


<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, January 3, 2020

IMPORTANT DATES		
Date	Event	Times
January 2	First day back at school (following Winter Break)	
January 2 - January 31	Testing window for AimsWeb Plus	
January 2 - February 21	Testing window for ACCESS and Alternate ACCESS assessments for English Learners	
January 13 - 17	ANET testing window for Grades 2-8	
January 8	School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting and Winter Title 1 Meeting	4:30 - 6:00 pm
January 13	All-Partner meeting	9:00 - 11:00 am
January 14	SEED ¹ Community Conversation #2 @ Lea School Library	6:00 - 8:00 pm
January 20	Schools Closed: MLK Day	
January 21	Home & School Association (HSA) meeting	3:30 - 4:30 pm
January 22	Title 1 Federal Monitoring Visit	8:45 - 10:15 am
January 24	Early dismissal half-day: Staff professional development	8:30 am - 12:09 pm
	Volunteer orientation training for family/community volunteers	1:00 - 3:00 pm

¹ SEED = Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity

SCHOOL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Student Council Elections

We held our Student Council Elections for the 2019–2020 school year on Thursday December 19th, and we are pleased to announce our Student Council members are as follows:

- President: Ramlah Hameed
- Vice President: Amiraly Bekturganov
- Secretary: Jauziyyah Hameed
- Treasurer: Destiny Harris
- Grade 5 Representative: Jonathan Smith
- Grade 6 Representative: Kimor Diarra
- Grade 7 Representative: Niya Wright
- Grade 8 Representative: *to be determined*

Mr. Rich and Principal Savage will be in touch with Student Council members and their families regarding our first Student Council meeting.

Operation Warm Coats

Before Winter Break, Mr. Brown and Principal Savage distributed the Operation Warm winter coats to every student in every class. If your child(ren) did not receive a jacket for some reason, please contact Mr. Brown (antbrown001@gmail.com) and Mr. Rich (rjliuzzi@gse.upenn.edu).

Pretzel Sales!

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

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM INFORMATION

Resuming After-School Programming

The UACS and PAEP after-school programs will resume after-school programming on the following dates:

- PAEP: Wednesday, January 8th
- UACS: Monday, January 13th

Grades 5-8 After-School Program enrollment

The PAEP After-School Program is still enrolling students! 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) with any questions.

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)

The Lea SAC met on **Wednesday, December 11th** from 4:30 - 6:00 pm in the Lea Library. We discussed the ongoing facilities issues at Lea, noting that several teams from the district had been walking through our building and assessing the situation. SAC members are continuing to ask for PFT involvement in the formation of an Environmental Action Team, but as of yet there have been no steps towards advocating for our school to receive improvements. Principal Savage submitted her yearly capital request and included many facilities repairs and requests. The district is also planning on updating our telecommunications with new phones, clocks, and a PA system.

The PA Society awarded \$50,000 to UPenn President Amy Guttmann who directed the funds to our school with a matching \$50,000. We are excited that this extra \$100,000 will go to upgrading teacher technology to better assist our students.

We also discussed Lea students and other neighborhood kids interacting with businesses around Lea School. The Climate Team at Lea has been working with families and the businesses to resolve the concerns. The SAC members asked for a Community Conversation with the School District Office of School Safety and Climate, our local Police Department, local businesses and families to talk openly about our students and the support our community can provide for us, especially around incidents that happen after school hours.

Finally, we have robust partnership activities and family engagement opportunities, which SAC continues to support.

Our SAC meetings are open to ALL families, staff, and community members from 4:30-6:00 pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month (see dates listed below). **Our next SAC meeting next Wednesday January 8th will be the Winter Title I Family/Parent Input meeting**, where Lea families will be asked to provide ideas for how to spend federal Title I resources, how we can improve programming at Lea, and how to better support family and community engagement at Lea.

2019-2020 SAC meeting dates: 2020: 1/8, 2/12, 3/11, 4/1, 5/6, 6/3

Home & School Association (HSA)

The next HSA meeting will be on **Tuesday, January 21st** from 4:00-5:00 pm in Room 106.

2019-2020 HSA meeting dates: 2020: 1/21, 2/18, 3/17, 4/21, 5/19

Volunteering at Lea

If you are a parent, guardian, or family member of a Lea student and you wish to volunteer at the school (including chaperoning field trips), **you are required to attend a mandatory Volunteer Orientation Training** with our Family & Community Engagement Liaison, Mr. Brown (antbrown001@gmail.com) and Community Partnerships Coordinator, Mr. Rich (rjliuzzi@gse.upenn.edu). The final volunteer training of the school year will be on **Friday, 1/24/20**. We hope to see you then!

Lea Elementary's

Winter Title 1 Parental Input Meeting

Wednesday 1/08/20 @ 4:30pm

- You are invited to give input into the Schoolwide Plan and the School Budget
- Families are most poised to assist us with knowing our students' needs
- As your Principal, I value your input and need your support, please plan to attend

Complete the brief form below and return it back to school:

Yes, I will attend No, I will not attend

Student Name _____

Parent Name _____

Phone# _____



Dear Parents,

Given the recent public discussions about sexual harassment, I felt it important to re-communicate the core values at the School District of Philadelphia. As you all know, we strive to provide a safe, positive school climate for all students. Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 prohibits discrimination based on sex, including sexual harassment, in education programs and activities in federally funded schools at all levels.

