

<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, March 13, 2020

IMPORTANT DATES		
Date	Event	Times
March 13	Interim Reports	
March 17	Home & School Association (HSA) meeting	3:30 - 4:30 pm
March 19	Career Day (Grades 6, 7, 8)	Postponed
April 1	School Advisory Council (SAC) meeting	4:30 - 6:00 pm
April 3	Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) Activity for Quarter 3: Movie field trips	Postponed
April 6, 7, 8, 9, 10	Schools closed: Spring Break	
April 15, 16, 17	Report card conferences: Quarter 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early dismissal half days (8:30 am - 12:09 pm) 	1:00 - 3:00 pm
April 15	Academic Parent Teacher Teams (APTT) family meeting #3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grades K, 1, 2 	4:00 - 5:15 pm
April 17	PSSA Pep Rally assemblies	11:00 am - 12:09 pm

COVID-19 Coronavirus Updates

Attached below is a letter from Superintendent Hite with an update regarding the coronavirus outbreak situation. Please read the letter. And all health-related COVID-19 coronavirus questions should be sent to coronavirusreport@philasd.org.

Additionally, the University of Pennsylvania (Penn) and Lea are suspending partner programming indefinitely. This does NOT include our after-school programs (UACS and PAEP), which will remain in operation as long as school is in operation.

Please understand that the health and safety of our school community is our top priority. Considering the fluid nature of the coronavirus outbreak, we will be sure to keep our families, staff, and partners informed of any new developments, and we encourage each of you to check the websites for the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the school district linked below.

- SDP coronavirus website: <https://www.philasd.org/coronavirus/>
- CDC coronavirus website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>

SCHOOL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Black History Month Celebration!

MANY thanks to everyone who participated in Lea's first annual Black History Month celebration! We held our first annual Black History Month Showcase this past Thursday, March 5th, and a *BIG shoutout to all of the students and teachers who shared their amazing performances with us all!*



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.

FAMI-LEA INFORMATION

School Advisory Council (SAC)

2019-2020 SAC meeting dates: 4/1, 5/6, 6/3

We encourage all families to participate in SAC! At our most recent SAC meeting this past Wednesday, March 11th, we discussed **facilities and budget**, and we will share a summary of the meeting in next week's Lea Express. **The next SAC meeting is on Wednesday April 1st 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>.

Also, HSA is sponsoring a fundraiser for Lea at Chipotle on April 1st! Just go to the Chipotle at 3925 Walnut St (Suite 128) on Wednesday, April 1st from 5:00 to 9:00 pm. Bring in this page, show it on your smartphone (through DOJO), or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to Lea Home And School Association!

Our next HSA meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 17th from 3:30 - 4:30 pm in Room 107.

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!

Update: Facilities Update and Asbestos Concerns

The School District of Philadelphia's website to provide information regarding asbestos and its plan for Healthy Schools, is found here: <https://www.philasd.org/capitalprograms/healthy-schools/>.

There's an additional website that details the process to report and address asbestos concerns: <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. Recently, a number of asbestos-abatement projects were completed here at Lea. If you have particular questions, please contact the main office.



Join us at our restaurant for a fundraiser to support Lea Home And School Association. Just come in to the Chipotle at **3925 Walnut St Ste 128** in Philadelphia on **Wednesday, April 1st** from **5:00pm to 9:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to Lea Home And School Association.



Online orders will not be included in the fundraiser total. To ensure your purchase is counted in the fundraiser, be sure to order and pay in-restaurant. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.

William R. Hite, Jr., Ed.D.
Superintendent

March 12, 2020

To Our School District of Philadelphia Families,

I am writing to provide another update regarding the COVID-19 (coronavirus) situation as it relates to the School District of Philadelphia. As I communicated yesterday, the District, under guidance from the Philadelphia Department of Public Health (PDPH), is taking extra precautions to address this issue in our school communities. These precautions include the enhanced cleaning of our schools and school buses, the addition of roving general cleaners in every school, and new hand sanitizing stations in our buildings.

As a reminder, at this time, the School District of Philadelphia does NOT have any suspected or confirmed cases of coronavirus in its schools or offices. As we monitor the situation and its effects in surrounding school districts, we have decided to take additional steps to further limit the risk of exposure for students and staff. Effective tomorrow, March 13, we are postponing through Spring Break:

- **ALL** school-sponsored trips -- locally, nationally, and internationally
- **ALL** travel for School District employees (including travel already approved)
- **ALL** school-based activities where large groups of students, staff and community may gather including athletic contests, plays, concerts and fundraisers

At this time, after-school clubs, activities, and athletic practices will continue as scheduled. All athletic facilities are closed to outside organizations through Spring Break.

I understand that postponing or canceling events impacts students and families. While difficult, these decisions are made with the utmost concern for the health and safety of our students, staff and communities. While we continue to receive guidance from local and federal public health agencies, we remain committed to our goal to provide all students a quality education in the healthiest possible environment.

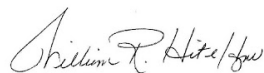
Please remember, practicing good hygiene is **still** the best way to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. This includes regularly washing your hands with soap and water,

covering your nose and mouth when sneezing or coughing, refraining from touching your eyes, nose and mouth, avoiding large crowds and staying home if you are sick.

As a community, it is increasingly important to stay informed. I encourage you to visit www.philasd.org/coronavirus. We continue to add new resources as the situation evolves. Just as important is the need for us to work together as an entire Philadelphia community as we navigate this challenge.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Sincerely,



William R. Hite Jr., Ed.D.
Superintendent
The School District of Philadelphia