


<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, February 14, 2020

IMPORTANT DATES		
Date	Event	Times
January 2 - 31	<i>Testing window for AimsWeb Plus</i>	
January 2 - February 21	<i>Testing window for ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS assessments for English Learners</i>	
February 17	<i>Schools & administrative offices closed for Presidents Day</i>	
February 18	Home & School Association (HSA) meeting	4:00-5:00 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	Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity (SEED) 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
March 3	Kindergarten Open House	9:00 - 11:00 am
March 10, 11, 12	Interim Reports	
March 11	School Advisory Council (SAC) meeting	4:30 - 6:00 pm
March 13	Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) Activity: Quarter 3	9:00 am - 3:00 pm

SCHOOL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Black History Month Celebration!

It's Black History Month, and we are in the middle of **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 include:

- **2/7: Black History Bulletin Board Decorating Contest:** Check out the beautiful and inspiring bulletin boards our students and staff have put together!
- **2/13: Kensington Creative and Performing Arts (KCAPA) Performance:** This past Thursday 2/13, Kensington CAPA choir & band performed a Black History Month-themed show for grades 3-8 in the Auditorium. **Shout-out to Ms. Warren for coordinating this amazing performance!**
- **2/21: Black History Month Dance:** Lea's Student Council is coordinating a Black History Month-themed dance (based on the theme, "From Past to Present") for each grade band in the Gymnasium next 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 PAS Atrium
SEED #2	January 14, 2020 6:00 - 8:00 pm	Lea Elementary School, 4700 Locust Street Lea School Library (enter via Locust Street)
SEED #3	February 25, 2020 6:00 - 8:00 pm	Penn Alexander School, 4209 Spruce Street PAS Atrium
SEED #4	April 21, 2020 6:00 - 8:00 pm	Lea Elementary School, 4700 Locust Street Lea School Library (enter via Locust Street)
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 to the right.

Pretzel Sales!

Pretzels will continue to be sold each Wednesday and cost \$1. All proceeds go to the Student Activities Fund. 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:

3/11, 4/1, 5/6, 6/3

Our School Advisory Council (SAC) met this past Wednesday, February 12th, and we will share what was discussed in next week's Lea Express. Our next SAC Meeting is **March 11th** 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!

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**, and essays can be submitted in **Mr. Rich's mailbox in the Main Office**. Please encourage your 5th, 6th, 7th, or 8th grade student to participate in this contest. Questions? Email WHCA president Margaret Livingston (margaret4647@gmail.com).

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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 journalist?

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
PAUL ROBESON HOUSE 4951 WALNUT ST. 1-3 PM

Reminders Regarding Safety In the Neighborhood After School Hours

Please remind your students that they should walk straight home or straight to their After-School Program location upon dismissal. Ensure that your students are walking with a partner and that they avoid talking to strangers, whether on foot or in a vehicle.

If they have an issue or experience an uncomfortable situation, they should return directly to the school or tell a trusted adult immediately. Please continue to encourage your children to speak with administrators, counselors and teachers regarding any concerns that they have at any time.

It's important that we have your continued support as we *all* endeavor to keep our students safe.

Facilities Update and Asbestos Concerns


We are continuing to address facilities issues and concerns here at Lea.

The School District of Philadelphia has additional information on their website regarding asbestos and the process to report and address asbestos concerns, which we encourage you to visit:

<https://www.philasd.org/capitalprograms/programsservices/environmental/ahera/>.

Lea's most recent Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) report can be located here: https://www.philasd.org/capitalprograms/wp-content/uploads/sites/18/2020/01/1340_Henry_C_Lea_School_2018_2019_3_Year_AHERA_Report.pdf. Printed copies of Lea's most recent and past AHERA reports are located in the main office and are available for review as well.

Next week, the School District of Philadelphia will be sharing additional information to help families and staff better understand the environmental work being completed in schools, which we will be sure to share with our families.



2nd Annual West Philadelphia Women's Day

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
High School**

4901 Chestnut St. Philadelphia, PA 19139

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