

September 21, 2016

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Now that they're all over, I want to sincerely thank everyone who participated in our Back to School Night events. Some of you had to attend more than one, but did so with a smile. I hope you found the sessions informative and our teachers clear on their expectations of your child. Having attended each event, I am continually struck by the strong sense of community that links parents, teachers and students, K through 8. Research shows that your presence at formal and informal school events as participants or volunteers has a positive effect on your children's academic performance.

If you did NOT attend your child's Back to School Night, you need to make arrangements with the office to pick up your child's handbook which requires your signature.



Also, speech/language and visual/fine motor screenings are underway for all kindergarten and new to Alliance students in grades 1-3. You will receive a screening follow up report once your child has been screened.

Thank you for your support and partnership as we continue to strive for Excellence!

Mrs. Joanna Hightower, Chief Executive Officer/Principal



Box Tops for Education: Thank you to all those who have started to turn in Box Tops! The deadline for Box Top submissions is Oct. 27th so please gather your valid Box Tops (cannot be expired) in an envelope or bag and send them back in this week's folder!

- PAB Hook Up: The PAB has arranged for ALL AFPCS families to get a 20% discount every Thursday from the Sneaker Villa location at Broad & Thompson. Just let them know you are from AFPCS during checkout ☺. For more details contact our PAB President, Syreeta Martin at pabpres2016@gmail.com



Week of October 3-7

FALL into READING this October with some new books. Our book fair will be held in the LS all week!

On Thursday, Oct. 6 the book fair will also be open during Family Unity Night from 5pm-6:30pm. You can also purchase books from our book fair ONLINE until 10/9! Visit www.afpcs.org for the link!



MATH NIGHT (K-8)

Thursday, Sept. 22nd at 5pm
Lower School Building

We know math has been a challenge and we are here to help and support our students and families! Come to Math Night to learn more about Eureka Math and how you can encourage and support from home! We LOVE Eureka and we want you to LOVE it too ☺



SEPT & OCT 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
18	19 B-Day	20 C-Day *CHERRYDALE SALE ENDS *PAB Meeting 5pm LS *Board Meeting 6pm LS	21 D-Day *WED. FOLDER-Pls Sign	22 E-Day MATH NIGHT (K-8) 5pm Lower School	23 F-Day *Pretzel Sale \$0.50 *3-8 PBIS Party	24
25	26 A-Day	27 B-Day *US After School Program Begins	28 C-Day	29 D-Day	30 NO SCHOOL STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	OCT 1
2 BOOK FAIR OPEN ALL WEEK --->	3 E-Day Applications available for 2017-18 NEW STUDENT lottery	4 F-Day	5 A-Day *WED. FOLDER-Pls Sign *Progress Reports SENT HOME - PLEASE SIGN & RETURN TO SCHOOL	6 B-Day Family Unity Night (FUN) - Harvest BINGO 5:30pm—LS	7 C-Day Pretzel Sale \$0.50	8
9	10 NO SCHOOL COLUMBUS DAY	11 D-Day	12 E-Day	13 F-Day	14 A-Day *Pretzel Sale \$0.50 Dress Down Day \$2 “FALL ORANGE”	15 High School Fair
16	17 B-Day	18 C-Day	19 D-Day *WED. FOLDER-Pls Sign	20 E-Day	21 F-Day Pretzel Sale \$0.50	22

“TECH-KNOWLEDGE-Y is POWER!”

The Lower School

INSTRUCTION BEGINS AT 8:35AM!!

ANY CHILD WHO IS LATE TO SCHOOL WILL BE UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN SPECIAL EVENTS SUCH AS:

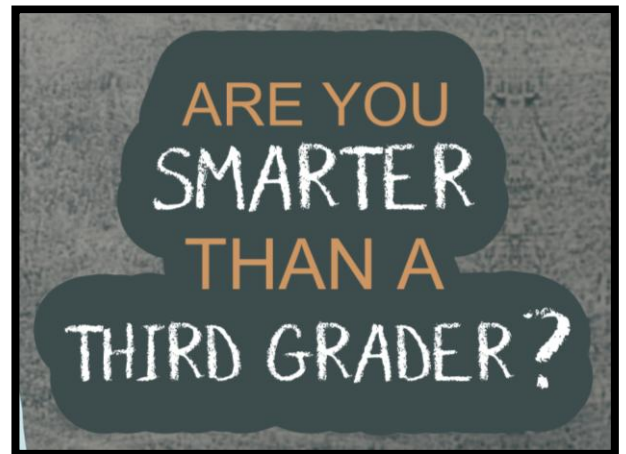
-DRESS DOWN DAY

-PRETZEL DAY

MATH WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS!!!!

