# WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION PACKET THE LEAGUESS ALL THE INFORMATION YOU NEED

### **Our Vision**

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.

### **Our Mission**

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.

### Henry C. Lea Elementary School

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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 31, 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 31	A Book A Day author visit: Kelly Starling Lyons (https://www.kellystarlinglyons.com/)	Room 211: 9:30-10:30 am Room 212: 10:30-11:15 am
February 5	Early Dismissal Half-Day: Afternoon & Evening Report Card Conferences and Academic Parent Teacher Team (APTT) Meetings	Student dismissal:
February 6 - 7	Early Dismissal Half-Days: Report Card Conferences	Student dismissal: 12:09 pm Conferences: 1:00-3:00 pm
February 10	Quarter 3 begins	
	CPHI Sexual Health Education Lessons begin	Every Mon during Quarter 3: Room 306: 11:15 am - 12:00 pm Room 308: 12:45 - 1:30 pm
February 11	Honor Roll Assemblies	1:00 - 3:00 pm
February 12	School Advisory Council (SAC) meeting	4:30 - 6:00 pm
February 17	Schools & administrative offices closed_Presidents Day	

### 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) starts this weekend, 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 (<a href="http://abookaday.edublogs.org/">http://abookaday.edublogs.org/</a>), has invited award-winning author Kelly Starling Lyons (<a href="https://www.kellystarlinglyons.com/">https://www.kellystarlinglyons.com/</a>) 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) or Mr. Brown (antbrown001@gmail.com) for enrollment information.

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

### **FAMI-LEA INFORMATION**

### School Advisory Council (SAC)

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

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!

### Home & School Association (HSA)

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

Our last HSA meeting was this past Tuesday, January 28th, and the next HSA meeting will be on **Tuesday, February 18th** from 4:00-5:00 pm in Room 106.

### 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 <u>gsepedal@gse.upenn.edu</u>. For more information, visit the Community PEDAL website: <a href="https://pedal.gse.upenn.edu/community">https://pedal.gse.upenn.edu/community</a>.

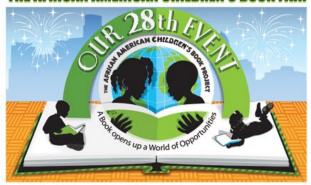
### **Black History Month Essay Contest**

The Walnut Hill Community Association (WHCA) is hosting its annual Black History Month Essay Contest for **students in Grades 5–8**! The topics, rules, prizes, and submission information for the contest are in the attached flyer. The deadline date for the contest is **Wednesday**, **February 19th**. Please encourage your 5th, 6th, 7th, or 8th grade student to participate in this contest. Questions? Email WHCA president Margaret Livingston (<u>margaret4647@gmail.com</u>).

### 2nd Annual West Philadelphia Women's Day

On **Saturday**, **February 15th from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm** at West Philadelphia High School (4901 Chestnut St), Penn Nursing's Center for Global Women's Health is hosting a special one-day conference focused on addressing some of the major health issues of women, adolescent girls, and gender minorities in the West Philadelphia community. The conference will include **basic health screenings**, **presentations**, and **small group sessions**. Please RSVP using this link: <a href="https://www.nursing.upenn.edu/live/forms/120-rsvp-2nd-annual-west-philadelphia-womens-day">https://www.nursing.upenn.edu/live/forms/120-rsvp-2nd-annual-west-philadelphia-womens-day</a>

### THE AFRICAN AMERICAN CHILDREN'S BOOK FAIR



### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2020"

### Community College of Philadelphia 17th & Spring Garden Streets, Philadelphia, PA

### 1:00-4:00pm • Free Admission

Award-winning authors and illlustrators 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

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual West Philadelphia Women's Day

Join us for this **FREE EVENT** including food, door prizes, and gift bags!

### RSVP required by February 8.

register\* go to www.nursing.upenn.edu/womensday

\*All online registrants will be automatically ent into a raffle for a special door prize.

Saturday, February 15, 2020

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

### West Philadelphia **High School**

4901 Chestnut St. Philadelphia, PA 19139



Center for Global Women's Health

For students in grades 5 to 8 Winners in 5th/6th & 7th/8th grade

categories will receive:

**SECOND PLACE: \$75** FIRST PLACE: \$100

THIRD PLACE: \$50



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# TOPICS:

\_angston Hughes: What was Langston Hughes' contribution to society?

Grades 7 & 8, choose one topic:

Grades 5 & 6, choose one topic: Madam CJ Walker: How was Madam CJ Walker an inventor?

Paul Robeson: Who was Paul Robeson Esq.?

Essays should be 2-4 pages double spaced. Please include a cover page with your name, school, grade, and a parent or guardian phone **RULES & SUBMISSION:** Gwen Ifill: How did Gwen Ifill pave the way for other journalist?

Essays can be submitted at the Children's Department of the Lucien E. Blackwell West Philadelphia Regional Library, school office, or emailed to lornap@theenterprisecenter.com Essays will be judged on originality, research, organization, and writing. Librarians are available to assist students with research.

For more information, email lornap@theenterprisecenter.com

AWARDS CEREMONY: FEBRUARY 29TH, 2020 PAUL ROBESON HOUSE 4951 WALNUT ST. 1-3 PM **SUBMISSION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 19TH, 2020**