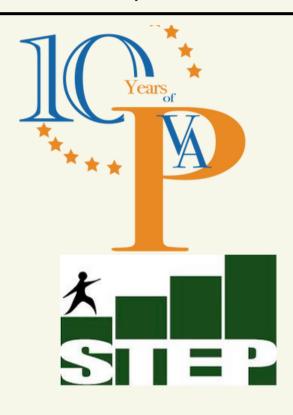
NEWSLETTER

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CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT IS HOSTING IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL EVENTS ALL THROUGH FEBRUARY TO ENGAGE WITH SHARED LEARNING EXPERIENCES IN BLACK HISTORY. PVA STUDENTS WILL USING AND DISCUSSING THE IMPORTANT DATES IN THEIR HOMEROOM CLICK ON THE LINK SO YOU CAN ENGAGE TOO! BLACK HISTORY MONTH CALENDER LINK

ABOUT STEP

STEP STANDS FOR SUPPORT TEAM FOR EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS. WE HAVE A TEAM HERE AT PVA THAT WORKS VERY CLOSELY WITH THE STAFF AT PVA. ASWELL AS THE FAMILIES AND STUDENTS TO SUPPORT THE SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL NEEDS OF THE FAMILIES WE SERVE. WE OFFER INDIVIDUAL/GROUP/FAMILY THERAPY, CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES, FAMILY PEER SUPPORT AND BEHAVIOR SUPPORT. AND EVEN THOUGH YOU ARE VIRTUAL. WE ARE FOCUSED ON HELPING YOU FIND YOUR CHILD AND FAMILIES' STRENGTHS WHILE SUPPORTING YOU IN A TRAUMA INFORMED, CARING, INCLUSIVE AND EMPATHETIC WAY. MAKING SURE YOU ARE CONNECTED TO EVERYTHING YOU AND YOUR CHILD DESERVE. IF YOU FEEL LIKE YOUR CHILD OR YOUR FAMILY WOULD BENEFIT FROM THESE SERVICES. PLEASE REACH OUT!

FAMILY PEER SPECIALIST : JAMIE GRIMBLE- JGRIMBLE@PHILASD.ORG (267-277- 2673)

CASE MANAGER: ZIRCONIA LAKE - ZLAKE@PHILASD.ORG (267 -454 - 2695)
STEP BEHAVORIAL CONSULTANT: DANIELLE ROBINSON DTROBINSON@PHILASD.ORG

THE STEP SURVEY

THE STEP TEAM AT PVA REALLY WANT TO FIND OUT HOW WE CAN BETTER SERVE YOU AND HELP YOUR FAMILY THRIVE AND SUCCEED AT PVA. WE WOULD LOVE TO START TO HOLD IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS THAT WILL HELP MENTAL WELLBEING AND CONNECTION BETWEEN FAMILIES AT PVA. BUT ALSO HOW WE CAN IMPLEMENT THE VARIETY OF SERVICES WE OFFER. ALL RESPONSES ARE CONFIDENTIAL AND ANONYMOUS.

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From the Principal's Desk...

Greetings Parents of PVA students and on behalf of the staff of PVA officially welcome to February and the start of the Second Semester. Please be sure to peruse this month's newsletter and see what activities PVA, the District and City of Philadelphia have in store for celebrating Black History Month.

At this juncture of the school year, I would encourage all parents to spend at least 30 minutes this week reviewing and discussing with your children where they are academically (report cards and transcripts have been updated in Infinite Campus) and what their goals are for the second semester. If you haven't had a chance to yet, please watch this video from our canceled Parent Town Hall in January explaining PVA's High—School grading policies.

