

#### **Upcoming Events**

PSSA Literacy (Grades 3-8) Tuesday, April 10th– Thursday, April 12th

Prospective Teacher Open House Thursday, April 12th 6PM

> Pretzel Friday (\$1) Friday, April 13th

PSSA Math (Grades 3-8) Tuesday, April 17th– Wednesday, April 18th

PSSA Science (Grades 4 & 8) Monday, April 23rd & Tuesday, April 24th

> Early Dismissal (Noon) Friday, April 27th

Pretzel Friday (\$1) & Dress Down Day (\$1) Friday, April 27th

Report Card Conferences & Early Dismissal (Noon)

Wednesday, May 2nd– Friday, May 4th

Celebrating the Art of Penn Alexander Event

Thur., May 3rd 5:45-8PM

# **PAS WEEKLY UPDATE**

WEEK OF April 9, 2018 Mr. Farrell, Principal

PSSA Testing for students in grades 3-8 begins on Tuesday, April 10th. Please be sure your child is at school on time!



The PAS Equity Circle presents

#### Building Healthy Multiracial Community: Understanding Racial Identity Development

With Deidre Ashton and Ali Michael

Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> 6PM

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Potluck dinner for adults, childcare & pizza dinner available for students. <u>https://goo.gl/fQMbFn</u>

2018 PARENT & GUARDIAN SURVEY

## Annual School District of Philadelphia Survey

The Annual School District of Philadelphia survey is designed to find out what you think about your child's school. We encourage you to take the survey for each of your children! Once you start the survey you must complete it all at once. The survey takes approximately 10 minutes to complete.

## https://webapps1.philasd.org/parentsurvey/index.php



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# TUESDAY, APRIL 10TH 6PM - 8PM, PAS GYM

CHILDCARE PROVIDED DURING THE EVENT POTLUCK DINNER AVAILABLE



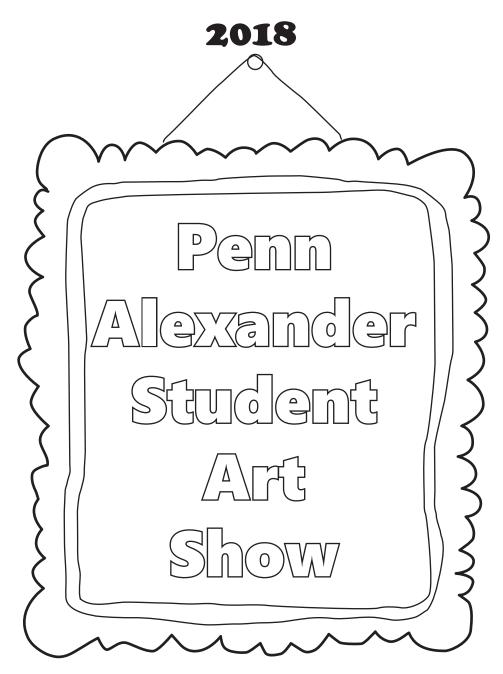
# Building a Healthy Multiracial Community: Understanding Racial Identity Development

#### ABOUT OUR PRESENTERS:

Deidre Ashton, LCSW, is a trainer/consultant who delivers trainings to public and independent schools, and not-for-profit organizations in the development of racial competence to better serve their student/client communities. As a former executive director and supervisor for the Center for Family, Community, & Social Justice, Deidre has trained school based therapists and other school personnel to provide counseling and academic support from a context centered systemic approach rooted in cultural competence/humility and racial equity with the goals of enhancing the learning capacity of all students, and creating an environment conducive to learning. As a parent volunteer at her child's school, she founded and currently co-leads the Parent Association Committee for Advancing Racial Equity in our School (PA CARES).

Ali Michael, Ph.D., is the Director of K-12 Consulting and Professional Development at the Center for the Study of Race and Equity in Education at the University of Pennsylvania and the Director of the Race Institute for K-12 Educators. She is the author of Raising Race Questions: Whiteness, Inquiry and Education (Teachers College Press, 2015): a book designed to support teachers in the long term and personal process of understanding the role that race plays in their lives and in their classrooms. She is also co-editor of Everyday White People Confront Racial and Social Injustice: 15 Stories (2015, Stylus Press) and the forthcoming book, The Guide for White Women who Teach Black Boys (2017, Corwin Press). She sits on the editorial board of the journal Whiteness and Education. For more information on Ali, see www.alimichael.org





1<sup>st</sup> Annual Fundraiser for PAS Art Program

May 3rd | Penn Alexander Playground



# Celebrate our students' artwork while enjoying music, food, drinks and community.

See what amazing art work your child and all their fellow classmates have created this school year.