The School District of Philadelphia prohibits all forms of unlawful harassment and discrimination, including sexual harassment and discrimination, of students by any student, staff, contracted individual, vendor, volunteer, or visitor in our schools and offices. In order to maintain an environment free of such discrimination and harassment, we encourage students who believe they have been subjected to sexual harassment or sex discrimination to promptly report such incidents to the principal or to the Title IX Coordinator for student related complaints, Andrea Prince at (215) 400-4830. Information on how to submit a complaint online is available on the District's Office of Climate and Safety's website at: <https://www.philasd.org/bullying/>

Board Policy 248 relates to nondiscrimination, harassment and sex discrimination. The policy provides the complaint process, investigation and resolution procedures. The policy is available on the School District's website at www.philasd.org/schoolboard/policies/. The School District of Philadelphia's Notice of Nondiscrimination is available here: <https://www.philasd.org/nondiscrimination/>

For further information on this notice of nondiscrimination and Title IX, please contact:

Chief Student Support Services Officer
Title IX Co-Coordinator
Karyn Lynch
440 N. Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19130
215-400-4000
antiharassment@philasd.org

Sincerely,

Karyn Lynch, Chief
Office of Student Support Services

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FREE CLOTHING SHOPS!

OUR CLOSET
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Our Closet operates FREE pop-up shops featuring clothing and accessories for adults and children throughout Philadelphia.

All are welcome to join us at one pop-up shop per week.
NO REFERRALS/NECESSARY!
Most pop-ups are open from 10am-12pm unless indicated.
Tickets to shop are distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis once the pop-up shop opens.
For those who choose to arrive early, please form a single-file line. Shoppers must be present to receive a ticket. You must have a ticket to shop.

- 5 item limit per adult shopper (age 16 and up).
- 10 item limit at children's and adult/children's shops.
- All items are free, including professional/casual wear, children's/infant clothing, as well as shoes, accessories and costume jewelry.
- We cannot guarantee specific sizes or styles, and inventory changes from week to week

IN THE CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, OUR CLOSET WILL FOLLOW THE CLOSURES OF THE PHILADELPHIA SCHOOL DISTRICT. SCHOOL DELAYS WILL BE CONSIDERED CLOSURES.

WINTER 2019/2020 POP-UP SCHEDULE

Day	Date	Location	Address	Clothing Type
Mon	Dec 2	Gideon Elementary School *Special Time: 4:30pm-6:30pm	2817 West Glenwood Ave.	Adult & Children
Wed	Dec 4	Domestic Center at Drexel University Providence Center	3509 Spring Garden St. 2557 N. 5 th St. (at Huntingdon St.)	Adult & Children Adult
Mon	Dec 9	CHOP Blunger Center	3500 Civic Center Blvd.	Children
Fri	Dec 11	Lutheran Church of the Holy Communion	2111 Sansom St. (Enter on Van Pelt)	Adult
Mon	Dec 13	Congregation Rodeph Shalom	615 N. Broad St. (at Green St.)	Adult & Children
Wed	Dec 16	Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral *Special Time: 9:30am-11:30am	23 South 38 th St.	Adult
Fri	Dec 18	Niceom Court *NEW LOCATION Gideon Elementary School *Special Time: 4:30pm-6:30pm	4340 Germantown Ave. 2817 West Glenwood Ave.	Adult & Children Adult & Children
Mon	Jan 6	Lutheran Church of the Holy Communion	2111 Sansom St. (Enter on Van Pelt)	Adult
Fri	Jan 10	Providence Center	2557 N. 5 th St. (at Huntingdon St.)	Adult
Mon	Jan 13	Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral *Special Time: 9:30am-11:30am	23 South 38 th St.	Adult
Wed	Jan 15	The Common Place Church of the Advocate	5736 Chestnut Ave. (at 58 th St.) 1801 Diamond St.	Adult Adult
Mon	Jan 27	Gideon Elementary School *Special Time: 4:30pm-6:30pm	2817 West Glenwood Ave.	Adult & Children
Wed	Jan 29	United Communities Houston Center	2029 S. 8 th St. (at Snyder Ave.)	Adult & Children
Mon	Feb 3	CHOP Karabotis	4865 Market St.	Children
Wed	Feb 5	Lutheran Church of the Holy Communion	2111 Sansom St. (Enter on Van Pelt)	Adult
Fri	Feb 10	Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral	23 South 38 th St.	Adult
Wed	Feb 14	Immanuel Resource Center/COIGC	6401 Ogontz Ave.	Adult & Children
Fri	Feb 19	The Common Place	5736 Chestnut Ave. (at 58 th St.)	Adult
Mon	Feb 21	Church of the Advocate	1801 Diamond St.	Adult
Wed	Feb 24			
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