Going on my 11th year as a Principal of PVA, I can tell you that one of the biggest differences between our most successful students and those that struggle, is parent involvement in their education. Student's with supportive parents are much more likely to be proactive and self advocate more often. These two qualities are very important in an online educational environment. If your student's first semester did not go the way you wanted, there is no time like the present to turn that around and get them the support they need. Whether that support is:

- Academicsupport(eithervirtuallyintheAcademicSupportVirtualOfficeor in-person tutoring at our Ferguson Academic Center)
- CounselingServicethroughourSTEPprogramorGradeLevelCounselors
- TimeManagementSupportthroughGuidedStudyorProgresstoSuccess
 Programs
- OrNeedingaRosterchangeduetocoursedifficultythroughtheirRosterChair

PVA has a whole team dedicated to each grade level to provide support for a whole host of issues our students and families undergo. Please reach out to them in order to get the support needed. In addition please plan on attending this Friday's Parent Town Hall at 5PM, where I will be introducing our new "Student Progress Hub" which will launch later this month and replace our weekly student progress reports. The purpose

PVA EVENTS

PVA CLUBS
CONTACTS

ART CLUB: FRANKG@CCIU.ORG

MUSIC & LYRICS CLUB: MMALDONADO@PHILASD.ORG

RUNNING CLUB: DLAYMAN@PHILASD.ORG

PVA TOWNHALLS

GRADES K-5: WED 21ST 9;30AM

MEET.GOOGLE.COM/BRW-FWGG-OJC

JOIN BY PHONE

(US) +1 484-552-3201 PIN: 952 015 191#

GRADES 6-12: FRIDAY 9TH FEB 5PM

MEET.GOOGLE.COM/XRA-EYOT-AOC

JOIN BY PHONE

US) +1 385-645-7133 PIN: 577 221 707#

ATTEND G6-12 AND YOU COULD WIN \$50
GIFT CARD!

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

SCHOOL CLOSED FEB 19TH FOR PRESIDENTS DAY

JUNIOR AND SENIOR PROM: MAY 31ST 6PM - 10PM @IATSE





FIELD TRIPS

BARNES FOUNDATION:

FEB 5TH FOR HIGH SCHOOL
FEB 7TH FOR 7TH GRADE MIDDLE
SCHOOL

IF PARENTS WISH TO ATTEND FUTURE
TRIPS MAKE SURE YOU HAVE YOUR
VOLUNTEER CLEARANCES
CONTACT:

MMALDONADO@PHILASD.ORG HVANANDA@PHILASD.ORG FOR APPLICATION DETAILS

If Friends or family are looking for a new school, tell them about PVA and invite them to find out more at our info sessions, details below

Philadelphia Virtual Academy Infomation Session

PHILADELPHIA VIRTUAL ACADEMY
INFORMATIONAL SESSION
ARE YOU CURIOUS ABOUT THE
PHILADELPHIA VIRTUAL ACADEMY? DO
YOU WANT TO LEARN MORE AND EXPLORE
NEW POSSIBILITIES? JOIN US FOR AN
ENGAGING INFORMATIONAL SESSION
WHERE THE PVA TEAM WILL SHARE
INSIGHTS, ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS,
AND GUIDE YOU THROUGH THE EXCITING
WORLD OF A VIRTUAL SCHOOL.

Sign up to one of the following dates to attend 2/5, 2/19, 3/4 10am - 11am

Location :PVA Resource Cnter, Rm 1082 440 n Broad St. 19130

Event Highlights:
INTERACTIVE PRESENTATIONS: ENGAGE WITH
DYNAMIC PRESENTATIONS BY INDUSTRY LEADERS
AND EXPERTS IN THE FIELD.

Q&A SESSION: GET YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED BY
PROFESSIONALS WITH HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE.
EXCLUSIVE RESOURCES: RECEIVE ACCESS TO
EXCLUSIVE MATERIALS AND RESOURCES RELATED





OTHER EVENTS

URBAN GARDENING WITH BLACK GIRLS WITH GREEN THUMBS

THU, FEBRUARY 1, 2024 11:30 A.M. FOX CHASE LIBRARY

URBAN GARDENING WITH BLACK GIRLS WITH GREEN THUMBS

BRING MORE GREEN INTO YOUR URBAN SETTING, INDOOR AND OUT! GARDENING DEMONSTRATIONS, TIPS AND TECHNIQUES WILL BE SHARED. THIS PROGRAM IS SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES.

