


<p><b>WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION PACKET</b></p>  <p><b>THE LEA EXPRESS</b> ALL THE INFORMATION YOU NEED</p>	<p align="center"><b><u>Our Vision</u></b> <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"><b><u>Our Mission</u></b> <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"><b>Henry C. Lea Elementary School</b></p> <p align="center">ShaVon Savage, Principal</p> <p align="center">4700 Locust Street Philadelphia, PA 19139</p> <p align="center">(215) 400-7660 <a href="https://lea.philasd.org/">https://lea.philasd.org/</a></p>
<p>Our <b>Instructional Vision</b> 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 10, 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	
January 13 - 17	ANET testing window for Grades 2-8	
January 13	All-Partner Meeting	9:00 - 11:00 am
January 14	SEED 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	Student dismissal: 12:09 pm
	Volunteer Orientation Training	1:00 - 3:00 pm
February 5	Early Dismissal Half-Day: Afternoon & Evening Report Card Conferences and Academic Parent Teacher Team (APTT) Meetings	Student dismissal: 12:09 pm Conferences: 1:00 - 3:00 pm 4:00 - 6:00 pm K-2 APTT Meetings: 4:00 - 5:15 pm

February 6 - 7	Early Dismissal Half-Days: Report Card Conferences	Student dismissal: 12:09 pm Conferences: 1:00-3:00 pm
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## SCHOOL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

### Upcoming Assessments

The testing windows for the following assessments are here or coming up: **AimsWeb Plus**, the **Achievement Network** assessments (ANet) for Grades 2-8, and the **ACCESS** and **Alternate ACCESS** assessments for our English Learners. Please encourage your students to do their best!

### Join the Musical: The Lion King!

Lea's drama program will be putting on *The Lion King* for our 2019-2020 musical! **Our first rehearsal for the musical is next Monday, January 13th.** Please see the attached flyer for details on how to participate!

### SEED Community Conversation #2

Next Tuesday, January 14th, from 6:00 - 8:00 pm in the Lea Library, we will be hosting our second **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.



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!

**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 Luzzi, at [rluzzi@gse.upenn.edu](mailto:rluzzi@gse.upenn.edu) or 215-400-7660.

## AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM INFORMATION

### Resuming After-School Programming

The UACS after-school program will resume on Monday, January 13th.

### 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](mailto:taevans@philasd.org)) or Mr. Brown ([antbrown001@gmail.com](mailto: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 School Advisory Council (SAC) met last Wednesday, January 8th in the Lea Library. We discussed upcoming school events, our ongoing facilities issues and advocacy strategies, and discussed a plan for a February meeting around supporting our middle schoolers with the community. The SAC also completed a brainstorming activity to assess and address needs as part of the **Winter Title I Family/Parent Input meeting**, where Lea SAC members and families were 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. Some ideas included: more supports and resources for math instruction, climate, restorative practices, special education, and English language learners; more opportunities for recess across grade levels; additional common planning time for teachers; and considering additional administrative support for the Leadership Team. The SAC also proposed hosting a community meeting in February around youth, local businesses, and our Lea students with the District's Chief of School Safety, and we will let everyone know if we are able to organize such a meeting. Finally, 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**. All are welcome!

2019-2020 SAC meeting dates: 2020: 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

### Academic Parent Teacher Teams

This school year, Lea is continuing the Academic Parent Teacher Team (APTT) model for family and community engagement in Grades K-2! APTT (<https://aptt.wested.org/>) is a classroom-based, teacher-led, data-driven family engagement model focused on supporting children's academic goals by linking home and school learning. Classroom teachers in grades K-2 will invite families to participate in three 75-minute group meetings and one 30-minute individual, family-child session during the school year.

**Our next set of APTT meetings for Grades K-2 will occur on Wednesday, February 5th beginning at 4:00 pm.** Childcare and snacks will be provided. More information is forthcoming, and we hope to see all of our Grades K-2 families on February 5th!

### 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](mailto:antbrown001@gmail.com)) and Community Partnerships Coordinator, Mr. Rich ([rjliuzzi@gse.upenn.edu](mailto: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!

# REHEARSALS START MONDAY 1/13/20!

All 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> graders are welcome!



Haven't turned in your enrollment form yet but want to be part of the play?  
Talk to your family and then come to rehearsal on Monday 1/13!

Are you...	Then...
...in the <u>UACS</u> afterschool program?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sign-in as usual with UACS</li> <li>2. Pick-up as usual with UACS</li> </ol>
...in the <u>PAEP</u> afterschool program?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Sign-in as usual with PAEP</li> <li>2. Pick-up as usual with PAEP</li> </ol>
... <u>NOT</u> in UACS or PAEP?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. At 3:09 dismissal, go to Cafeteria B for snack/sign-in</li> <li>2. At 5:00 pm (promptly), dismiss from auditorium               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Walking home? You must bring a signed note from a parent</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

If you haven't turned in an enrollment form yet, complete the information below, and bring this form with you to rehearsal on Monday 1/13!

Student Name		Parent/Guardian Name	
Primary Family Phone #		Parent/Guardian Signature	