May 9, 2018

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

- Field Day is Thursday - May, 24th. Please don’t forget your $5.00, permission slip, and healthy snack or gallon water donation.
- The color teams for Field Day are BLUE and WHITE depending on their team. Please dress your child in a BLUE or WHITE T-shirt, along with knee-length shorts, sneakers AND socks. *Hats/sunscreen recommended* *(Students cannot wear sandals or flip flops as they will be running for each event).*
- Please be on time to school, we will be leaving promptly at 8:45. Once we leave the school buildings will be closed!
- Students should bring a water bottle to carry for the day.

Stay Informed

- Outstanding Fees/Invoices – Please note if you owe any money to the school (late fees, uniform rentals, class dues, etc.) You will be required to pay them in full in order to get your child’s re-enrollment paperwork. Please make payments at the office via cash or money order made payable to “AFPCS”.
- First day of school for the 2018-2019 school year will be August 20th. The approved 2018-19 academic calendar is posted on our website at www.afpcs.org for your reference.
- Parents it is imperative that you sign up for our text alerts or like us on Facebook for school inclement weather details and emergency information. To sign up:
  - Send a text for LS messages to: 81010 With the message: @9fw
  - Send a text for US messages to: 81010 With the message: @afpc

WARM WEATHER DRESS

We are so excited to welcome warm weather back to Philly!

Students in Grades K-5 are permitted to wear solid navy, knee-length uniform style (khaki-like) shorts with their regular uniform.

Students in grades 4-8 are permitted to wear navy knee-length gym style shorts on Physical Education days ONLY. Middle School students must wear their regular uniform on non-PE days.

GRADUATION

Tues. June 5th
@16th & Oxford Streets
(7th Day Adventist Church)
NO BALLOONS ALLOWED INSIDE CHURCH!

*Kindergarten @9:00
*8th grade @11:30
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**PLS DROP OFF FIELD DAY DONATIONS TO OFFICES**

**DRESS DOWN $1 PER DAY**

"AFPCS is a Caring Community of Learners, Thinkers & Achievers!"
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.

2018-2019 Re-Enrollment Forms
Will be given out during report card conferences!

All students that completed an intent to return form & are returning to AFPCS for the upcoming school year must complete & return the forms by:

3pm on Friday, June 22nd!!

You will also need to submit copies of:
*Updated physical, dental exam, shot record,
2 proofs of residence & insurance card
AFPCS Parent Advisory Board
Newsletter
Join us on Facebook: AFPCS Parent Advisory Board  MAY 2018

2018 PAB & AFPCS Board Meeting:

5:30pm in the Lower School

May 15th

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

You’ve Got Next:

Hello:

I hope all is well with you and your family. I never saw myself serving as a “PTA President,” but you know what? I’m glad I did. For the past two years, I’ve been blessed to work alongside some amazing parents, staff and community members who truly want to see our youth protected, educated, and empowered. Parents such as Rita Boyer, Mark Gindraw, Shawn and Lisa Headen, Mr. and Mrs. Young, Jenneen Harris, Jennifer Blake, and Loretta Rushin, to name JUST a few; staff members like Rhonda Washington, Tiffany Nicholson, William Bazemore, and Symara Waters; and school leaders such as Mrs. Hightower and Mr. Larry Griffin (AFPCS Board President) have all helped to not only make the work of PAB a success, but to bring us steps closer to fulfilling our mission of better serving you.

Together we’ve achieved notable feats, such as making the PAB meetings more readily accessible; developing a social media presence; raising the most dollars in PAB history via our Box Tops fundraiser; strengthening our ties with the school’s board; creating a dress down Picture Day; bringing field day to the MLK Jr. Rec Center; co-producing Dad’s and Donuts; sponsoring multiple events including SOA and Staff Development Week; donating to the athletic department; advocating for the rights and concerns of parents, and the education of our students; and much more.

We’ve humbly volunteered our time, talents, skills and resources. It’s now time to pass the baton on to the next group of parents who are willing to lead. I hope that you’re one of them. Board nominations are now open for the 2018-2019 PAB. Step up, step out, and if you can’t lead, at least contribute.