SOUL FOOD SUPERSTARS

THU, FEBRUARY 1, 2024 1:00 P.M.
TORRESDALE LIBRARY

SOUL FOOD SUPERSTARS! WE WILL SHOWCASE THE DEEPLY NOURISHING ASPECTS OF TRADITIONAL AFRICAN AMERICAN CUISINE LIKE GREENS, SWEET POTATOES, AND BLACK-EYED PEAS. THIS PROGRAM IS SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES.

BRYAN COLLIER AUTHOR VISIT

FRI, FEBRUARY 2, 2024 1:30 P.M.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT AT PARKWAY CENTRAL LIBRARY

COST: FREE

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL VISIT WITH AUTHOR AND ILLUSTRATOR, BRYAN COLLIER. BRYAN COLLIER IS A BELOVED ILLUSTRATOR KNOWN
FOR HIS UNIQUE STYLE COMBINING WATERCOLOR AND DETAILED COLLAGE. HE IS A FOUR-TIME CALDECOTT HONOR RECIPIENT FOR
TROMBONE SHORTY, DAVE THE POTTER, MARTIN'S BIG WORDS, AND ROSA.

JAZZ MUSICOLOGY

TUE, FEBRUARY 6, 2024 4:00 P.M. WEST OAK LANE LIBRARY

JOIN US FOR AN INTERACTIVE, FAMILY FRIENDLY PROGRAM WHICH WILL SHOWCASE THE EVOLUTION OF BLACK AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSIC FOR A HIP HOP INFLUENCED AUDIENCE. THIS PROGRAM IS SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES.

INAUGURATING THE YEAR OF JAMES BALDWIN: GOD'S REVOLUTIONARY VOICE

SAT, FEBRUARY 17, 2024 11:00 A.M.

EDUCATION PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION DEPARTMENT AT PARKWAY CENTRAL LIBRARY
JOIN THE OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE YEAR OF JAMES BALDWIN, A YEAR-LONG CELEBRATION IN PHILADELPHIA OF THE 100TH BIRTH
ANNIVERSARY OF AMERICAN ESSAYIST, NOVELIST, PLAYWRIGHT, POET, AND ACTIVIST JAMES BALDWIN. THROUGH CITYWIDE READING
GROUPS AT COMMUNITY CENTERS, CHURCHES, HIGH SCHOOLS, UNIVERSITIES, AND LIBRARIES; YEAR-LONG EVENTS AND FILM
SCREENINGS; AND A PODCAST, THE YEAR OF JAMES BALDWIN WILL CELEBRATE THE RELEVANCE OF BALDWIN'S LIFE AND IDEAS FOR A
NEW AMERICA THAT WE MUST ACHIEVE. THIS LAUNCH EVENT WILL INCLUDE SPEAKERS, DOCUMENTARY FOOTAGE SCREENINGS, AND
INTERCIVILIZATIONAL CULTURAL PERFORMANCE. REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.





Other Resources













DOES YOUR CHILD NEED HEALTH INSURANCE?

All children and teens are eligible for Medicaid or CHIP coverage. Call PCCY's Healthline now for free help to apply at 215–563–5848 x17.

¿NECESITA SU HIJO UN SEGURO MÉDICO?

Todos los niños y adolescentes son elegibles para la cobertura de Medicaid o CHIP. Llame a la línea de salud de PCCY ahora para ayuda gratulta para hacer la solicitud al 215-563-5848 x17.

您的孩子需要健康保险吗?

www 所有青少年儿童都有资格获得医疗援助 (Medicaid)或儿童健康保险计划 (CHIP)。

现在拨打PCCY热线电话: 215-563-5848 x17 可获得免费的申请援助。

আপনার সন্তানের কি স্বাস্থ্য বিমার প্রয়োজন?

