



*Give light and people will find the way - Ella Baker*



## Black History Month

Here at Little Leaders Institute, we like to celebrate the achievements of Black Americans everyday. So for this Black History Month, we will be learning about different people in history and of current that have made an impact to not only the black community but worldwide. Please follow along with us as we learn!

- Samara Joy - American Jazz Singer
- Barack & Michelle Obama - Presidential & 1st Lady
- Rudolph Fisher - Physician/Radiologist/Writer/Musician/Orator
- Nipsey Hussle - Rapper/Entrepreneur
- Alvin Ailey - Choreographer
- Ella Baker - American Civil Rights Activist
- Charles R. Drew - Surgeon
- Dana Canedy - first Black person to head a major publishing imprint
- John Lewis - Activist, Member of Congress
- Alice Ball - Chemist, Medical Researcher
- Katherine Johnson - NASA Mathematician
- Misty Copeland - Ballerina
- Cynthia "Cynt" Marshall - 1st Black Woman CEO in the NBA
- Dwayne McDuffie - Comic Book Author & Publisher
- Ketanji Brown Jackson - Supreme Court Justice
- Victor J. Glover, Jr. - Astronaut on the ISS
- Dr. Mae Jemison - Engineer, Physician, Astronaut
- Cherelle Parker - Philadelphia Mayor
- Stevie Wonder - Singer/Songwriter
- Kobe Bryant - NBA star, Humanitarian

## Valentine's Day Party

On Wednesday, February 14th, from 10-10:45am, we will be having a Valentine's Day Muffins with Mom and Donuts with Dad Party where the children may exchange cards and sweet treats with you and their classmates! Please see the class lists below. We hope you can join us!

Classroom A	Classroom B	Classroom C
Kingston	Alei	A'Bryanna
Kyre	Hunter	Bren
Nenia	Ivan	Imani
Ryleigh	Jaxson	Jasiah
Semira	LaShaina	Kamau
Tristan	Marion	Kenzo
		Mossell
		Rodney
		Tory

## CBS Food Program at LLI

After the long wait, the CBS Food Program will officially begin on Monday, February 5, 2024. If you have opted in to the program, your child will receive Breakfast, Lunch and Afternoon Snack. If your child is in Classroom C (Young Toddler) and you wish for them to receive a morning snack, you will need to provide it in a lunchbox. Please contact us with any questions.

## Thrive at Five

Will your child be attending Kindergarten in or before September 1, 2024? The School District of Philadelphia officially launched its 2024 Kindergarten Registration Campaign on Tuesday, January 16, 2024. To attend an open house and for more information, please check out the flier in our Welcome Area and at the bottom of this newsletter.

## Drop-Off & Pick-Up Reminder

Parents MUST sign their child in and out using the Brightwheel App each day. We begin our day promptly at **9:15AM**. A child who arrives late can feel frustrated and usually has a more difficult time adjusting to the day. **If you will be arriving later than 9:30, you will be required to call (267) 297-7329 prior to and make late drop-off arrangements otherwise your child will not be permitted to attend that day.**

Parents are required to pick up their child by **6:00 PM**. There is a \$5/minute late fee that will apply.

## Invoicing

Tuition payments are due on the first day of the week. Failure to pay your tuition in a timely manner will result in late fees or the discontinuation of services until tuition is paid in full.

## Important CLOSING Dates to Remember

Holiday	Dates
President's Day	2/19/2024
Spring Break	3/28/2024 - 4/1/2024
Memorial Day	5/27/2024
Juneteenth	6/19/2024

**Happy (belated) Birthday To Our January Little Leaders!**

Kamau - 3      Mossell - 2      LLI - 4

**Happy Birthday To Our February Little Leaders!**

A'Bryanna - 2      Ms. Angie - ageless

# LOCAL NEWS & EVENTS

THRIVE  
AT FIVE



Will Your Child Be  
Five On Or Before  
September 1, 2024?

## Register for Kindergarten

Act Now! Limited seats per school. Seats can fill quickly.

Early Registration: January 16 - May 31

### Registering is Easy!

- 1 Find a school near you: [philasd.org/schoolfinder](https://philasd.org/schoolfinder)  
*All elementary schools offer full-day kindergarten.*
- 2 What you need:
  - Parent/Guardian identification
  - Proof of child's age
  - Child's current immunization records
  - 2 documents proving your address
- 3 Where to Register  
Online: [philasd.org/thriveatfive](https://philasd.org/thriveatfive)  
In Person: Visit your neighborhood school OR the Student Enrollment Center (Suite 111) at 440 N. Broad St.



### Attend an Open House

Meet school staff & learn more about Kindergarten before summer starts.

Open House Day  
March 5, 2024

Open House Week  
May 13-17, 2024



Need Help? [philasd.org/thriveatfive](https://philasd.org/thriveatfive)  
215-400-4290 | [OSEP@philasd.org](mailto:OSEP@philasd.org)

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## [Legacy Reclaimed: A 7th Ward Tribute Walking Tour](#)

*Tours depart from Mother Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, 419 S. 6th St  
Through February 23, 2024 (Saturdays only)*

A new art and history exploration, Legacy Reclaimed: A 7th Ward Tribute honors the lives — and lesser-known history — of the 19th-century Black residents of Philadelphia's old 7th Ward, an important part of the Underground Railroad and Great Migration, and former home to 15,000 Black residents including Octavius V. Catto and W. E. B. Du Bois. As part of the event, a 90-minute guided 7th Ward Tribute Walking Tour (Saturdays at 11 a.m.) takes participants to nearly a dozen neighborhood sites, including new art installations and several homes and businesses. Tours leave from Mother Bethel AME Church Fellowship Hall. Can't make a guided tour? Grab a self-guided tour map.

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