Ps. The one thing that made me seriously consider joining the board was this: If children learn by actions, then let me show mine how to make change happen.

-Syreeta Martin, President of PAB

PAB NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!

Request a form at the front desk or fill out the form in this newsletter and submit it to the front office ASAP. The final PAB meeting on May 19th will be dedicated to the nomination and election process.

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!

Congratulations to all of the classrooms who won a pizza party this year for their participation in the Box Top Fundraiser!

This year, PAB raised roughly $200 through the Box Tops program thanks to the collective effort of the AFPCS community.

A very special thank you to the seniors over at North Broad Street Senior Center for sending their Box Tops in to support our youth and school. It takes a village and they have certainly contributed to ours!
**Teacher of the Month**
Ms. McGinley

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**Scholars of the Week**

K: Naim B., Michelle W.
1st: Khianna T., LaShae C.
2nd: Suhayla A., Lyric B.
3rd: Zaniyah G., Jakah D.
Tech: Jordan K.
Music: Riley J.

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Friendly Reminders

- Kindergarten Dues were required to be submitted by 3/23/18. If you have not paid your child’s dues in full please submit them promptly.
- Kiddie Prom will be hosted this Friday, May 11th from 5-8pm, located at The Let Out (1621 Cecil B. Moore Avenue)
- 5/24 - Field Day
- 5/25 - Spring Concert will be hosted at the Church located at 16th & Oxford @ 9:15 am
- 5/28 - Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL
- Kindergarten will be traveling to Sesame Place on Friday, July 1st
  Buses will leave @ 8:30am sharp!
- Kindergarten Graduation will take place on June 5th @ 9am, located at Church on the corner of 16th & Cecil B Moore Avenue.

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**Urgent Reminder**

In a continued effort to keep our scholars safe please remind Upper School siblings, responsible for picking up scholars from the Lower School to report directly to 19th street upon dismissal. Immediately after picking siblings up, scholars are expected to depart and travel directly to their appropriate bus stop or continue their walk home. Scholars are not permitted to linger around the school and should have confirmed permission from a designated staff member to remain on campus or surrounding areas after school dismissal.

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“STRIVE FOR PROGRESS NOT PERFECTION”
5th GRADE DUES: $57.00
SAHARA SAM’S
CATERED LUNCH
5TH GRADE T-SHIRT

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3RD GRADE TRIP: $20.00
A DAY AT THE
PHILADELPHIA ZOO!
TUESDAY, MAY 22ND

3RD – 5TH GRADERS
WITH ALL BLUES & GREENS
WILL BE INVITED TO A WALKING
TRIP TO PHILLY FLAVORS!

FULL INSTRUCTION WILL BE TAKING PLACE UNTIL THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL! PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD IS IN FULL UNIFORM PREPARED FOR LEARNING DAILY! THANK YOU!

2018 Spelling Bee
WEDNESDAY, 5/23
9:30AM
VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR DETAILS & WORD LISTS!

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Upper School News (Grades 6 – 8)

School Materials

Please remind students that they are expected to bring binders, notebooks, pencils/pens, calculators and novels to school daily until the last day of school!

Student of the Week

Congratulations to the following students for being selected as the “Student of the Week” for their grade for 4/30 – 5/4

6th – Alicia G.

7th – Kai T.

8th – Qaasim H.

8th Grade Parent Reminders:

- All students must be picked up by a parent from the dance on Fri, 5/11 (please make alternate arrangements directly with Mrs. Asher, if necessary)

- All students attending the 8th grade trip must have a Skyzone waiver filled out (www.skyzone/newark) & a permission slip

6th & 7th Grade Parents:

Any child that is “detention free” from 5/7 – 5/17 is invited on a walking trip to Philly Flavors and a local park (must bring $ for food). Encourage your child stay eligible for this trip!

