Street
- Students receive one box with 5 breakfasts, 5 lunches and ½ gallon of milk
- Visit <https://www.philasd.org/foodservices/> for other summer meal sites

Virtual Bulletin Board / Mutual Aid

Have your children outgrown their clothes? Do you have a bike you are ready to pass along? Looking for puzzles or board games? Are you able to offer emergency childcare for a family? Something else?

- **List what you are looking for and/or able to offer here:**
 - <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/112nihSEYZGoMlge6C7ncK381U03swjWP25FNM5SYqvc/edit?usp=sharing>. This is a self-serve list where families can connect to exchange items.

Book Exchanges

See the first page of the Virtual Bulletin Board (link above) to see where you can borrow/exchange books with other families in the community. Middle School Families: have any of [these books](#) your child is done with? Please put them in one of the middle school bins to pass along to another student.

Other help needed

At times we may need people to deliver items that don't get picked from school. Want to help monitor the Virtual Bulletin Board and help families connect? Something else we aren't thinking of? Please email Ann Kreidle at kreidlea@upenn.edu if you can volunteer some time with this effort. It will take all of us supporting one another to get through this challenging time!

ATTENTION YOUNG ARTISTS!

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO THIS SUMMER?

SIGN UP FOR A:

VIRTUAL SUMMER ART CAMP!



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*NOTE-THE FIRST CLASS WILL TAKE PLACE ON TUESDAY, JULY 6TH.

THANK YOU! -KARA J. DURANT