

PRINCETON DAY SCHOOL

PARENTS ASSOCIATION WELCOME



SEPTEMBER 16, 2026 | 7:30PM | PA@PDS.ORG



Welcome

Dr. Kelley Nicholson-Flynn P'26, Head of School

Upcoming Community Events

Fall Fest on Friday, September 25
Athletic Center | 3:15 to 7 p.m.

PDS at Princeton Football on Saturday, October 31
Princeton Stadium | Tailgate at 10 a.m. | Kickoff at noon

The State of the School on Thursday, November 19
Campus Center | 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Purpose at McCarter Theater on Saturday, January 30
Pre-Show Reception at 1 p.m. | Curtain at 2 p.m. | Post-Show Talkback

Family-School Partnership Commitment

www.pds.org/parents-and-families

At Princeton Day School, we believe that meaningful partnership between families and school strengthens learning and reflects our core community values:
Humanity, Creativity, Intellect, Joy, and Stewardship.

Upcoming Parent Partnership Events

Jessica Lahey: Raising Independent, Resilient Kids

McAneny Theater | Monday, October 5 at 6 p.m.

Karla Cosgriff: Parenting in the Age of AI

Linville Lobby | Tuesday, November 10 at 8:15 a.m.

Dr. Alicia Fenley: Understanding and Supporting Student Anxiety

Virtual | Wednesday, January 13 from 12–1 p.m.

About the PA

All parents and guardians are automatic members of the Princeton Day School Parents Association. The PA supports the family-school partnership through resources, volunteerism, social events, communication, and dedicated support for faculty, staff, and students. We warmly invite you to get involved in this vibrant network and encourage you to explore the many ways you can be part of the PDS community.



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PA Governing Board 2026-27

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Parent Ambassadors: Alicia Xethalis / Nara Shin / Derrick Diaz / Rachna Mehta

Book Fair Committee

Organizes the annual book fair each spring for all three divisions. The book fair is a literary event which benefits the PDS Libraries.



Daniel Bin, Cecily Walton, Adrienne Longo

Boosters Committee

Encourages participation in sporting events, and supports the athletic programs and Panther athletes throughout the year. Boosters organizes community-wide spirit events for all divisions.

GO PANTHERS!!

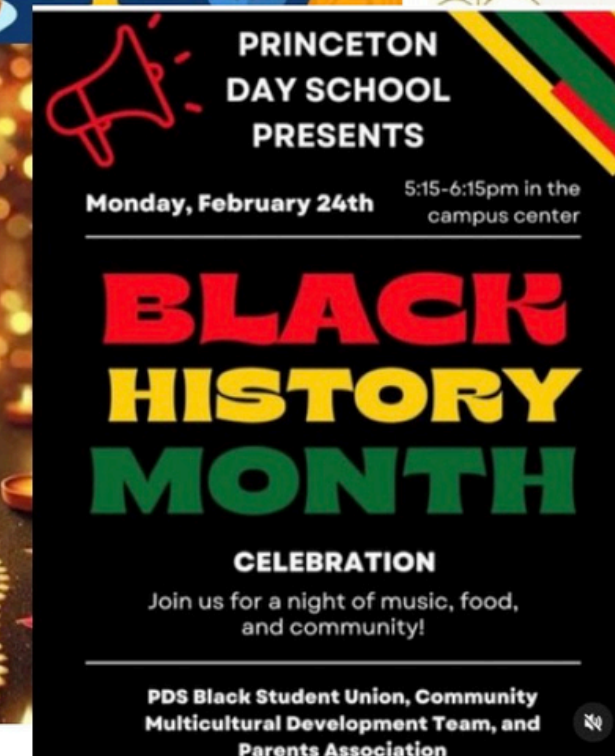
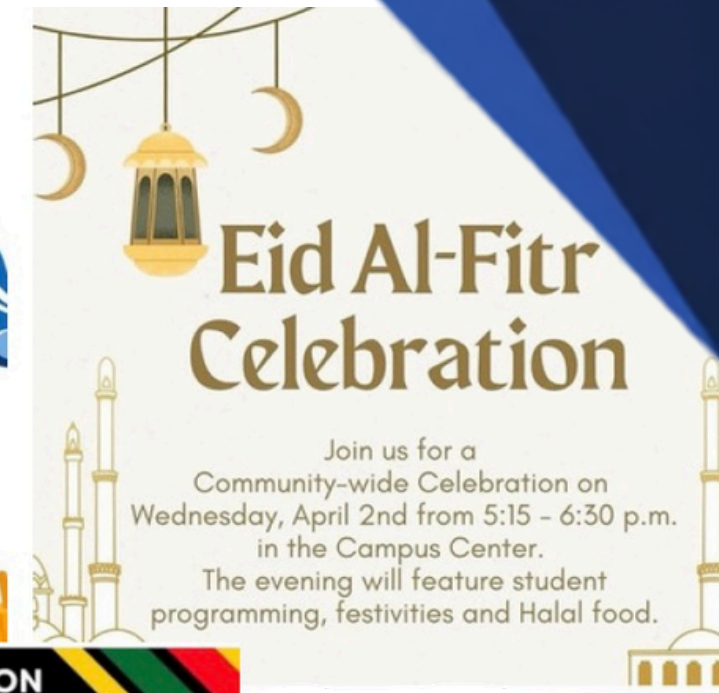