Silent Auction of 1 piece of work from each grade

### Help Fund Art @ PAS For Years To Come!!

# Thursday May 3, 2018

#### **Event Schedule:**

5:45-6:15 - Parent/Family-Student walk through (Atrium)6:15-8:00 - Childcare and Pizza dinner (Cafeteria)6:15-8:00 - Adult Only Celebration (Atrium/Playground)



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#### Parent/Family/Student Walk through

Take the time to walk around the school and have a conversation with your child about the different types of art. Answer the interactive questions that will be seen hanging on the walls.

#### **Adult Only Gathering**

Enjoy some appetizers, music, beverages and community. Mix and mingle while enjoying the amazing pieces of art our students have made during the 2017-18 school year

#### **Silent Auction**

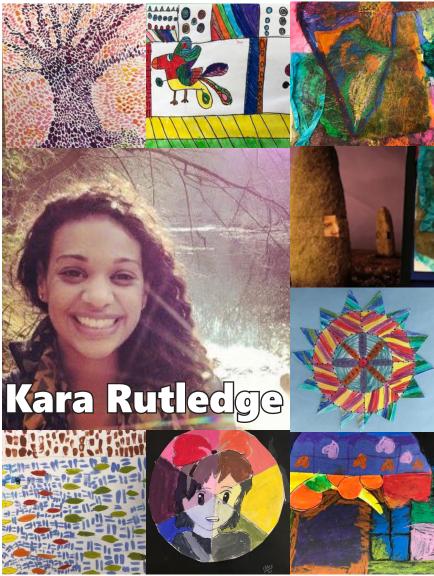
Bid on 9 art items hand chosen by our amazing art teacher.

#### **Raffles**

Buy raffle tickets that help support the arts at PAS. Many ways to win!



Don't forget your checkbook or cash! All proceeds go towards funding PAS Art Teacher position.



Penn Alexander had a full-time art teacher when it opened, but lost the position in 2008. At that time, parents, in partnership with the principal, organized a program that has grown over time. The program has been solely funded through parent donations to the HSA and family participation in community-building events. We now have a full-time art position that relies heavily on HSA funding - that is you and your support at work!

# **PAS MUSICAL T-SHIRTS** *are back*!

\$12 <u>Presales Only - Order by April 23</u>



Black t-shirt with white letters & red rose (uniform approved)

Student Name(s	)		Roc	om #/Teacher					
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#### **Dear PAS Families:**

Spring 2018

We are delighted to announce *Broadway*,  $43^{rd}$  *Street Style* returns to PAS again this Spring! Third-grade teacher Ms. Tia Larese is directing our  $13^{th}$  annual schoolwide musical — *Beauty & the Beast, Jr.* — in May.

Showtime will be May 16, 17, 18 @ 7:00pm. Mark your calendars today!

**Now is your chance to sponsor this year's production!** Your **tax-deductible financial support** will ensure that we have a high-quality show that children will cherish for a lifetime. We hope you'll join us in supporting the 2018 production.

Putting on a show with students creates many benefits that extend far beyond the performances themselves. Student actors spend countless hours rehearsing lines, in learning and coaching, mastering choreography, and singing their hearts out. Some students participate on stage crew, learning design, carpentry, painting, and audio-visual skills. And still others take part in the orchestra, providing the musical backbone for the show. My two daughters (PAS alums now in high school) spent many years participating in the Penn Alexander musicals. Through it, they gained valuable public speaking skills, creative teamwork experience, self-confidence, and appreciation for the arts. A creative outlet is not just part of a well-rounded education — it is essential for a child's emotional health and well-being.

Penn Alexander is able to continue this treasured tradition of an annual Spring musical because of financial support from parents like you and the community. In addition to the Sheila Sydnor Endowment, which covers some of the equipment costs, we rely on donations and financial support from our families and area businesses. **Please consider contributing** at a level you can afford.

