Kindergarten Pre-Registration for the 2019-2020 School Year

March 4 - March 29
Call 610-284-8005 ext. 1234
To Schedule An Appointment
Child must be age 5 by Sept. 1, 2019

WilliamPennSD.org/Registration

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The William Penn School District will hold Kindergarten Pre-Registration for the 2019-2020 school year from Monday, March 4 through Friday, March 29, 2018. Registration is by appointment only. Appointments can be made for parents to register from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Administration Building, 100 Green Avenue in Lansdowne. Parents must call 610-284-8005 ext. 1234 to schedule a registration appointment.

Parents of children who will be age five by September 1, 2019 are welcome to pre-register their children for kindergarten. No exceptions will be made for meeting the age requirement.

To download registration forms or for more information about the registration process, visit the William Penn School District website at www.WilliamPennSD.org.

The list of required documents needed for pre-registration for kindergarten is as follows:

**LIST OF REQUIREMENTS**

Original Documents Only

- Birth certificate for child
- Immunization records
  - (a) four (4) doses of Diphtheria (DPT or DT) (Fourth inoculation after age four)
  - (b) four (4) doses of Polio (OPV) (Fourth inoculation after age four and at least six months after the previous dose)
  - (c) two (2) doses of Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) (First inoculation after age one)
  - (d) three (3) doses of Hepatitis B (First inoculation given one month apart, and third inoculation six months after the first)
  - (e) two (2) doses of Varicella (Chicken Pox)
- In addition to the above, foreign-born students must have a complete physical by an American doctor and a recent negative TB test.
- Lease or deed (or mortgage book)
- Any two (2) of the following:
  - (a) Valid driver’s license with current address
  - (b) Valid vehicle owner’s card with current address
  - (c) Utility bill within 30 days with current address
  - (d) Second utility bill within 30 days with current address
  - (e) Paycheck stub within 30 days with current address
- Completion of Physical Examination Form by a private physician
- Completion of Pupil Registration Forms
In recognition of their dedicated service to the William Penn School District, we paid tribute to the William Penn School District Board of School Directors.

Seated (l-r) are Student Representatives Katelyn Tong and Nasharie Stewart, Ms. Jennifer Hoff (President), Mrs. Jamese Kwele, and Ms. Louella Richardson.

Standing (l-r) are Ms. Rebekah Phillips, Mrs. Marion Fitti, Ms. Monique Boykins, Mr. Robert E. Wright, Sr. (Vice President), Student Representative Lowoe Samolu, Ms. Joi Hopkins, and Mr. Kevin Hobbs.

Special awards were presented to the William Penn School District Board of Directors in observance of School Director Recognition Month. School Board members encounter many complex and difficult challenges as they strive to ensure continuous improvement in student learning and fiscal responsibility. School Director Recognition Month was instituted by the Pennsylvania School Boards Association to designate a time to show appreciation to local school board members who volunteer hundreds of hours each year and collaborate in order to provide a better future for our children.

**Black History Month Proclamation**

WHEREAS, in the year 1926, **Mr. Carter G. Woodson**, Black historian and founder of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History in American Life, proposed Black History Week; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month was established in 1976, is sponsored by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), and is observed the entire month of February. The ASALH has selected the 2019 Black History theme as “Black Migrations.” The theme emphasizes the movement of people of African descent to new destinations and subsequently to new social realities. The theme focuses especially on the twentieth century through the present, beginning with the early decades of the twentieth century; and

WHEREAS, in order to carry on the tradition Mr. Woodson began, Black History Month is observed to inform and educate people about the history of African American men and women and the contributions they have made to American life and culture. Special programs and activities in the schools of the William Penn School District will commemorate the study of African American life and history.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Directors of the William Penn School District hereby proclaims the month of February as Black History Month for the year 2019.

