


<p>WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION PACKET</p>  <p>THE LEA EXPRESS ALL THE INFORMATION YOU NEED</p>	<p align="center"><u>Our Vision</u> <i>The Lea School Community is dedicated to building creative spaces where critical citizens are inspired and empowered to change the world. We believe ALL students can learn.</i></p> <p align="center"><u>Our Mission</u> <i>The Lea School Community endeavors to remove barriers to academic success by supporting the holistic needs of our students and their families to improve academic outcomes for all students.</i></p>	<p align="center">Henry C. Lea Elementary School</p> <p align="center">ShaVon Savage, Principal</p> <p align="center">4700 Locust Street Philadelphia, PA 19139</p> <p align="center">(215) 400-7660 https://lea.philasd.org/</p>
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Our **Instructional Vision** is a LEArner focused classroom: a community where ALL students and educators engage in authentic, consistent, standards-aligned learning experiences that enables them to become competent collaborators and learners across the curriculum.

LEA EXPRESS for week ending Friday, January 17, 2020

IMPORTANT DATES		
Date	Event	Times
January 2 - 31	Testing window for AimsWeb Plus	
January 2 - February 21	Testing window for ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS assessments for English Learners	
January 13 - 17	ANET testing window for Grades 2-8	
January 20	Schools Closed: MLK Day	
January 21	Home & School Association (HSA) Meeting	3:30 - 4:30 pm
January 22	Title 1 Federal Monitoring Visit	8:45 - 10:15 am
January 24	Early Dismissal Half-Day: Staff Professional Development	Student dismissal: 12:09 pm
	Volunteer Orientation Training	1:00 - 3:00 pm
February 5	Early Dismissal Half-Day: Afternoon & Evening Report Card Conferences and Academic Parent Teacher Team (APTT) Meetings	Student dismissal: 12:09 pm Conferences: 1:00 - 3:00 pm 4:00 - 6:00 pm K-2 APTT Meetings: 4:00 - 5:15 pm
February 6 - 7	Early Dismissal Half-Days: Report Card Conferences	Student dismissal: 12:09 pm Conferences: 1:00-3:00 pm

SCHOOL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Please remember that schools are closed this upcoming Monday, January 20th, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Assessments

Our 2nd through 8th graders finished their ANET testing today! We may have some students testing through next week if they have been absent. Please congratulate your students for a job well done! This marking period, you'll get a report of your student's progress during report card conferences in February. Stay tuned!

Join the Musical: The Lion King!

Lea's drama program will be putting on *The Lion King* for our 2019-2020 musical! **Our first rehearsal for the musical was this past Monday, January 13th.** Please see the attached flyer for details on how to participate!

SEED Community Conversation #2

Thanks to the members of the Lea, Penn Alexander School, and wider community that attended our SEED meeting this past this last Tuesday! Our next session will be in February, and please feel free to join us and bring a friend. The conversations are informative, insightful and educational. We look forward to seeing you from 6:00-8:00 PM on February 25th at Penn Alexander School for our next session!

Pretzel Sales!

Pretzels will be continue to be sold each Wednesday and cost \$1. Please be sure to send money in with your students.

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM INFORMATION

Grades 5-8 After-School Program enrollment

The Philadelphia Arts in Education Partnership (PAEP) Program is a STEAM-focused program (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) for students in Grades 5-8. Contact Ms. Evans (taevans@philasd.org) or Mr. Brown (antbrown001@gmail.com) with any questions.

NOTE: Grades 5-8 students must choose between the PAEP STEAM and UACS Sports programs—they CANNOT enroll in both programs.

FAMI-LEA INFORMATION

School Advisory Council (SAC)

We hope that families consider **joining us at our next SAC Meeting on February 12th from 4:30-6:00 pm in the Lea Library.** All are welcome!

2019-2020 SAC meeting dates: 2020: 2/12, 3/11, 4/1, 5/6, 6/3

Home & School Association (HSA)

The next HSA meeting will be on **Tuesday, January 21st** from 4:00–5:00 pm in Room 106.

2019–2020 HSA meeting dates: 2020: 1/21, 2/18, 3/17, 4/21, 5/19

Academic Parent Teacher Teams

This school year, Lea is continuing the Academic Parent Teacher Team (APTT) model for family and community engagement in Grades K–2! APTT (<https://aptt.wested.org/>) is a classroom-based, teacher-led, data-driven family engagement model focused on **supporting children's academic goals by linking home and school learning**. Classroom teachers in grades K–2 will invite families to participate in three 75-minute group meetings and one 30-minute individual, family-child session during the school year.

Our next set of APTT meetings for Grades K–2 will occur on Wednesday, February 5th beginning at 4:00 pm. Childcare and snacks will be provided. More information is forthcoming, and we hope to see all of our Grades K–2 families on February 5th!

Volunteering at Lea

If you are a parent, guardian, or family member of a Lea student and you wish to volunteer at the school (including chaperoning field trips), **you are required to attend a mandatory Volunteer Orientation Training** with our Family & Community Engagement Liaison, Mr. Brown (antbrown001@gmail.com) and Community Partnerships Coordinator, Mr. Rich (rjliuzzi@gse.upenn.edu). **The final volunteer training of the school year will be on Friday, 1/24/20.** We hope to see you then!



WE SHALL OVERCOME

A Celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr.

JANUARY 17 @ 8 PM

Featuring singers from the St. Thomas Gospel Choir and New Spirit of Penn Gospel Choir

Inspired by the words and actions of Dr. King, We Shall Overcome features repertoire from across the African American music traditions that electrified generations of civil rights activists and defenders. Led by the talented Damien Sneed, this performance weaves spoken word from Dr. King's speeches with a musical lineage of gospel, jazz, classical and Broadway to reinvigorate and inspire future generations.

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Dramatic
Reading
by
Local Actor!

Family Read-Along & FREE Books

Join Drexel University and People's Emergency Center
as we honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Families with children of all ages
are welcome!

- Receive free books (as supplies last)
- Raffle prizes and give-aways!
- Light refreshments!

Monday, January 20, 2020
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**Drexel's Dornsife Center for Neighborhood
Partnerships — RYAN HALL**
3509 Spring Garden Street
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Special thanks to
Vanguard Black Professionals Network Volunteers!



The West Philadelphia Action for Early Learning Initiative is a Drexel University-led collaboration of community stakeholders and social service and education agencies working to create an early education support system for families in the Promise Neighborhood.