Starting at the **\$250 contribution level, you'll receive a free ticket to the show and your gift will be recognized in the playbill.** A donation form and a full list of sponsorship levels are on the reverse side of this letter. And if you know a business that might be interested in sponsoring the show or running an ad in the program, please alert me (<u>moosbrugger@verizon.net</u>) or Ann Kreidle (ann.kreidle@gmail.com).

See you on *Broadway – 43rd Street Style!* We expect *Beauty and the Beast, Jr.,* will be another outstanding sold-out performance and a rich, community-building activity.

Sincerely,

*Kathy Moosbrugger* President Penn Alexander Home & School Association

#### Broadway – 43rd Street Style! Penn Alexander Musical 2018 Beauty & the Beast, Jr.

Yes! I want to be a sponsor of Penn Alexander's *Beauty & the Beast, Jr.*, at the following level:

#### □ \$1,500 Belle level

- Two-page center ad in playbill, color
- Program Listing
- Recognition on Twitter feed
- Recognition on PAS HSA Facebook page
- Five complimentary show tickets

#### □ \$1,250 Beast level

- Full-page, back-cover ad in playbill, color
- Program Listing
- Recognition on Twitter feed
- Recognition on PAS HSA Facebook page
- Five complimentary show tickets

#### □ \$1,000 Be Our Guest level

- Full-page, inside-back-cover ad in playbill, color
- Program Listing
- Recognition on Twitter feed
- Recognition on PAS HSA Facebook page

#### • Four complimentary show tickets

□ \$750 Rose level

- Full-page ad in playbill, black and white
- Program Listing
- Three complimentary show tickets

#### □ \$500 Enchanted level

- Half-page ad in playbill, black and white
- Program Listing
- Two complimentary show tickets

#### □ \$250 Wishing Stars level

- One-third page ad in playbill, black and white
- Program listing
- One complimentary show ticket

#### Name \_\_\_\_\_

# (If \$250 or higher, please indicate how your name should appear in the playbill or email ad copy to Ann Kreidle — ann.kreidle@gmail.com — by April 20.)

Address	
City/State/Zip	
Phone	Email
My donation of \$ is enclosed.	
□ Check is enclosed, made out to PA	AS Home & School Association
□ Credit card (no Amex, please):	
Card #	Exp. Date
Signature	
Please indicate the show date for which you	would like your tickets:
May 16 May 17	May 18Donate my tickets to a PAS family

*The Home and School Association of PAS is a registered 501(3)c non-profit organization. All contributions are tax-deductible. Please use our EIN# 11-3707471 to claim the maximum deduction allowed by law.* 

## 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Penn Alexander 5K Run for Arts and Science Sunday, June 3, 2018

Registration - \$35.00 Adult\*/\$25.00 Student

Registrant #1	Registrant #2				
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Or Register Online https://runsignup.com/pas5k

# Explore 10,000 years of human history.

# **Opening April 21 MIDDLE EAST** GALLERIES

The 4,500-year-old crowning jewelry of a Mesopotamian queen. One of the world's oldest wine vessels. A baby's rattle. A school child's first writing primer. A workman's tool. These are just a few of the more than 1,200 extraordinary objects in these new galleries, inviting you on a nearly 10,000-year journey of discovery. Explore how ancient societies gave rise to the world's first cities-cities not so very different, in many ways, from our own.

## **OPENING FESTIVAL**

SATURDAY, APRIL 21 & SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM THE OPENING WEEKEND IS FREE WITH MUSEUM ADMISSION.

Farah Siraj

**Al-Bustan Ensemble** 

Al-Bustan Ensemble • Farah Siraj • Gilgamesh Puppetry Performance Drumming Workshop • Curators Talks • Spice Exploration • Arabic Calligraphy Workshop • Creative Engineering • Middle East Bazaar Exchanges with Experts • Storytime • Urban Crafting: Build a City Zoo on Wheels: Middle East Animals • Art-making Station • Instagram Scavenger Hunt • Iraqi Football Demonstration • TAFSUS Choral Music • Cuneiform Tablet Workshop • Unearthed in the Archives **PLUS:** Middle Eastern menu in the Pepper Mill Café • and more!

