


<p>WEEKLY PARENT INFORMATION PACKET</p>  <p>THE LEA EXPRESS ALL THE INFORMATION YOU NEED</p>	<p><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><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>Henry C. Lea Elementary School</p> <p>ShaVon Savage, Principal</p> <p>4700 Locust Street Philadelphia, PA 19139</p> <p>(215) 400-7660 https://lea.philasd.org/</p>
<p>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 21, 2020

IMPORTANT DATES		
Date	Event	Times
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 5	Black History Month: Showcases	K-2: 9:45 - 10:30 am 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 13	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.

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! We've decorated 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:** Thank you so much to Student Council, Mr. Rich, and our committee for holding our dances today! 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 provide more time for our students to prepare.



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 Liuzzi, at rjliuzzi@gse.upenn.edu or 215-400-7660.

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.

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

The Lea SAC met on Wednesday, February 12th from 4:30-6:00 pm in the Lea Library. We discussed school behavior and student behavior outside of school, especially how teachers work with climate staff and administration to support students. We would like to meet with the Chief of School Safety officer but he was unavailable for our meeting. The SAC had a large discussion around facilities, especially asbestos which has been reported and is being monitored by the District. Our school has a publicly available asbestos report from 2018-2019 and teachers/families can submit any pictures and log concerns they have to the PFT phone app. We are continuing to work as a SAC with our administrators and PFT members to advocate for ongoing reviews of our building and maintenance. If you would like to join this cause, please reach out to Molly McGlone (mcglone.molly@gmail.com) or inquire in the main office.

Finally, we discussed the upcoming budget season and options for supporting the growth of our school. Many decisions are yet to come but we wait for enrollment and budget projections in the next few weeks. 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 4:30-6pm** in the Lea Library, please join us!

Home & School Association (HSA)

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

The HSA met on **Tuesday, February 18th** from 4:00-5:00 pm in Room 106. A summary of the meeting will be sent in next week's Lea Express.

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) report for Lea 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.

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.