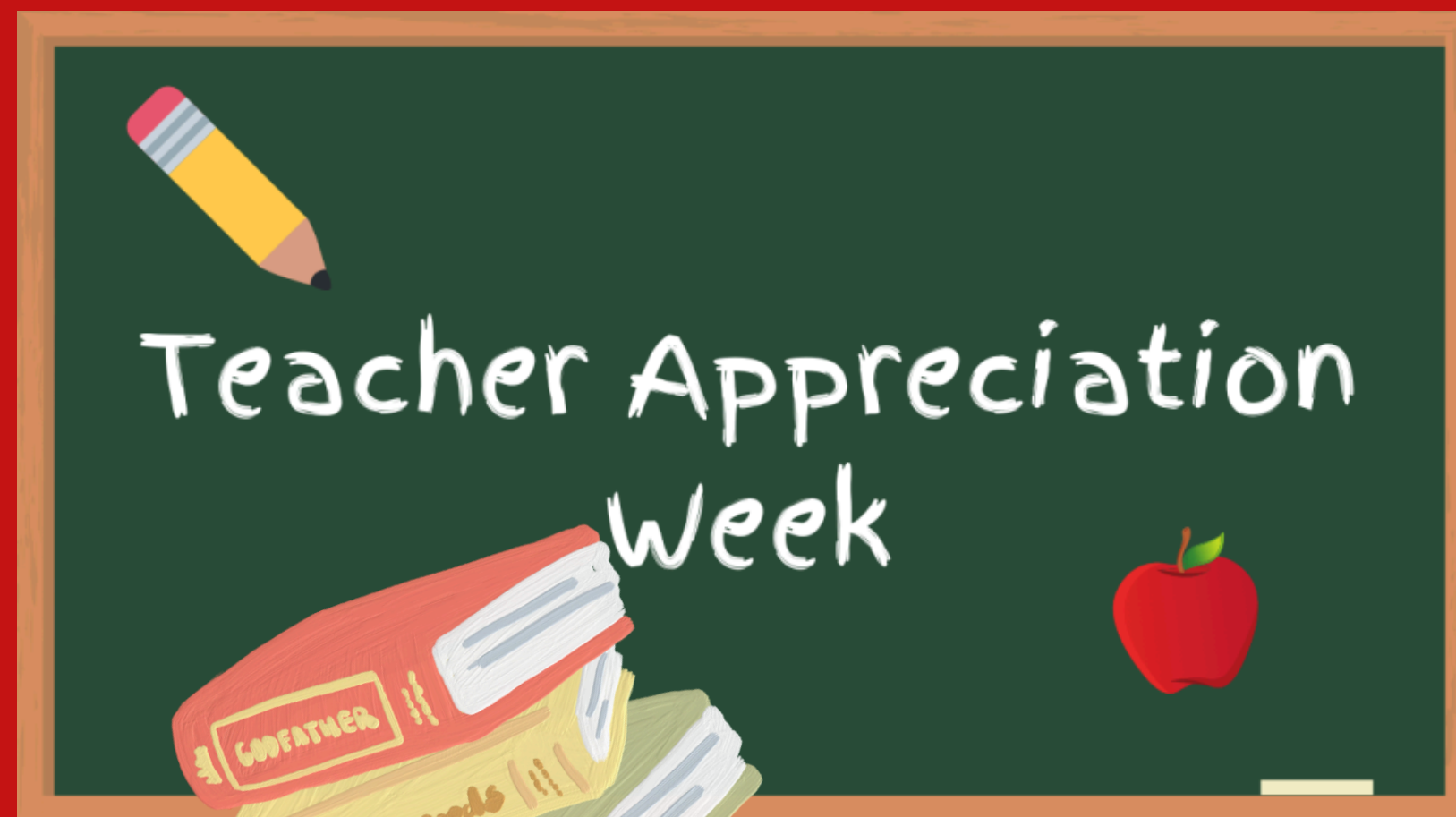


# PVA Newsletter

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## ABOUT S.T.E.P

(SUPPORT TEAM FOR EDUCATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS)

