



Soaring to Success

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What's Happening at PHCSE

Entrepreneurial Development



Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship



Congratulations to Mrs. Roberson and Mrs. Kenna for completing their certifications to teach *Exploring Careers*. This course will be offered to all 6th graders and aims to activate the entrepreneurial mindset in students, introduce the principles of entrepreneurship, and teach personal accountability—laying the groundwork for successful academic, career, and life-planning. In small groups, students create a business concept that they will pitch during our Entrepreneurial Summit in the spring and compete for prizes and recognition. We believe that our passion, skill, and ability to connect with our students is crucial to helping their future.

PHCSE Student Government Association

Preparatory Academy students (6-7 grade) who are interested in running for student government should obtain a PSGA application from the front office. Through PSGA, we encourage all students to express concerns, take a stand on important issues, and exercise their leadership capabilities. All applications must be turned in by October 2 to Mrs. Williams. Good Luck to all candidates!

Darrin Walls Foundation 2017-2018 Touchdown 4 A's

Students are rewarded quarterly for earning a 4.0 GPA. Turn in applications to Mrs. Williams, Innovation Specialist, by October 2. For more information, visit Dwallsfoundation.org

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Important Dates

October 9	Columbus Day – No School
October 10	Progress Reports
October 18	2 Hour Delay for Students
October 19	Picture Day (Uniforms Required)
October 20	Donuts With Dad**
October 23-27	Scholastic Book Fair
October 31	Harvest Party K-5 th Grade
November 1	End of First Quarter

**RSVP information will be sent home with students in October. We are looking forward to seeing all the dads, uncles, brothers, or positive male role models!

PTA Updates

Pittsburgh Popcorn Fundraiser

Pittsburgh Popcorn Fundraiser was a great success and we were able to raise \$1,750 for PTA's upcoming events this year. Congratulations to our top seller Zoe Mason, 5th Grade, earning her 5% of profit, \$87. Great job Zoe and thank you!

Fundraising Events

Scholastic Book Fair, Oct 23 thru Oct 27. This is a great way to engage our kids, support PHCSE staff, and raise money for the PTA. [Sign up to volunteer!](#)

Yankee Candle Catalog Fundraiser will be starting Nov 2 and run thru Nov 17. Items will be back in time for Holiday Gifts!

Upcoming Events

Harvest Party, Oct 31, for grades K thru 5, 1:00 p.m.-1:45 p.m. Each classroom will need a healthy snack and craft. [Sign up to volunteer!](#)

Public PTA Meeting - Wednesday, November 8, from 6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Childcare and refreshments available at every meeting.

Become a PTA Member!

We need you at our meetings – your voice matters. Become a PTA member to make your vote count at every public meeting. Dues: \$7/year. Join the PTA Facebook Group (Penn Hills Charter PTA) to stay informed of events, fundraisers, and volunteer opportunities at the school! Contact: PennhillscharterPTA@gmail.com

PHCSE Spotlights

Academics

All families should have received a STAR parent report notifying you of your student's current academic level. If you have any questions, please ask your child's teacher or call Mrs. Zuk at 412-793-6471, ext. 230. Classroom teachers and Instructional Support Teachers are using the STAR data to give students instruction at their current level.

MicroSociety Update (Grades K-5) w/ data

Our society, Soarmania, is busy getting started for the 2017-2018 school year. Venture Proposals from 1st-5th grade students have been received and the Micro Committee will be reviewing the proposals. All applicants will be notified by Monday, October 2, if their business was approved. K-5th grade students who are interested in running for an elected position, must turn in all forms by Monday, October 2. Election Day will be Monday, October 16!



Ms. Martin

"The thing I love most at PHCSE is working with small groups! As an Instructional Support Teacher, I am able to address areas that the individual student needs to ensure that they are academically soaring. Small group instruction allows me to build special relationships with every student. I believe building relationships and individualizing a plan for each student is the key to every student's success for the future."

FAMILY REMINDERS

Breakfast

From 7:30 a.m.-8:00 a.m. PHCSE offers breakfast for students. Remember, breakfast is the most important meal of the day!

Lost & Found

Please label your children's clothing and other personal belongings. In the event that something goes missing, you may look for that item in the Lost and Found box at the main front entrance. All unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity at the end of each month.

Lunch

Here at PHCSE, we have a variety of healthy snacks at lunch. Our cafeteria offers on-site cooking which reduces the sodium content, and provides our students with freshly prepared meals daily. Preparatory Academy Scholars have healthier meal choices during lunch including salads and wraps.



PHCSE Highlights

First Annual High School Transition Fair



On Sept. 19, 2017, our *first* annual High School Transition Fair occurred! This event, hosted by Nicole Dickinson, our School Social Worker & Counselor, was created to better help our students and families make the best decision when it comes to their high school career. Approximately 66% of our 8th grade students and families attended this event where they had the opportunity to talk to seven local high schools. They were able to meet with representatives to discuss criteria, deadlines, and other pertinent information. Overall, it was a great success! Please remember to contact your 8th grade Transition Case Manager with any questions or concerns.

PHCSE Welcomes

Mr. Lowman, Music Teacher

World Music class at PHCSE is designed to educate and expose students to the many different styles of music and culture of many from around the globe.

Throughout their time in this class, scholars will explore numerous continents and cultures via the study of music and culture. As the course moves around the world, scholars will simultaneously learn geography and social studies through music. The students will have the opportunity to learn about various musical styles and instruments, as well as how they are used in each respective culture.

