


<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>
<p>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.</p>		

LEA EXPRESS for week ending Friday, February 7, 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	
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	
February 18	Home & School Association (HSA) meeting	3:30 - 4:30 pm
February 21	Black History Month: School dances	K-2: 12:45 - 1:30 pm 3-5: 1:30 - 2:15 pm 6-8: 2:15 - 3:00 pm
February 25	SEED ¹ Community Conversation #3 @ Penn Alexander School	6:00 - 8:00 pm
February 28	Early dismissal half-day: Staff professional development	8:30 am - 12:09 pm

¹ SEED = Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity

SCHOOL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Academic Parent Teacher Teams (APTT)

The second set of our Academic Parent Teacher Teams (APTT) meetings for **Grades K-2** were held this past **Wednesday, February 5th**. Thanks to all of our families that came out, and we hope to see all of our Grades K-2 families at our third set of APTT meetings on **April 15th!**

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!



The Henry C. Lea Elementary School (Lea) and Sadie Tanner Mossell Alexander Penn Partnership School (PAS) will be hosting a series of conversations across our community as part of the National SEED Project (<https://nationalseedproject.org/>).

SEED stands for "Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity," and it prepares participants to **connect our lives to one another and to society at large by acknowledging systems of oppression, power, and privilege.** Our "SEED Community Conversations" will include personal reflection, learning experiences, and opportunities to hear others' stories and to listen to others' voices.

All members of the Lea, PAS, and wider community are invited to participate. While it is not required, we encourage you to attend *all* of the community conversations if possible. The dates, times, and locations are in the table below, and we hope to see you at SEED!

Session	Date	Location
SEED #1	December 3, 2019 6:00 - 8:00 pm	Penn Alexander School, 4209 Spruce Street <i>PAS Atrium</i>
SEED #2	January 14, 2020 6:00 - 8:00 pm	Lea Elementary School, 4700 Locust Street <i>Lea School Library (enter via Locust Street)</i>
SEED #3	February 25, 2020 6:00 - 8:00 pm	Penn Alexander School, 4209 Spruce Street <i>PAS Atrium</i>
SEED #4	April 21, 2020 6:00 - 8:00 pm	Lea Elementary School, 4700 Locust Street <i>Lea School Library (enter via Locust Street)</i>
SEED Celebration	June 9, 2020 6:00 - 8:00 pm	TBD!

SEED Community Conversation #3

On **Tuesday, February 25th, from 6:00 - 8:00 pm** at **Penn Alexander School**, we will be hosting our third **SEED Community Conversation!** All members of the Lea, Penn Alexander School, and wider community are invited to participate. Food and childcare will be provided, and we ask that you please RSVP using the following link so we know how many people to prepare for: <https://tinyurl.com/RSVP-Lea-PAS-SEED-1920>.

The dates, times, and locations of all SEED events are in the attached flyer.

Pretzel Sales!

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

Please RSVP!

Follow this link to complete a brief survey:

<https://tinyurl.com/RSVP-Lea-PAS-SEED-1920>

If you have any questions, please contact Lea's Community Partnerships Coordinator, Rich Liuzzi, at rliuzzi@gse.upenn.edu or 215-400-7660.

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 choose between the PAEP STEAM and UACS Sports programs—they CANNOT 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.**

Home & School Association (HSA)

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

The next HSA meeting will be on **Tuesday, February 18th** from 4:00-5:00 pm in Room 106. All are welcome!

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. For more information, visit the Community PEDAL website: <https://pedal.gse.upenn.edu/community>.

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 (margaret4647@gmail.com).

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: <https://www.nursing.upenn.edu/live/forms/120-rsvp-2nd-annual-west-philadelphia-womens-day>



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You are invited to 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.

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

RSVP required by February 8.

To register* go to www.nursing.upenn.edu/womensday
For questions: globalhealth@nursing.upenn.edu

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

**Saturday,
February 15, 2020**

8:00 am - 5:00 pm

**West Philadelphia
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BLACK HISTORY MONTH ESSAY CONTEST

3RD ANNUAL

For students in grades 5 to 8

Winners in 5th/6th & 7th/8th grade

categories will receive:

FIRST PLACE: \$100

SECOND PLACE: \$75

THIRD PLACE: \$50

TOPICS:
Grades 5 & 6, choose one topic:

Madam CJ Walker: How was Madam CJ Walker an inventor?

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

Grades 7 & 8, choose one topic:

Paul Robeson: Who was Paul Robeson Esq.?

Gwen Ifill: How did Gwen Ifill pave the way for other journalists?

RULES & SUBMISSION:

Essays should be 2-4 pages double spaced. Please include a cover page with your name, school, grade, and a parent or guardian phone number.

Essays will be judged on originality, research, organization, and writing. Librarians are available to assist students with research.

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

For more information, email lornap@theenterprisecenter.com

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 19TH, 2020

AWARDS CEREMONY: FEBRUARY 29TH, 2020

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