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND AT 5PM
IN THE LOWER SCHOOL**

**COME LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW TO
SUPPORT YOUR CHILD IN MATH.**



Field Trip!

WAGNER SCIENCE MUSEUM:

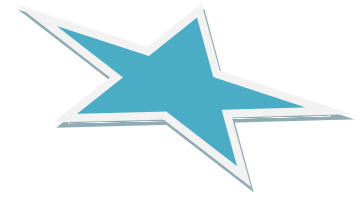
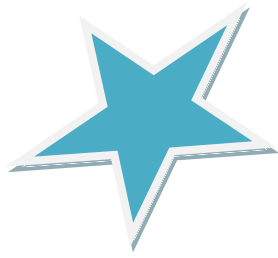
PLEASE SIGN THE PERMISSION SLIP & SEND IN \$3 IF YOU'D LIKE YOUR CHILD TO PARTICIPATE.

NO SLIP = NO TRIP!!!!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SEPTEMBER SAFETY PATROL:



**Kyleem J.
Anton J.
Miniyah H.
Tysheed R.
Samira A.
Ahzier G.R.
Devon F.**



Upper School News (Grades 4 – 8)



Fall is here! Please encourage your child to “fall” into a good book this season!

All students should be reading at least 30 minutes per night at home.

JOIN US FOR MATH NIGHT!

Thurs, 9/22 @ the Lower



**School
5-6pm**



CLUBS

US Clubs begin Tuesday, September 27th.

Please keep an eye-out for sign-ups starting the week of September 19th.

**STUDENT
CLUBS**

4th & 6th Announcement

We are excited to let you know that our GREAT (Gang Resistance Education And Training) program is beginning this week in grades 4 and 6!

GREAT will take place weekly for 6 weeks during our intervention block.

PARENT PORTAL

Please remember to log in to the Portal (via www.afpcs.org) to get important messages and calendar reminders from your child’s teacher!

Also, please be sure to download the Parent Portal phone app and sign up for e-mail notifications so you can receive weekly updates on your child’s grades in each class. Information on how to sign up for the app and weekly notifications has been posted on the Portal.

If you need help with your login information please e-mail Mrs. Asher at masher@afpcs.org for support.



US After School Clubs

Session #1–September 27th –December 15th

3:35-4:40pm

Below are the after school clubs that will be available for Session #1 for students in grades 4-8. Students must sign up using the permission slip and return it to their teacher as soon as possible. Clubs have a max number of participants, so they will be filled on a first come first serve basis.



Club Name: Mad Science

Club Advisor: Ms. DiBona

Day: Wednesdays

Club Description: Do you want to become a scientist? How about a MAD scientist!? In this exciting club you can unleash your love for science through interactive experiments.

These hands-on experiments will open your eyes the different types of science you see each and every day.

Club Name: Student Choir

Club Advisor: Ms. Miller

Day: Thursdays

Club Description: students interested in expanding their voices and talents in a small group setting. These students will perform at the end of the trimester student concert.



Club Name: Middle School Student Council (6th-8th grade ONLY)

Club Advisor: Miss Louis

Days: Tuesdays

Club Description: Those students interested in or would love to learn about political issues and create a student council to govern and become the voice of the student body.



Club Name: AFPCS Dance, Dance and Mo Dance!