THE S.T.E.P. PROGRAM IS A MENTAL HEALTH INITIATIVE TO HELP IDENTIFY THE NEEDS OF STUDENTS AND FAMILIES FACING CHALLENGING CIRCUMSTANCES. WE ARE HERE TO HELP PROVIDE ACCESS TO VALUABLE RESOURCES TO ADDRESS STUDENT AND/OR FAMILY NEEDS THAT IMPACT THEIR ACADEMIC SUCCESS. OUR SERVICES INCLUDE INDIVIDUAL AND/OR GROUP THERAPY, BEHAVIOR PLANNING, CASE MANAGEMENT, FAMILY PEER SUPPORT, TRAUMA INFORMED CONSULTATION ON SCHOOL WIDE INITIATIVES, TRAUMA INFORMED TEACHER COACHING, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR SCHOOL STAFF, AND SCHOOL-WIDE PLANNING SUPPORTS FOCUSED ON INCREASING MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL HEALTH AWARENESS. IF YOU FEEL LIKE YOUR CHILD OR YOUR FAMILY WOULD BENEFIT FROM THESE SERVICES. PLEASE REACH OUT !

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**MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH**  
IN HONOR OF MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH, THE S.T.E.P. PROGRAM HAS PARTNERED WITH NAMI PHILADELPHIA TO FOSTER OPEN DIALOGUES, CULTIVATE EMPATHY AND UNDERSTANDING TO HELP DESTIGMATIZE MENTAL HEALTH BY NORMALIZING THE PRACTICE OF TAKING MOMENTS TO PRIORITIZE MENTAL HEALTHCARE WITHOUT GUILT OR SHAME.

ON THE FIRST WEEK OF MAY WE CELEBRATE TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK. THIS WEEK IS A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO REMEMBER TO EXPRESS GRATITUDE TO ALL OF THE HARDWORKING STAFF MEMBERS AND TEACHERS IN PHILADELPHIA, WHO HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON OUR STUDENTS' FUTURE DEVELOPMENT.

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL TO ALL OF THE PVA STAFF MEMBERS FOR EVERYTHING YOU DO ON BEHALF OF OUR STUDENTS.

**“A GOOD EDUCATION CAN CHANGE ANYONE. A GOOD TEACHER CAN CHANGE EVERYTHING!”**





# From the Principal's Desk...

Greetings Parents of PVA students. On behalf of the staff at PVA we'd like to officially welcome May and the last month of the school year. 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 Asian Pacific American Heritage, American Jewish Heritage month and Mental Health Awareness month.

It's hard to believe that the regular school year will be ending in a few short weeks and hot summer days will soon be upon us. Before you solidify your summer plans, right now it is imperative that you make sure to have a real discussion with your students regarding how they are doing academically across the board. There is no better resource than PVA's new **Student Progress Hub** to provide you with access to the information in order to help guide you with these conversations.

Hopefully by now most of you have come to utilize PVA's new "**Student Progress Hub**" on a weekly basis to see how your students are doing this school year. 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. In addition to important Attendance and Grading data on the **Profile tab**, please check out your student's progress in both their **Seminar Tasks tab** (.5 Elective credit) and **Graduation Progress tab** (On Track/Off Track status in: Credit Profile, Academic Progress, Act 158 Requirements).

Hopefully your student's school year went well and they found our teachers, counselors and other staff supportive and they were successful and met their educational and socialization goals through our online and in person programming. But if not and then need to make use of our summer credit recovery programming we will be discussing that time frame at this month's Townhall and also through our End of the Year (EOY) communication in mid May.