RESOLVED, this 28th day of January 2019.
Penn Wood High School Presents...
Rent, School Edition

Penn Wood High School students, directed by music teacher Ms. Judy Jordan, will perform the musical, Rent, School Edition. The musical is based on the book, music, and lyrics of Mr. Johnathan Larson.

The play follows a year in the life of a group of young artists and musicians, and won a Tony Award for Best Musical and a Pulitzer Prize for Drama. In addition to Ms. Jordan, the production staff includes William Penn School District staff members Ms. Tashawna Maxwell, Mrs. Tamika Hill, Mr. Lowranzel Hill, and Mr. Dana Moody.

Performances will take place at Penn Wood High School - Green Avenue Campus, 100 Green Avenue in Lansdowne, as follows: Thursday and Friday, February 7th and 8th at 7:00 p.m., and Saturday, February 9th at 3:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

General admission tickets are $10.00 and may be purchased by contacting play Director, Ms. Jordan at 610-586-1804 ext. 3171 or jjordan@wpsd.k12.pa.us, Ms. Maxwell at tmaxwell@wpsd.k12.pa.us, or Mrs. Hill at thill@wpsd.k12.pa.us.

Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

Delaware County Unites for Education

PA Schools Work and the Delaware County Intermediate Unit (DCIU) are looking for support to work together to advocate for Pennsylvania public schools. Together they hosted the first Delaware County Unites for Education working for people interested in promoting fair funding in PA public schools.

The PA Schools Work coalition and Delaware County residents worked together to support their students and the communities they serve. The group shared information, tools, and tips on how to advocate for better (adequate and equitable) school funding in PA.

The meeting was held on February 2nd at the DCIU in Morton. Anyone interested in promoting fair funding in PA public schools, are welcome to join ongoing advocacy activities. For more information, visit PASchoolsWork.org.

A group, including students, parents, teachers, community members, school board, and administration, represented the William Penn School District at the Delco Unites for Education meeting.
William Penn School District
Listening Sessions Continue

The William Penn School District have scheduled Listening Sessions on the first Monday of the month November 2018 through May 2019 (except for the month of January 2019). A Session will be held in each of the six boroughs that comprise William Penn School District, but all are welcome to attend any Session.

School District officials will be available to listen to concerns and provide information about all things related to the William Penn School District. The purpose of the Listening Sessions is to gather meaningful data about public perceptions and public interactions with the school district that can be used for consideration when taking actions and to help assure good communication between the District and our stakeholders.

Listening Sessions will take place from 7:00-9:00 p.m. The remaining sessions are as follows:
- East Lansdowne – February 4, 2019 – East Lansdowne Elementary School, 401 Emerson Avenue
- Yeadon – March 4, 2019 – Bell Avenue Elementary School, 1000 Bell Avenue
- Colwyn – April 1, 2019 – Colwyn Borough Hall, 221 Spruce Street
- Lansdowne – May 6, 2019 – Twentieth Century Club, 84 S. Lansdowne Avenue

Snacks will be provided and people of all ages are welcome. For questions or more information, contact Pam Bookman at pbookman@wpsd.k12.pa.us.

Two Ardmore Avenue School Students Perform in the PMEA Band Fest

Sam Christensen (left) and Jade Houston (right) were nominated by their band teacher Mr. Bill Ricketts to perform in the District 12 Delco Intermediate Band Fest.

Samuel Christensen, a trumpet player, and Jade Houston, alto sax player, sixth-grade students at Ardmore Avenue Elementary School, were chosen to represent the William Penn School District at the 2019 Pennsylvania Music Educators Association (PMEA) District 12 Delaware County Intermediate Band Fest. The concert was held on January 24th at Ridley High School.

Mr. William Ricketts, their Band Director, nominated Jade and Sam based on their level of musicianship and the instrumentation requirements of the guest conductor. The Band Fest is open to 100 dedicated and talented fifth- and sixth-grade students capable of playing Grade 2 concert band literature. The students must be active members of their school band.