ঠু সম**ন্ত শিত্ত** এবং কিশোরেরা মেডিকেড বা সিএইচআইপি**ষাস্থা-**বীমার জ**ন** উপযু**ক্ত ।** টু বিনা মূল্যে আবেদন স**্ফান্ত** সহায়তার জন্য পিসিসিওরাই-এর**হেঙ্গ**লাইন 215-563-5848 x17-এ অতি **সন্ত**র বোগাযোগ কান।

CON BẠN CÓ CẦN BẢO HIỆM Y TẾ KHÔNG?

Tất cá trẻ em và thanh thiểu niên đều dù điều kiện nhận bào hiểm Trọ Cấp Y Tế (Medicaid) hoặc Chương Trình Bảo Hiểm Sức Khỏc Đành Cho Trẻ Em (CHIP). Ngay bây giớ, hãy gọi cho Đường Dây Y Tế (Healthline) của PCCY tại số 215-563-5848 x17 để được trợ giúp miền phi đặng kỳ.



CALL PCCY AT 215-563-5848 X17



THANK YOU TO OUR COLLEGE ACCESS PARTNERS XCITIZENS Bank

FACE (FAMILY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT)

FACE IS A CENTRAL RESOURCE FOR FAMILY ENGAGEMENT,

WUNDITY ROBOTE TO ENGAGE AND INFORM PARENT LEADERS AND FAMILIES AS

ESSENTIAL PARTNERS IN HELPING STUDENTS ACHIEVE ACADEMIC PROFICIENCY

AND COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS. - PHILASD.ORG/FACE

CAP4KIDS IS UP TO DATE, RELIABLE WEBSITE THAT WILL HELP YOU LOCATE AND ACCESS MANY COMMUNITY AGENCIES THAT PROVIDE SERVICES FROM FOOD, HOUSING, BEHAVIORAL AND MENTAL HEALTH, LEGAL, SPECIAL NEEDS

CAP4KIDS.ORG

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL WELLBEING- IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS EXPERIENCING A MENTAL HEALTH EMERGENCY, PLEASE CALL THE MENTAL HEALTH DELEGATE LINE: 215-685-6440, CALL 988 FOR THE NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS HOTLINE, GO TO YOUR NEAREST CRISIS CENTER, OR CALL 911***



JOIN THE ACHIEVERS PROGRAM AND YOU'LL HAVE THE CHANCE TO:





Learn from successful mentors and business leaders

Make new friends and get involved in the community

A FREE YMCA MEMBERSHIP!

HAVE FUN

SOUNDS LIKE IT MIGHT BE INTERESTING?

JOIN US

Every Thursday | 6pm-8pm Food, Drinks & More FUN

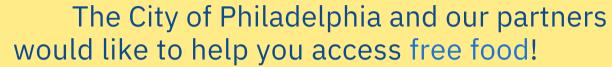
For more Information contact:

Carrington Wiggins cwiggins@philaymca.org Columbia North YMCA | 1400 N. Broad Street

Find free food near you!

phila.gov/food





Search by address for free food and meal sites:

- Food for your household
- Student meals including school breaks and summer

Older adult meal sites

No ID or proof of income is needed for food sites, general meal sites, or student meal sites. Before you go, call the site for hours.

Find free food and meals at phila.gov/food. Search by address.

iEncuentre comidas gratuitas cerca de usted! Vaya a Phila.gov/food

Busque por dirección los sitios de comidas y alimentos gratuitos:

- Comida para su casa
- Comidas para estudiantes
 - incluyendo las vacaciones escolares y el verano
- Sitios de comidas para adultos mayores

No es necesario presentar identificación ni prueba de ingresos para los sitios de comida, los sitios de comida general o los sitios de comida para estudiantes. Antes de ir, llame para conocer las horas de operación.

Encuentre comidas o alimentos gratuitos en phila.gov/food. Buscar por dirección. Escanee con la cámara del teléfono para encontrar sitios de comida gratuita.