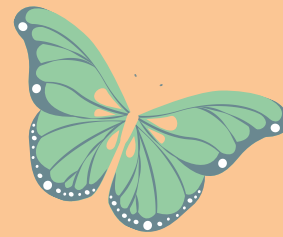


PVA NEWSLETTER



APRIL 2024

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WELCOME PORTIAATRICE MORSE
OUR NEW STEP CLINICAL COORDINATOR
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PORTIAATRICE MORSE IS A LICENSED MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPIST AND THE NEWLY APPOINTED STEP CLINICAL COORDINATOR. SHE HAS WORKED IN THE FIELD FOR MANY YEARS AND IS EAGER TO EXPAND HER KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS WITHIN THE PVA COMMUNITY. PORTIAATRICE IS COMMITTED TO HELPING STUDENTS REACH THEIR FULL ACADEMIC AND SOCIAL EMOTIONAL POTENTIAL TO ENSURE A SUCCESSFUL FUTURE AND A LIFETIME OF OPPORTUNITIES. SHE IS DEDICATED TO CONNECTING WITH FAMILIES AND THE COMMUNITY TO IDENTIFY THEIR MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS AND/OR CONCERNS THAT NEGATIVELY IMPACT THEIR OVERALL WELL-BEING. SHE BELIEVES THAT IT IS NOT JUST ABOUT WHO YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU COME FROM, BUT WHO/HOW YOU CHOOSE TO BE IN A WORLD THAT IS CONSTANTLY CHANGING. PORTIAATRICE TAKES PRIDE IN GOING THE EXTRA MILE TO EDUCATE AND ASSIST FAMILIES IN BUILDING RESILIENCE AND AWARENESS TO MANAGE THEIR DAY TO DAY RESPONSIBILITIES. WHEN SHE'S NOT AT WORK OR ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY, PORTIAATRICE ENJOYS SPENDING QUALITY TIME WITH HER LOVED ONES AND PETS, AND EXPLORING NEW HOBBIES AND PLACES THAT PROMOTE CULTURE AND DIVERSITY.

EARTH DAY IS AN IMPORTANT CAMPAIGN THAT WAS STARTED IN 1970 AND COMMEMORATED ON APRIL 22ND OF EVERY YEAR

PVA AND THE PHILADELPHIA SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMEMORATE EARTH DAY AND RECOGNIZE THE POSITIVE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENTS HAVE MADE TO OUR COMMUNITY.

AS WELL AS EARTH MONTH, PVA AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT CELEBRATE DIVERSITY MONTH. IT TAKES PLACE IN APRIL EVERY YEAR. IT WAS INITIATED IN 2004 TO RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE DIVERSITY OF THE WORLD AROUND US. IT IS A TIME TO RECOGNIZE AND UNDERSTAND OUR DIFFERENCES, BE IT GENDER, RACE, ETHNICITY, FAITH, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, AND OTHER FACTORS, WHILE HONORING THE COMMON ESSENCE OF HUMANITY.

APRIL IS ALSO ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH. DURING APRIL, PVA & THE SCHOOL DISTRICT RECOGNIZES ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH AS A TIME TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND APPRECIATE THE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS MADE BY THE ARAB AMERICAN COMMUNITY.

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. AS WELL 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 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 !

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From the Principal's Desk...

Greetings Parents of PVA students. On behalf of the staff at PVA we'd like to officially welcome April and the start of Spring. Please be sure to peruse this month's newsletter and see what activities PVA, [the School District](#) and [City of Philadelphia](#) have in store for celebrating both Diversity and Earth Month.

We are now 1 month into the launch of our new **"Student Progress Hub"** and so far the feedback from parents has been overwhelmingly positive. As a reminder the purpose of the Progress Hub is to put all the important data that staff have access to, in the hands of parents in a way that makes sense and paints a clear picture of how your student is progressing and more importantly why.

It's hard to believe but 75% of the school year is behind us and as the weather gets warmer we know that summer is right around the corner. But right now is the time to make sure you have a real discussion with your students regarding how they are doing academically across the board. The Student Hub will give you access to the information in order to help guide you with these conversations.

For all parents of Seniors it is imperative to check out the **"Graduation Pathway"** section in your student's Progress Hub. This will tell you if your student is currently **"on track"** to graduate across 3 different metrics (Credit Profile, Academics and Act 158) and when their expected graduation date is "on-time in June" or "delayed-summer".

****Please be aware that Seniors who are not "on track" across all 3 categories by the end of April will not be eligible to walk in our graduation ceremony.***

If you or your students have any questions they should contact their Grade Level Counselor and/or Advisor.

Dave Anderson
Founding Principal



PVA EVENTS



IMPORTANT APRIL DATES

- 4TH, 5TH: REPORT CARD CONFERENCES (HALF DAY); THREE HOUR EARLY DISMISSAL FOR STUDENTS
- 10TH: EID AL-FITR; SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF; ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES CLOSED
- 23RD: ELECTION DAY; SCHOOL CLOSED FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF
- 22ND: PSSA TESTING WINDOW BEGINS
- IN-PERSON TUTORING CLOSED FOR PSSA: 4/25, 4/30, 5/02



IS YOUR STUDENT INTERESTED IN SUMMER WORK ?

