


<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 align="center">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 28, 2020

IMPORTANT DATES		
Date	Event	Times
February 28	<i>Early dismissal half-day: Staff professional development</i>	8:30 am - 12:09 pm
March 3	Kindergarten Open House	9:00 - 11:00 am
March 5	Black History Month: Showcases	K-2: 9:45 - 10:30 pm 3-5: 12:00 - 12:45 pm 6-8: 2:15 - 3:00 pm
March 10, 11, 12	Interim Reports	
March 11	School Advisory Council (SAC) meeting	4:30 - 6:00 pm
March 17	Home & School Association (HSA) meeting	3:30 - 4:30 pm
March 19	Career Day (Grades 6, 7, 8)	1:00 - 3:00 pm
April 1	School Advisory Council (SAC) meeting	4:30 - 6:00 pm
April 3	Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) Activity: Quarter 3	9:00 am - 3:00 pm

SCHOOL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Spring Picture Day

On Friday, March 6th, we will have our **Spring Picture Day for 8th graders only**. The students will wear gowns and hold their caps in their hands.

Kindergarten Open House

Please join us for an information session for parents, guardians, and family members who want to learn more about kindergarten at Lea on **Tuesday, March 3rd, from 9:00 - 11:00 am**. This information session is designed for potential Lea kindergarten families for Fall 2020 and beyond.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email Mr. Rich Liuzzi, our Community Partnerships Coordinator, at rjliuzzi@gse.upenn.edu.

KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE

Henry C. Lea Elementary School



Black History Month Celebration!

It's Black History Month, and we are nearing the end 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:** The winning classes of our bulletin board contest are: 309, 313, 205, and 102! Check out the beautiful and inspiring bulletin boards our students and staff have put together across the whole building!
- **2/13: Kensington Creative and Performing Arts (KCAPA) Performance:** On 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 Dances:** *Shout out to Student Council, Mr. Rich, and staff that helped facilitate last week's dances!* They were well-attended and absolutely awesome!
- **3/5: Black History Showcase:** We will host our first annual Black History Month Showcase on March 5th! We are asking and encouraging each classroom teacher and their students to participate by coordinating 1 performance for their class for the showcase. We've moved the date to March 5th to provide more time for our students to prepare.

Tuesday, March 3rd, 2020

9:00 - 11:00 am

Lea Auditorium

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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.

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

We encourage all families to participate in SAC, as we will be discussing *facilities and budget* at our next meeting on Wednesday March 11, 2020 from 4:30-6:00 pm in the Lea Library. Please join us!

Home & School Association (HSA)

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

The HSA met on **Tuesday, February 18th**, and many thanks to the parents who were able to attend! We reviewed our commitment to support our students with Scholastic dollar purchases for the Lea Store, supporting families with continued uniform donation collection and cleaning, and supporting our community by advocating for crossing guards around our school. For the past several months, Lea has not had regular crossing guards stationed at the corners around our school, and we need the city to open hiring for new crossing guards in the 18th Police District. In the meantime, if you want to volunteer to serve as a crossing guard to keep our kids safe during arrival and dismissal, see below. For more information, visit our new HSA website:

<https://lea-hsa.wixsite.com/support>

Our next HSA meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 17th** from 3:30 - 4:30 pm in Room 106.

Crossing Guard Volunteers

Our Home & School Association (HSA) has been working to address the fact that Lea is still missing crossing guards for 3 of the 4 immediate intersections surrounding the school. HSA conversations and advocacy with the 18th Police District and the City's HR Department have not produced results, as none of the empty positions have been posted. While we continue to advocate for crossing guards to be hired and assigned by the police/city, **our HSA is also organizing for parent volunteers to guard the following intersections—47th and Locust, 48th and Locust, and 48th and Spruce—at the following times—8:00-8:30 am during arrival in the morning, and 2:50-3:20 pm in the afternoon during dismissal. If you are willing and able to volunteer, please sign up using this online schedule: <https://tinyurl.com/lea-crossing-guard-vols-1920>.** Please share this opportunity with other Lea families! Even one shift a week helps!

Reposting: Facilities Update and Asbestos Concerns

The School District of Philadelphia has created a website to provide additional information regarding asbestos and its plan for Healthy Schools, which you can visit here:

<https://www.philasd.org/capitalprograms/healthy-schools/>

There's an additional website that details 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) reports 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.
- <https://www.philasd.org/capitalprograms/wp-content/uploads/sites/18/2017/07/1340-Henry-C-Lea-School-2015-2016-3-Year-AHERA-Report-1.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. We continue to address the non-imminent hazards that have been located here at Lea, and will keep our community informed as more information becomes available.