More than 200 students were nominated, and only 95 were selected. The objective of the PMEA is to promote and support quality music education, learning, and performance in schools and communities.
Ceramics works by Penn Wood High School art students Oluwakemisola Ebigbola and Nicholas Moore were accepted for an exhibit of distinguished high school ceramics work. The exhibit was entitled, “Clay Programs of Excellence in Philadelphia Area High Schools.” Having student work accepted is a tribute to Ms. Kay Lord, Penn Wood High School Art Instructor. Students participating in the show will receive scholarships to attend Saturday workshops at Tyler School of Art.

The exhibition, hosted by the Temple University Tyler School of Art, ran from January 14-27, 2019. Tyler School of Art is located at 2001 North 13th Street in Philadelphia. The Art Gallery is open Wednesday through Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

For more information, call 215-777-9138.

Strengthening Families Program
Child Guidance Resource Centers is offering a 14-session Strengthening Families Program for families with children aged 6-11 years old. Both parents and children participate in this family life-skills training program that will improve parenting skills and family relationships, reduce problem behaviors, address delinquency and substance abuse in children, improve social skills, and improve school performance.

The program begins March 7, 2019 and sessions are held on Thursdays at 5:30pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1141 West Chester Pike in Havertown. The program is free and dinner will be provided every week. Free childcare is available for siblings during the training sessions.

Families may register for the program by contacting Ms. Lisa Schneller at Child Guidance Resource Centers at 484-454-8700 x1484 or by email at lschneller@cgrc.org.
Penn Wood FBLA Competes at Regional Conference

The Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Pennsylvania State Chapter Regional Leadership Conference was held in December 2018 at Widener University. The Penn Wood High School chapter of the FBLA competed at the FBLA Conference – competing before panels of judges in a wide variety of business and technology related topics against students in other Delaware County high schools.

The team of Penn Wood High School students Miles Richardson and Chelsea Lombard won first place in Broadcast Journalism and qualified to compete in the FBLA State competition in Hershey April 8-10, 2019. Jefiah Bordley earned second place in Graphic Design and will also compete in the State competition.

Other Penn Wood winners at the Regional Conference were Jedidah Antwi, who earned third place in Job Interview, and Nasharie Stewart, earning third place in Introduction to Public Speaking.

Ms. Michele McGarvey, Penn Wood Technology Teacher, is Advisor for the Penn Wood High School FBLA Chapter and is Regional Advisor for 2018-19. Penn Wood student Charlene Canning is the 2018-19 Regional President and was Master of Ceremonies at the Regional Conference. Charlene will also attend the State Conference as the out-going Regional President. There are 15 FBLA chapters in Region 19 and more than 200 students attended the Regional Conference.

FBLA is an educational association for student members that prepare students for business careers – teaching them about the free enterprise system and helping students develop leadership skills. Leadership Conferences are held to teach FBLA members how to develop business skills, become better employees, and compete honorably in competitive events.
Penn Wood Art Students’ Works Displayed in Exhibit at DCCC

January 16, 2019 was the opening day of the Delaware County Community College (DCCC) Third Annual Regional High School Art Exhibition in the college’s Art Gallery. The Exhibition features the work of area high school students and a number of students from Penn Wood High School will have art work on display.

Penn Wood students whose work are on exhibit are Martha Eliades, Eshé Henry, Abraham Karmo, Melvin Kieh (two pieces), Michael Ranger, Taylor Tinnin, Jason Tito, and Mya Williams. These are students of Ms. Kay Lord and Ms. Alyce Grunt. Penn Wood High School is one of 11 high schools in Delaware County that are participating.

The exhibition will be on view through February 22, 2019 at The Gallery at Delaware County Community College. A reception and Awards Presentation was held on January 30th.

The Art Gallery at Delaware County Community College is located on the Marple Campus, Academic Building, Room 2305, 901 Media Line Road, Media, PA. The Art Gallery is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Penn Wood High School Curriculum/Course Selection Night

The Penn Wood High School Guidance Department organized Curriculum/Course Selection Night for current eighth-grade students and their parents. It will be held on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Penn Wood High School – Cypress Street Campus, 600 Cypress Street in Yeadon.

