


<p><b>WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION PACKET</b></p>  <p><b>THE LEA EXPRESS</b> ALL THE INFORMATION YOU NEED</p>	<p align="center"><b><u>Our Vision</u></b> <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"><b><u>Our Mission</u></b> <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"><b>Henry C. Lea Elementary School</b></p> <p align="center">ShaVon Savage, Principal</p> <p align="center">4700 Locust Street Philadelphia, PA 19139</p> <p align="center">(215) 400-7660 <a href="https://lea.philasd.org/">https://lea.philasd.org/</a></p>
<p>Our <b>Instructional Vision</b> 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.</p>		

**LEA EXPRESS for week ending Friday, January 24, 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 24	Early Dismissal Half-Day: Professional Development for Staff	<b>Student dismissal:</b> 12:09 pm <b>Professional Development:</b> 1:00-3:00 pm
February 5	Early Dismissal Half-Day: Afternoon & Evening Report Card Conferences and Academic Parent Teacher Team (APTT) Meetings	<b>Student dismissal:</b> 12:09 pm <b>Conferences:</b> 1:00 - 3:00 pm 4:00 - 6:00 pm <b>K-2 APTT Meetings:</b> 4:00 - 5:15 pm
February 6 - 7	Early Dismissal Half-Days: Report Card Conferences	<b>Student dismissal:</b> 12:09 pm <b>Conferences:</b> 1:00-3:00 pm
February 10	Quarter 3 begins	
February 11	Honor Roll Assemblies	1:00 - 3:00 pm
February 12	School Advisory Council (SAC) meeting	4:30 - 6:00 pm

## SCHOOL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

### Academic Parent Teacher Teams (APTT)

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.

The second of these APTT meetings for Grades K-2 will occur on Wednesday, February 5th from 4:00 - 5:15 pm (the first day of report card conferences). Childcare and snacks will be provided. We hope to see all of our Grades K-2 families at APTT on February 5th!



### Black History Month Celebration

Black History Month (February) is fast approaching, and we are asking and encouraging all staff and students to participate in Lea's first annual Black History Month celebration! Our planning committee has selected the theme of "**From Past to Present**" for our Black History Month activities, which will involve the following:

- **2/7: Black History Bulletin Board Decorating Contest**
- **2/13: Kensington Creative and Performing Arts (KCAPA) Performance:** On Thursday 2/13, Kensington CAPA will perform a Black History Month-themed show for grades 3-8 in the Auditorium.
- **2/21: Black History Month Dance:** Lea's Student Council will coordinate a Black History Month-themed dance-based on the theme, "From Past to Present" –for each grade band in the Gymnasium on Friday 2/21.
- **2/28: Black History Showcase:** On Friday 2/28, we will host our first annual Black History Month Showcase! We are asking and encouraging each classroom teacher and their students to participate by coordinating 1 performance for their class for the showcase. More details to come!

### "A Book A Day" Author Visit

On Friday, January 31st, our partner, The A Book A Day program (<http://abookaday.edublogs.org/>), has invited award-winning author Kelly Starling Lyons (<https://www.kellystarlinglyons.com/>) to visit with our 5th grade classes!

### 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](mailto:taevans@philasd.org)) or Mr. Brown ([antbrown001@gmail.com](mailto:antbrown001@gmail.com)) for enrollment information and 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)

Our last HSA meeting was this past Tuesday, January 2st, and the next HSA meeting will be on **Tuesday, February 18th** from 4:00-5:00 pm in Room 106.

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

### Volunteering at Lea

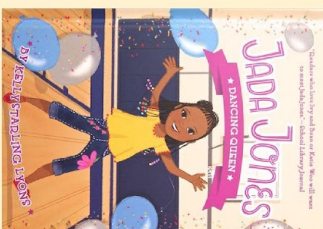
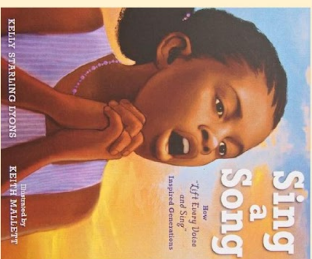
If you are a parent, guardian, or family member of a Lea student and you wish to volunteer at the school (including chaperoning field trips), **you are required to attend a mandatory Volunteer Orientation Training** with our Family & Community Engagement Liaison, Mr. Brown ([antbrown001@gmail.com](mailto:antbrown001@gmail.com))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

### Free Adult ESOL Classes

**Community PEDAL (Practical English for Daily Living)** is a program at the Penn Graduate School of Education that provides free English for speakers of other languages (ESOL) classes for adult English language learners who live in West Philadelphia and are novice, intermediate, or advanced level students. Community PEDAL classes are held at the Walnut Street West branch of the Free Library of Philadelphia (40th & Walnut Streets).

The **Spring 2020 session** for Community PEDAL classes runs from **Friday, January 24th through Friday, April 24th.** Students can register for Spring classes during their first class or by emailing Katherine at [gsepedal@gse.upenn.edu](mailto:gsepedal@gse.upenn.edu). For more information, visit the Community PEDAL website: <https://pedal.gse.upenn.edu/community>.

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## Lea School Library

Friday, January 31st, 2020

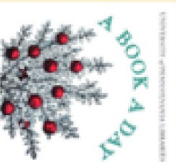
9:00 am & 10:30 am

*Caldecott Medal Contender for "Going Down Home With Daddy"*

Hosted by a Book A Day Program

<http://abookaday.edublogs.org/>

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## THE AFRICAN AMERICAN CHILDREN'S BOOK FAIR



**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2020\*\***

**Community College of Philadelphia  
17th & Spring Garden Streets, Philadelphia, PA**  
(The Gymnasium)

**1:00-4:00pm • Free Admission**

Award-winning authors and illustrators will read and autograph their books.

A wide selection of African American books for children, preschool to young adult will be available for purchase.

Promotional giveaways, prizes and games highlight the afternoon.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL (215) 878-800K**

[theafricanamericanchildrensbookproject.org](http://theafricanamericanchildrensbookproject.org)

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The African American Children's Book Project (AACBP) founder and CEO, Vanessa Lloyd-Symons

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\*\* Show Date for the Book Fair is Saturday, February 8, 2020