WE HAVE WORK PERMITS AVAILABLE FOR SUMMER WORK PROGRAMS FOR

AGES 14+

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215 4591404

FOR MORE INFORMATION

PVA TOWNHALLS

GRADES K-5: APRIL WED 17TH 9:30AM

MEET.GOOGLE.COM/BRW-FWGG-OJC

JOIN BY PHONE

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

GRADES 6-12: FRIDAY APRIL 19TH 5PM

MEET.GOOGLE.COM/XRA-EYOT-AOC

JOIN BY PHONE

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

GOOGLE MEET JOINING INFO VIDEO CALL

LINK: HTTPS://MEET.GOOGLE.COM/XRA-

EYOT-AOC

SAC MEETING: FRIDAY APRIL 5TH 3PM

MEET.GOOGLE.COM/XRA-EYOT-AOC

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

GOOGLE MEET JOINING INFO VIDEO CALL

LINK:

**ATTEND GRADE 6-12 SAC AND TOWNHALL AND YOU
COULD WIN \$50 GIFT CARD!**



The STEP TEAM Presents....

SOCIAL HOUR

9-12TH GRADE

COME AND JOIN THE STEP TEAM'S
HOUR OF SOCIAL FUN TO
CONNECT WITH YOUR PEERS AND
DISTRESS WITH FOOD AND
GAMES!!!

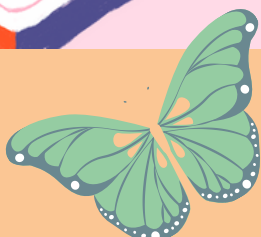
APRIL 18, 2024
1:00-2:00PM



GET IN TOUCH WITH US!

PVA, ROOM 315

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PVA EVENTS CONTINUED

PVA AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

ART CLUB, FRIDAYS @10.30AM - 11.30AM FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL
CONTACT :FRANKG@CCIU.ORG

MUSIC & LYRICS CLUB, MONDAYS @ 12PM
MUSIC AND LYRICS CLUB IS A SPACE FOR PVA MIDDLE AND HIGH STUDENTS TO EXPLORE THE POWER OF MUSIC AND LYRICS TO FOSTER CONNECTION. THIS IS AN INCLUSIVE SPACE FOR STUDENTS TO SHARE THEIR MUSICAL INTERESTS, DISCUSS SONGS, AND EXPRESS THEMSELVES THROUGH MUSIC
CONTACT: MMALDONADO@PHILASD.ORG

RUNNING CLUB, TUES & THURSDAY 3PM
THE RUNNING CLUB IS A NONCOMPETITIVE CLUB OPEN TO ALL PVA STUDENTS IN GRADES 6-12. WE MEET AT THE TEMPLE STAR TRACK . STUDENTS SHOULD COMPLETE THIS SIGN UP FORM TO JOIN. MORE DETAILS WILL BE SENT BY EMAIL AFTER SIGNING UP. THE RUNNING CLUB IS PART OF A LARGER ORGANIZATION CALLED STUDENTS RUN PHILLY STYLE, WHICH PROVIDES OUR RUNNERS WITH RUNNING SHOES AND SHIRTS. OUR SPRING RACE IS THE BROAD STREET RUN ON MAY 5, 2024. REACH OUT TO MR. LAYMAN WITH QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS: DLAYMAN@PHILASD.ORG.



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 Information 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
4/9

10am - 11am

Location :PVA Resource Center, 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 TO PVA.



FACE (FAMILY & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT)

FACE IS A CENTRAL RESOURCE FOR FAMILY ENGAGEMENT, FACE STAFF STRIVE TO ENGAGE AND INFORM PARENT LEADERS AND FAMILIES AS ESSENTIAL PARTNERS IN HELPING STUDENTS ACHIEVE ACADEMIC PROFICIENCY AND COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS. - FACE

CAP4Kids

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 THROUGHOUT THE PHILADELPHIA AREA. - 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***"

PVA AND FACE ARE HOSTING A IN PERSON WORKSHOP ON NON TRADITIONAL LEARNING OPPOTUNITIES, PLEASE SEE FLYER BELOW FOR MORE INFOMATION AND USE FOLLING LINK TO REGISTER:

[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/PVAAPRIL2024](https://tinyurl.com/pvaapril2024)



EVENTS



SHOOTING STARS FOUNDATION

All Girls Hackathon

An Online Event
April 20th, 2024

Why should you join?

- Learn to code your own mobile app and website in one day
- Sign up with your friends, compete as a team!
- Mentorship by industry professionals
- No coding experience needed
- Inspiring speakers & cash prizes!

FREE Event details

Who: Middle & High School girls
Where: Online via zoom!
When: Saturday, April 20th (8 AM - 5 PM PST)

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SIGN UP NOW!

Register Now : <https://bit.ly/onlinehack2024>

SAGA for Teens

Sexuality & Gender Acceptance

2nd & 4th Tuesdays each month, 3pm-5pm

Join us each 2nd Tuesday for a special hour-long workshop with educators from Planned Parenthood Southeastern Pennsylvania. Each month has a new topic:

February 13 - We Deserve Healthy Relationships
March 12 - Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, and Expression (SOGIE)
April 9 - Consent
May 14 - Sex Ed 101 (ages 14+ only)

Planned Parenthood
Fishtown Community Library
Free LIBRARY OF PHILADELPHIA

EQUALITY

DIVERSITY

INCLUSION



FIND THE DRESS OF YOUR DREAMS

LAWS PROM DRIVE PRESENTED BY: AMERICAN EXECUTIVE CENTERS

DATE: SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH
TIME: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM
ADDRESS: BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF GERMANTOWN, 25 W PENN ST, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19144
PARKING LOT INFORMATION: 48 WEST PENN STREET, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19144
POWERED BY:

SCAN HERE

TO REGISTER FOR FREE DRESS



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF
PHILADELPHIA

14TH ANNUAL AUTISM EXPO

**Resource
Fair for
Families!**

**Friday, April 19th
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

440 North Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19130

Resources From:

- Helping Hands Family
- Philadelphia Family Voices
- Laila Way Behavioral Services
- The Arc of Philadelphia
- AJ Drexel Autism Institute
- Many more!