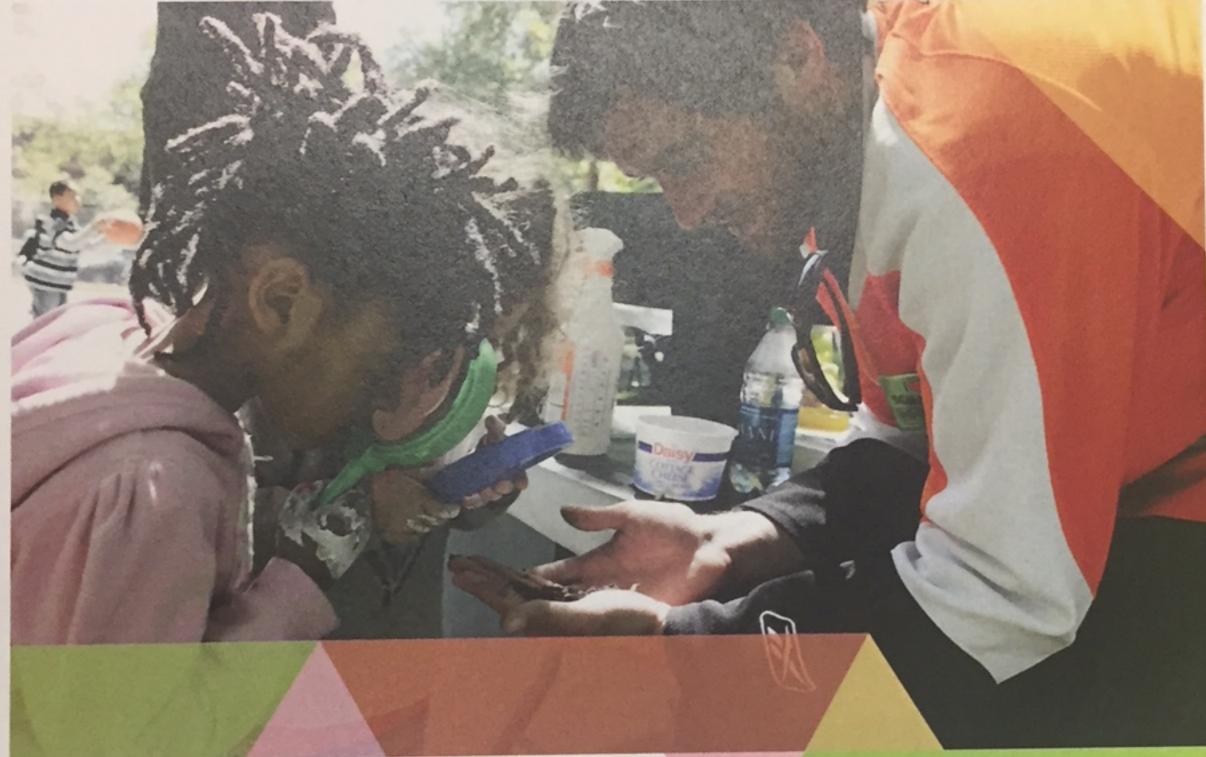
PROMOTIONAL PARTNERS: Global Philadelphia; Intercultural Journeys; World Affairs Council of Philadelphia; Nationalities Service Center; HIAS-PA; Al-Bustan Seeds of Culture; Middle East Center, University of Pennsylvania; and Shabahang Iranian Cultural Society of America





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# **BE A PENNOVATOR!**

# SUNDAY, APRIL 22 | 11:00 AM-3:00 PM

# PENNOVATION CENTER 3401 GRAYS FERRY AVENUE FREE | REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR FULL PARTICIPATION

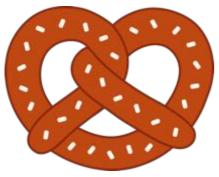
This is the University of Pennsylvania's Year of Innovation! STEM enthusiasts ages five to 105 are invited to join the celebration with a day full of lively demonstrations, talks, and hands-on activities at the Pennovation Center, Philadelphia's hub for robotics research and entrepreneurial initiatives. Learn how to put your ideas to work as you program robots, solve challenges, and innovate the future! Pre-registration is required for full participation.

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# PAS Pretzel Sale **This Friday!** Bring \$1.00- Pretzels will be sold at lunch!