Lisa Dobruskin, Shannon Nutt, Jennifer Zhou, Alicia Merse

CMDT | Community Multicultural Development Team

The Community Multicultural Development Team assists faculty and staff with the organization of school-wide cultural programming to create community and belonging.

Kerri Cook, Jennifer DelVecchio



Encore Committee

US & MS Theater

Encore acts as a liaison between the Upper and Middle School theater directors and the PDS community. Its purpose is to support and assist theater faculty and student performers during events and facilitate communication between the director and parents regarding expectations for participation and rehearsal schedules. The committee also organizes cast meals for rehearsal times outside of regular class schedule.



Rachel Marshall, Lilia Mawson, Eric Wen

Faculty & Volunteer Appreciation Committee

The Faculty and Volunteer Appreciation Committee plans and organizes the faculty appreciation breakfast and luncheon, volunteer breakfast, and end-of-year volunteer luncheon.



Dana Falconi, Junjie Chen, Shana Jackson

FLIK Committee

The FLIK Committee is a liaison for Flik Independent School Dining, the dining service provider at PDS, and the PDS Parents Association. The committee offers “Lunch and Learns” for Community members, in addition to keeping them informed of special menu offerings, locally sourced ingredient news, and nutrition initiatives through weekly communications. The committee also assists with food and beverage requirements for PA events.



Leigh-Anne Wiester, Rachel Kuminsky

Friends of PDS Libraries Committee

The mission of the J. Richardson Dillworth Friends of the PDS Libraries is to support, strengthen and promote PDS libraries as centers of learning; to foster the process of intellectual growth; and to nourish the imagination with the pleasures of reading. Volunteers support the library faculty and assist with the Imagine the Possibilities program throughout the year.

Katie Chiavarone, Angiana Gray



Gallery Committee

Anne Reid '72 Gallery

The Gallery Committee assists in the organization of exhibits and events at the Anne Reid '72 Gallery. The committee also promotes engagement amongst parents and the larger community through social media, word of mouth and collaborations with the school.

Marla Bergstein, Yi Liu, Sandy Bai



Helping Hands Committee

Helping Hands supports the school's Service Learning efforts by sponsoring community-wide drives and facilitating parent volunteers. In addition, Helping Hands offers any member of the PDS community assistance during a time of need in a sensitive, appropriate and discreet manner.



Ashely Rue, Rachel Li



Lower School Events Committee

Organizes and encourages participation in spirit events for our littlest panthers including game nights, movie nights, celebrations and more.