Mark Your Calendar:

Fri, 5/11: 8th Grade Dance @ The Let Out
Thurs, 5/17: 8th Grade Trip to Baltimore & 6th/7th Philly Flavors trip (invitation only)
Fri, 5/18: Talent Show
Thurs, 5/24: Field Day
Fri, 6/1: 6th & 8th Wheel Fun Trip (invitation only)
Tues, 6/5: 8th Grade Graduation
Date____5/8/18_________

Dear Parent/Guardian

A trip has been arranged for the 7th grade students for to attend Six Flags Great Adventures on June 6th, 2018.

The cost of the trip is $50.00 per person based on at least 35 students attending and eligible.

The price includes: Bus Transportation and Entrance into the park

Extra money will be needed for meals at the park on the day of the trip.

The cost of $50.00 should be paid in full on or before __________5/21/18_________ to secure a place.

Mr. C will be leading this trip and will track and inform parents of all eligibility status for their students. Students that attend MUST be eligible for the trip. Eligibility time frame begins 5/7/18 and ends 6/1/18.

Eligibility must include:

- Passing all classes
- No unexcused absences
- Cannot have more than 1 detention PER WEEK
- Must have ATLEAST 35 students eligible for trip to commence.

Please complete the reply slip below giving permission for your son/daughter to reserve a place on the trip. If deposit is paid and student becomes ineligible to attend, a full refund will be granted to parent.

_________________(Trip Leader)

________________________________________________

Pupil Name:_________________________________ Deposit 50.00

I give permission for _____________________________ to reserve a place on the ______________

trip on date _____________.

Signed _______________________________________ Date:______________

If deposit is paid and student becomes ineligible to attend, a full refund will be granted to parent.
2018-2019 PAB Officer Nominations
Now Being Accepted!

If you are interested in serving on the Executive Committee, or know of someone who would be interested in serving, you can place a nomination by filling in the following information and returning it to the AFPCS office attn: PAB Nominating Committee by May 19, 2018.

The following roles are open for nomination for the 2018-2019 school year. This information is for your reference.

**President:** Shall preside at all meetings, be a member of all committees except the nominating and audit committee, sign all legal documents, appoint members to special committees, delegate the work of the organization to other officers or chairman as appropriate, coordinate the work of the officers and committees. Attend all AFPCS board meetings and in an emergency, appoint an alternate to attend in his/her absence.

**1st Vice-President (K-3 parents only):** Shall act as aide to the President, perform the duties of the President in the absence or inability of that officer to serve, be the chairman of the Lower School Committee and perform other duties as delegated.

**2nd Vice-President (4-8 parents only):** Shall act as aide to the President, perform the duties of the President in the absence or inability of that officer to serve, be the chairman of the Upper School and perform such other duties as may be delegated.

**Treasurer:** Have charge of all association funds. Receive and deposit all collected funds on behalf of the association. Pay all bills by check drawn upon the association’s account. Keep record of receipts and expenditures. Present statements of finance at each Executive Board meeting and General Membership meeting. Prepare and file all necessary tax forms. Be an ex-officio member of the fundraising committee.

**Recording Secretary:** Attend and Record the minutes of all meetings of the organization, have a current copy of the bylaws, have a current membership list, perform other such duties as delegated. Keep the attendance records of each meeting. Notify board members of executive board meetings.

**Corresponding Secretary:** Record minutes of all meetings and present them for the public review within two weeks of the meeting in absence of the Recording Secretary. Prepare flyers and correspondence letters/information for the Parent Community and Association members. Prepare Updates for the Parent Advisory Board Website.

A PAB member accepting nomination for office shall submit a current resume and an up to date (within 1 year of membership start date) PA Child Abuse Clearance, PA Criminal Background Record and FBI clearance to be considered for candidacy to the AFPCS office attn: PAB Nominating Committee by May 19, 2018.
PAB OFFICER NOMINATION FORM
2018-2019 School Year

I wish to submit the following PAB Member for consideration for an Officer of the AFPCS Parent Advisory Board for the 2018-2019 school year.

Date: __________________________

Position Nominated for: ___________________________________________________________

Name: ____________________________________________________________

AFPCS Students/Grades: _______________________________________________________

Phone and email: _____________________________________________________________

Has this person consented to the nomination? ______Yes ______No

Comments:

Submitted by: _____________________________________________________________

Email address: _____________________________________________________________