# CULTURAL EVENTS

## HAPPY CINCO DE MAYO

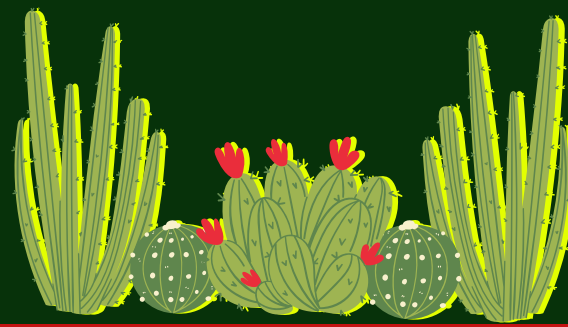
THE CELEBRATION OF CINCO DE MAYO HONORS THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE MEXICAN TROOPS' TRIUMPH AGAINST THE FRENCH INVADERS AT THE BATTLE OF PUEBLA IN 1862.

STREET FOOD, BLOCK PARTIES, MARIACHI COMPETITIONS, PARADES, AND BAILE FOLKLÓRICO—A FOLKLORICO BALLET FEATURING WHIRLING DANCERS WEARING SHINY RIBBONS AND BRAIDS—AS WELL AS VIBRANTLY COLORED FOLKLÓRICO DRESSES WITH FLOWING SKIRTS AND A HIGH, RUFFLED COLLAR ADORNED WITH COLORFUL RIBBONS—ARE TYPICAL CELEBRATIONS.

HOW CAN YOU CELEBRATE CINCO DE MAYO THIS MONTH?



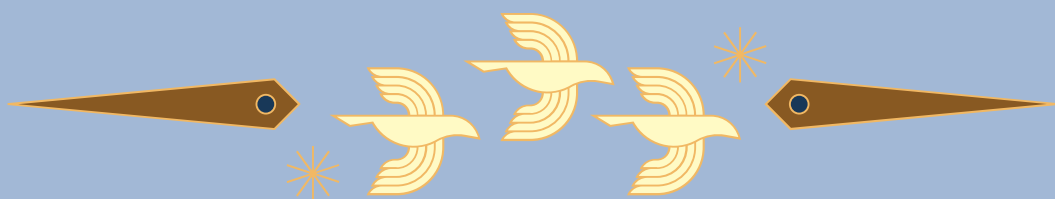
CINCO DE MAYO BOOK & BAKE SALE  
SAT, MAY 4, 2024 10:00 A.M.  
OAK LANE LIBRARY



## Jewish American HERITAGE MONTH



THE PHILADELPHIA SCHOOL DISTRICT OBSERVES JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH WITH RESPECT AND RECOGNITION. IN 1980, JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH STARTED OFF AS A WEEK-LONG COMMEMORATION. IN 2006, MAY WAS DECLARED TO BE JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH AT THE PRESIDENT'S AND CONGRESS' REQUEST. THIS PROCLAMATION AIMS TO RAISE AWARENESS OF JEWISH AMERICANS' EXPERIENCES AND SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR COUNTRY.



HOW CAN YOU CELEBRATE JEWISH HERITAGE THIS MONTH?

CHECK OUT THIS WEBSITE TO SEE ALL EVENTS IN PHILADELPHIA CELEBRATING JEWISH HERITAGE MONTH  
[THEWEITZMAN.ORG](http://THEWEITZMAN.ORG)



## ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

IN THE UNITED STATES, MAY IS DESIGNATED AS ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH, HONORING THE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS OF NATIVE HAWAIIANS AND OTHER ASIAN AMERICANS. THE COMMUNITY'S ENDEAVORS TO COMBAT RACISM AND OTHER OPPRESSIVE SYSTEMS BY CREATING A SENSE OF UNITY WHICH IS ESSENTIAL TO THE MEANING OF THE PHRASE "ASIAN AMERICAN."



HOW CAN YOU CELEBRATE ASIAN HERITAGE THIS MONTH?