Paloma Feliciano-Phillips, Isabelle Vega, Belinda Park

Ovations Committee

Musical Performances in All Divisions

Ovations supports a variety of music programs across all divisions. Volunteers chaperone events, provide pre-concert dinners for the student performers, organize post-concert receptions and facilitate parent volunteer signups.



Anjali Shah, Margy Bagga, Lang Sun, Lan Cao, Lulin Zhong

Parent Ambassadors

Our Parent Ambassadors partner closely with both Admissions and Advancement to welcome new and prospective families throughout the year. They lead campus tours, connect with new parents, and rally support for key traditions like Open Campus Day, Day of Giving, and the PDS Fund.



Alicia Xethelis, Nara Shin, Derrick Diaz, Rachna Mehta

Parent Life Committee

The Parent Life Committee is designed for parents, by parents, with the goal of building relationships and friendships through social events.



Kavita Morris, Johanna Outwin-Gutierrez, Priya Sajja

Parent Sustainability & Garden Group

The Parent Sustainability and Garden Group (PSGG) was formed to support Princeton Day School's goal of becoming a community where students and families are educated about the importance of stewarding our planet's resources for the next generations.



Khyati Ghodadra, Jessie Mitra, Stacey Nieves

Princeton Common Ground Committee

PCG seeks to empower children to flourish, now & in tomorrow's complex future, by inspiring, invigorating and informing preK to 12th grade parent, educator and student audiences across 14 Princeton-area schools with keynote speakers & events.

Dara Bellace, Priti Vaghasiya

Princeton Common Ground presents

Dr. William Stixrud

Too Tired, Too Worried, Too Sad, and Way Too Young:

Helping Kids Do and Feel Better by
Giving Them More Control Over Their Lives

IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL

FREE Speaking Event for Parents



Thursday, October 1, 2026

7:30PM - 9:00PM



The Pennington School
Stainton Hall ~ The Lecture Center



How & Why Should I Get Involved?



Learn Something New

Learn new things, meet the community, build connections, make a difference, and enjoy the journey with the PDS family!



Attend & Connect

New families, please join us this Friday for Coffee & Connections at 8am in the Colross Dining Room. Visit the PA website for committee contacts and opportunities.



Stay Informed

Follow the PDS Weekly - Parents Association section, grade & class parent emails, and Instagram: @pds_parents_association

Helpful Resources



Brian Mochnal

Flik Dining



Pam Flory

Garden Coordinator



Heidi Spillane

Director of LS
Extended Day Programs



Samantha Dawson

Director of Counseling &
Learning Support



Sarah Graham

Director of
College Counseling



Liz Cutler

Director of Sustainability &
Environmental Education



Amy Matlack

Head of Libraries
& US Librarian



Katie Fay

Director of Athletics and
Physical Education



Tony McKinley

Director of Diversity, Equity
& Inclusion



Rob Toole

Director of
Safety & Security



Stan Cahill

Director of Performing
& Fine Arts/Design

Upcoming Events

- Coffee and Connections - 9/18
- Fall Fest - 9/25
- Lunch and Learn with Chef Brian - 9/30
- Common Ground - 10/1
- Open Campus Day - 10/3
- PSGG Coffee in the Garden - 10/7
- Coffee in the Gallery: an Encore Opening - 10/16
- US Homecoming - 10/16
- Harvest Festival - 10/24
- Halloween Parade - 10/30

CMDT Celebrations

Campus Center 5:15pm - 6:30pm

- Diwali Celebration - 11/20
- Hanukkah - 12/7
- Lunar New Year - 2/1
- Black History Month - 2/22
- Eid al-Fitr - 3/11



Swag Station

Located in the LS back entrance (bus pick-up)

Drop off gently used PDS gear you've outgrown.

Any PDS members are welcome to help themselves for free!



Panther Den

Located in the lower level (MS) of the Main Building

Curated selection of clothing, gear, & other PDS items for all ages.

Contact: Jen Fenton
609-924-6700 x 1320

THANK YOU!

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ON CAMPUS!