Curriculum/Course Selection Night is an opportunity for parents and students to meet with high school Department Chairs and administrators and learn about the course selection process. Information will be provided about graduation requirements, courses offered, school activities available, the Parent Home Access Center, and more.

For more information, please contact the Main Office at 610-626-3223 ext. 2211.

Harcum College’s Dental Center Offering Free Sealant Day for Children

Harcum College’s Cohen Dental Center is hosting its Annual Free Sealant Day on Monday, February 18, 2019, with appointments at 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 1:00 p.m. until all slots are full. Parents interested in the free services for their child must schedule an appointment at 610-526-6113 or email dentalclinic@harcum.edu as soon as possible, as space is limited.

As a community outreach event to promote preventive oral care and family health, the center is offering free dental hygiene services to children ages 6-12 on Presidents’ Day. The free services include application of cavity-preventing seals (“sealants”) on children’s teeth, oral exams, fluoride treatments, as well as instructions and tips in oral health care. Sealants help to prevent future tooth decay and cavities.

The Cohen Dental Center is located at 750 Montgomery Avenue in Bryn Mawr, PA. The event is sponsored by Harcum College and the Pennsylvania Dental Hygienists’ Association.
The Rotary Club of Upper Darby and Lansdowne recognizes high school seniors from the Penn Wood, Archbishop Prendergast & Monsignor Bonner, and Upper Darby High schools in its Student of the Month Program.

At Penn Wood High School, **John Mabin, Jr.** and **Ashly Trabanino** were selected as Students of the Month for January 2019. Students are chosen based on academic performance, leadership skills, and participation in extracurricular activities.

**John Mabin** has a very rigorous academic schedule that includes Advanced Placement courses in Physics, Calculus, Computer Science, and English Literature and Composition. He is a member of the Penn Wood Senior Class Committee, Football Team, Baseball Team, and plays low brass instruments in the Penn Wood Bands. John participates in the Robotics Club, the Best Buddies program, and is a member of the Mock Trial Team.

Mr. Mabin’s community involvement and service include the school painting project. He received the Most Outstanding Junior Award in Health/Physical Education, and enjoys working out. He has also been awarded a National Science Technology Award and the University of Rochester, Xerox Award for Innovation and Informational Technology.

John is undecided about what college/university he will attend, but he plans to major in Aerospace/Mechanical Engineering for future employment at The Boeing Company.

**Ashly Trabanino** is a member of the National Honor Society, National Science Honor Society, and National Math Honor Society. She has a challenging academic schedule that includes Advanced Placement courses in Biology, Calculus, and English Literature and Composition. She has achieved Distinguished Honor Roll through high school. She is Captain of the Penn Wood High School Varsity Cheerleading and Varsity Basketball Teams, and a member of the Varsity Softball Team.

Ms. Trabanino’s volunteer and community activities include raking leaves for residents, tutoring, and helping to provide food for the less fortunate. In the future, she would like to travel the world helping people in need. Honors and awards include the Most Outstanding Junior in Spanish Award and a Classroom Superstar Award in Science.

Ashly will major in Biology/Pre-Medicine Track at Villanova University in pursuit of a career as a Pediatrician.

John and Ashly were recognized and presented with certificates at the January Rotary Club luncheon.
**Scenes from January**

Mrs. Marnie Jackson, Guidance Counselor at East Lansdowne and Park Lane Elementary Schools, was nominated for National LifeChanger of the Year Award. LifeChanger of the Year recognizes and rewards the very best K-12 educators and school district employees across the United States who are making a difference in the lives of students by exemplifying excellence, positive influence and leadership.

Walnut Street Elementary School celebrated and cheered on the Eagles with an Eagles Spirit Day during the playoffs.