Club Advisor: Mr. Kenny

Days: Tuesdays

Club Description: Are you a kid that suddenly feels the urge to move when you hear a pulsing beat? So much that you don't care how you look or who's around you just have to get up and move? If that's you, come and take a dance class with us! Why not take all of that energy and put it to both great and positive use? Here students will learn such genres as ballet, jazz, hip hop, and modern. Many feel as though dance is only for girls which is definitely FALSE! I strongly encourage EVERYONE to come out and take class and have a great time!

Club Name: Student Newspaper

Club Advisor: Ms. Maicher

Days: Thursdays

Club Description: Have you ever wanted to write? Are you creative and artistic? Are you interested in being published in a school newspaper? If you answered yes to these questions, this may be the club for you!



Name: Get HYPE Philly (Community Service Projects) 8th Graders- ONLY **Club Advisor:** Ms. Rashad

Days: Wednesdays

Club Description: Have you ever wanted to change your eating habits to be healthier? Are you interested in studying and teaching others about making nutritional choices? Are you interested in teaching your peers and the entire student body about staying fit and healthy? If you answered yes to those questions this just may be the club for you?



- **Students must sign up using the permission slip and return it to their teacher as soon as possible.**
- **Clubs have a max number of participants, so they will be filled on a first come first serve basis.**



Upper School Clubs Program

I allow _____ to participate in the Upper School Clubs program at AFPCS on **the selected days (see above) from 3:35-4:30pm for session #1.**

I would like to enroll in: **(chose 1-only)**

- _____ Mad Science Club **(Wed)**
- _____ Dance Team **(Tues)**
- _____ Student Choir **(Thurs)**
- _____ Get HYPE Philly **(Wed)- 8th graders only**
- _____ Student Council **(Tues)-6th -8th graders only**
- _____ Student Newspaper **(Thurs)-6th - 8th graders only**

I understand that my child's academic performance and behavior could make my child ineligible to participate. The program is over at **4:30pm**, please choose how your child will be going home. Please note that any child not picked up by **4:40pm** will be assessed a \$1 a min late fee.

My child will be: _____ picked up by a parent or guardian at 4:30pm
 _____ Walking or on public transportation

Parent Signature _____ Date: _____

In the event of an emergency, I can be contacted at: # _____



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Columbia North YMCA Get HYPE Philly (Cheerleading) Permission Form

As parent/legal guardian of _____, I grant
(Print Student's Name)

permission for him/her to participate in the program described below.

Location: Columbia North YMCA 1400 N Broad St, Philadelphia, PA 19121

Purpose of the program: Get HYPE Philly! H.Y.P.E stands for Healthy You Positive Energy. It is a free youth-focused wellness initiative that empowers middle and high school students to become leaders for healthy change in their schools and communities. The goal of HYPE is to prevent obesity and promote health in Philadelphia.

Students will participate in our cheerleading program on Mondays for 5 weeks. Our cheerleading program will be led by a skilled Program Instructor and Program Aide.

Start Date: 9-26-2016

End Date: 10-24-2016

Start time: 4:00PM

End time: 5:30PM

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

I am aware that when I am attending the Columbia North YMCA H.Y.P.E program, I am under the jurisdiction and supervision of the Columbia North YMCA staff and that my behavior must conform to the *Code of Student Conduct*, the school's Student Handbook, and reasonable instructions from staff. I understand I will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action for violations of these rules and regulations.

Signature of Student

Date

Acknowledgement of Liability Limitations and Assumption of Risk

Waiver and release: I, hereby certify that my child is in normal health and capable of safe participation in the YMCA youth programs. I assume all the risks and hazards incidental to the conduct of this program. I hereby authorize the Philadelphia Freedom Valley YMCA to obtain medical treatment for my child in the event that a parent and the emergency contact cannot be reached. I give my permission and consent to use any photographs or other media record of my participation at the YMCA to promote YMCA programs without compensation to me or on my behalf. If I choose not to be photographed or in other recorded media I understand it is my responsibility to inform the photographer and/or remove myself from the picture.

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12-1/12 RWS



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Emergency Contact

First Emergency Contact:

Emergency Contact Name _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number _____

Emergency Contact Email (optional) _____

Relationship to Child _____

Second Emergency Contact:

Emergency Contact Name _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number _____

Emergency Contact Email (optional) _____

Relationship to Child _____