November 1, 2017

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

We would like to send a great big hug to all of those parents who donated candy/snacks, came in to bag up treat bags, and volunteer during Harvest Day. We could not have pulled off the fun filled day without you!!

For November, we will be give thanks for all we have by collecting canned goods and cereal to give to those less fortunate for the holidays. This year AFPCS will be supporting Chosen 300 in the fight to end hunger in our great city. Please bring in your donations between Nov. 6 – Nov. 17.

The AFPCS PARENT ADVISORY BOARD is looking for you to JOIN and be a voice for our children. Membership apps are available at www.afpcs.org or in the office. Also, please note that Friday Pretzels are a PAB fundraiser. Your child must buy your pretzels directly from the PAB volunteer. Parents please don’t give pretzel $ to the office staff as they cannot guarantee that there will still be pretzels available for purchase.

Stay Informed

- Parents it is imperative that you sign up for our text alerts or like us on Facebook, when we experience inclement weather or any emergency as we did this week this is the only way we can notify you of any changes. To sign up:
  - Send a text for LS messages to: 415-639-9047 With the message: @9fw
  - Send a text for US messages to: 646-699-4506 With the message: @afpc

Parent Café Night
Thursday, 11/9
@5:30pm @ Lower School

Please join us as we continue to explore how we can best support our children. This month’s theme is “Parents Partnering to Improve Performance”

Light Refreshments will be served!

Healthy Tips From The Nurse

1. Make healthy habits part of all of your celebrations
2. Make healthy foods look festive
3. Offer thirst quenchers that please everyone but are not full of sugar
4. Use portion control & take time to savor the flavor of each bite of food
5. Use ChooseMyPlate.gov to include foods from all the food groups for your party
6. Make fun exercise part of every event
7. Try out some healthier recipes
8. Keep it simple
9. Shop smart to eat smart
10. Be a cheerleader for healthy habits
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*FREE Coats for Kids at YMCA @ Broad & Master St from 3-6pm

*WED. FOLDER-Pls Sign

*3rd grade Trip to Aquarium $21

*Parent Café @5:30pm – LS Theme: “Parents Partnering to Improve Performance”

*CAREER DAY

*Last day of Trimester 1

*CAN & CEREAL DRIVE BEGINS!!

*WED. FOLDER-Pls Sign

*Holiday Feast—11:30am

*PAB Paint Night

*STAFF & PARENT BASKETBALL GAME 12:30pm—MLK Center

“THE STRUGGLE MAKES US STRONGER!”
Alliance for Progress Charter School  
2017 -2018  
Report Card Conference Procedures

Trimester 1 Report Card Conferences Times:

ALL CONFERENCES WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE  
LOWER SCHOOL BUILDING. (GRADES K-8)  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20th: 1:00PM – 4:00PM &  
5:00PM – 7:00PM  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21st: 1:00PM – 4:00PM

There will NOT be scheduled times for parents to arrive. Parents/Guardians will visit classroom  
teachers at any of the above times. Due to this open schedule, your teachers may not be available  
immediately upon your arrival. Chairs will be set up in the hallways for parents/guardians to wait until  
your conference begins. Conferences will be taken in the order of arrival in 15-20 minute intervals, so  
please sign in promptly outside of each classroom you visit.

REPORT CARD CONFERENCES REQUIRE PARENT ATTENDANCE.

Holiday CAN & CEREAL Drive  
Collections will be from Nov. 6-17!  
Please support those in need by donating canned goods or cereal. Donations will be  
given to Chosen 300 to feed the homeless.

You can bring donations during conferences.
The very best thing you can do for the whole world is to make the most of yourself.” – Wallace Wattles
3RD GRADE: ADVENTURE AQUARIUM
NOVEMBER 2ND - $21.00 & PERMISSION SLIP REQUIRED TO ATTEND
DUE TOMORROW, 11/2!
PLeASE PACK A BAGGED LUNCH !!!

CONGRATULATIONS...
TO THE STUDENTS & TEACHERS AT ALLIANCE WHO HAVE BEEN DOING OUTSTANDING WORK DURING TRIMESTER 1!!!
BELOW IS THE INCREASE IN PROFICIENCY FROM BENCHMARK 1 TO BENCHMARK 2:

- MATH BASELINE - 36% A/P
- MATH CURRENT - 46% A/P
- ELA BASELINE - 48% A/P
- ELA CURRENT - 53% A/P

KEEP UP THE OUTSTANDING WORK!
HOMEWORK! PREPARING FOR QUIZZES/TESTS! READING!

NOVEMBER’S GROWTH MINDSET LEARNING:

“I AM A VALUED MEMBER OF THIS LEARNING COMMUNITY”

Our continued goal is to have strong relationships with the children, each other and YOU! Please reach out if there is any support you need or questions you have!
Upper School News (Grades 6 – 8)

CONGRATULATIONS to IYANNA STEPHENS

for being recognized as October’s Student of the Month!