CHECK OUT THIS WEBSITE TO SEE ALL THE EVENTS CELEBRATING APAI MONTH IN PHILADELPHIA  
[VISITPHILLY.ORG](http://VISITPHILLY.ORG)



# PVA EVENTS

## !IMPORTANT DATES! MAY

- 5TH: BROAD STREET RUN
- 15TH: CRAYOLA FACE WORKSHOP 9:30AM K-5 (VIRTUAL)
- 13TH-24TH: KEYSTONE EXAMS (NO IN PERSON TUTORING AVAILABLE)
- 17TH: TOWNHALL GRADES 6-12 AT 5PM
- 24TH: STAR ASSESSMENT, GRADES K-12
- 24TH: SAC MEETING (IN-PERSON)
- 27TH: MEMORIAL DAY (CLOSED)
- 30TH: PROM

## PHILLY SCHOOL EXPERIENCE SURVEY

THE PHILLY SCHOOL EXPERIENCE SURVEY FOR PARENTS & GUARDIANS IS OPEN NOW! THE PHILLY SCHOOL EXPERIENCE SURVEY IS ONE OF THE BEST TOOLS WE HAVE TO LEARN HOW PARENTS AND GUARDIANS FEEL ABOUT THEIR CHILDREN'S EXPERIENCES IN SCHOOLS. THE SURVEY RESULTS HELP US SEE WHAT'S WORKING AND WHERE MORE SUPPORT IS NEEDED TO SUPPORT SCHOOLS IN DEVELOPING SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS

### PVA AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

ART CLUB, FRIDAYS @10.30AM - 11.30AM FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL  
CONTACT :[FRANKG@CCIU.ORG](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:DLAYMAN@PHILASD.ORG).



## !PVA PROM!

A FRIENDLY REMINDER TO JOIN US THURSDAY MAY 30TH FOR AN AMAZING EVENING FILLED WITH MUSIC, DANCING FOOD AND FUN!

TIME: 6PM - 10PM

LOCATION: IATSE BALLROOM, 2401 S SWANSON ST, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19148

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN TRANSPORTATION. THERE IS A PARKING LOT IF YOU INTEND TO DRIVE.



!TICKETS ARE NO LONGER AVAILABLE!

NET COMMUNITY CARE CUA 7 PRESENTS...

## Mother's Day Soiree "Honoring The Important Ladies In Our Lives"

A STRENGTHENING FAMILIES EVENT

Join us as we celebrate the women in our lives and share wisdom through positive conversations focusing on resilience and knowledge of parenting & child development.

Saturday, May 11th 2024  
10am-12pm

3401 Reservoir Drive, Philadelphia PA 19121  
RSVP Here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mothers-day-soiree-parent-cafe-tickets-879568070777>

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NET COMMUNITY CARE CUA 7 PRESENTS....

## MAN CAVE

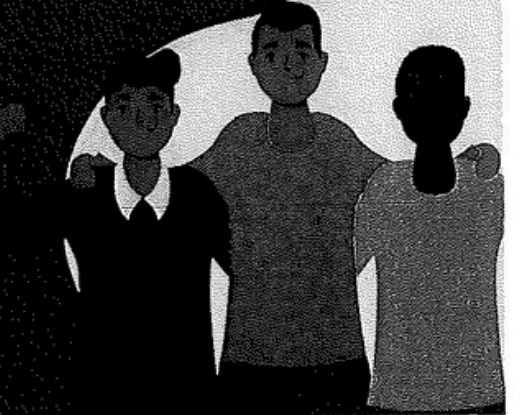
A STRENGTHENING FAMILIES EVENT

Join us for fun and engaging conversations during this men-only event. Food and resources will be provided!

Wednesday, May 22nd 2024  
5-7P

1300 W Lehigh Ave Suite 104,  
Philadelphia PA 19132

For more info:  
Dorian Harris:  
267-559-5357



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## TEN WEEK YOUTH CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

PROGRAM STARTS: JUNE 25, 2024 TO  
AUGUST 29, 2024

ACCEPTING AGES: 16YRS TO 24YRS OLD

TUESDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS FROM 5PM TO 6:30PM

NKCDC Building 2771 Ruth Street  
Philadelphia, Pa. 19134

TO REGISTER CONTACT

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By Faith, Health and Healing

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## 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)