Iyanna was chosen by the AFPCS staff from all 4th – 8th graders for her exemplar character and efforts in the classroom. Congratulations!

Parent Portal
Please make sure to check your child's grades weekly on the Portal! Portal access is on the top right corner of the school website (www.afpcs.org).

Email Mrs. Asher at masher@afpcs.org if you need your Portal login information.

Congratulations!

Student of the Week

Week of 10/20:
6th Grade: Khalita R.
7th Grade: Damien F.
8th Grade: Aniyah J.

AFPCS CAN DRIVE starts 11/6
Send in those cans!
All items will be donated to Chosen 300

Mark Your Calendar!

11/10: Career Day
11/13: 6th Grade to Eastern State Penitentiary
11/16: 7th Grade Mural Arts Trip
11/20 & 11/21: Noon Dismissal (Report Card Conferences)
11/21: 6th – 8th to The Nutcracker (by invitation)
11/30: 8th Grade to Wissahickon Trail
2017 PAB & AFPCS Board Meetings:

5:30pm in the Lower School

Tuesday, Nov. 21st
Tuesday, Dec.19th

Can’t make it in person? Dial in!
Number: (641) 715-0700 | Access Code: 170349

SAVE THE DATE: PAINT NIGHT

FYI: There are only 10 spots left!

Get your tickets ASAP for BYOB PAINT NIGHT...

Date: Friday, November 17th, 2017
Time: 7-9 p.m.
Location: The Urban Art Gallery | 262 S 52nd St,
Philadelphia, PA

Cost: $25 per person (A marked envelope can be placed in the PAB’s safe located in each office. Please include your name, # of tickets, and email address so that we can send you a confirmation.)
Includes: BYOB, canvas and paint supplies, light refreshments and a professional paint instructor.

Statement: Picture Day Dress Down

The Parent Advisory Board would like to thank the school administration for hearing the requests of parents to offer a dress down option for Picture Day.

Our goal as a parent-led organization is to serve as a strong bridge between families, students, and staff in hopes of improving the quality of life and sense of community here at the school. There’s much that can be accomplished when we commit to communicating effectively and working together harmoniously.

PAB looks forward to continuing to be an ear, a voice, and a smile for the Alliance for Progress Charter School community. We can’t wait to see your awesome pictures!

Reminders:

This Friday is Pretzel Day!

Thank you to all those who have supported this longstanding PAB fundraiser; you have truly helped to put a big smile on our kids’ faces every week. And to the parents who have donated extra money to their student’s classroom so that they all can enjoy a pretzel: THANK YOU!

ATTENTION:

Volunteers are needed to help distribute the pretzels. Contact Mrs. Nicholson or PABPres2016@gmail.com with your interest!

Thank you to all the families who participated in this round of the Box Top fundraiser!

We collected a total of $88.50 in Box Tops.

The winning classrooms of each school will be notified this month about their pizza party prize! Please continue to submit your Box Tops as we’re now in the second round of fundraising for the spring.
You work hard. You take care of the kids. You deserve some time to unwind.

FRIDAY

Nov. 17th | 7-9PM

BYOB | Light Refreshments | Supplies Included

LOCATION: Urban Art Gallery | 262 S. 52nd St.

TICKETS: $25 per person | CASH ONLY

*A payment envelope can be obtained from the front office and placed in the PAB safe. Please include your name and/or email address so that we can either check you in at the event or send you an email confirmation.
Dear Families,

Grades K-3 are participating in a Thanksgiving Feast on Friday, November 17, 2017. We are asking that each parent supply our school with one item in order for your child to participate. Below is a list of things we need, please complete the bottom portion of the form and return it no later than Monday, November 13, 2017.

Thanks so much for making our feast possible!

Sincerely,
The Lower School Staff 😊

I give permission for my child to participate in the Thanksgiving Feast on November 17, 2017.

Child’s Name_________________________________________ Grade_______ Teacher’s Name__________________________

List any items your child cannot eat ________________________________________________________________

Please circle the item you will bring in for the feast:

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There will be no Pork, Peanut & Egg Products Served
Dear Families,

Grades 4-8 are participating in a Thanksgiving Feast on **Friday, November 17, 2017**. We are asking that each parent supply our school with one item in order for your child to participate. Below is a list of things we need, please complete the bottom portion of the form and return it no later than **Monday, November 13, 2017**.

Thanks so much for making our feast possible!

Sincerely,
The Upper School Staff 😊

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I give permission for my child to participate in the Thanksgiving Feast on November 17, 2017.

Child’s Name_________________________________________________ Grade_______ Teacher’s Name________________________________________

List any items your child **cannot** eat _________________________________________________________________

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