

Summer 2010

Program Description & Course Offerings



Parents Are Our Partners

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA



MISSION AND GOALS

The School District of Philadelphia's Parent University is directly aligned with the *Imagine 2014* Strategic Plan. Research shows that when families are involved in learning, they will play an active role in the educational process. This increase in parental engagement will positively contribute to the child's academic and social success. Parent University will engage parents in innovative and meaningful partnerships for learning. By offering workshops and classes, Parent University will develop a strong professional learning community to increase student achievement. By partnering with internal District departments, academic institutions, community and faith-based organizations, Parent University will equip families with additional skills, knowledge and resources.

The goals of Parent University are to:

- Provide parents with evidence-based knowledge, skills and resources to support their children's education and increase student achievement
- Support parents in navigating the education process to build social capital
- Empower and engage parents through education to support and strengthen families
- Improve collaboration between schools and families
- Increase the percentage of parents who agree that their child's school engages parents effectively and values their input
- Increase the percentage of families who feel they have access to quality school options
- Increase the percentage of families who grade their school as A or B on an annual survey
- Provide opportunities and support for parents to achieve their personal academic and non-academic goals
- Promote networking and connection among families and schools

PROGRAMS

- Certificate and Multilingual Programs
(Classes offered in Spanish, Mandarin, Vietnamese, Khmer, French, Russian, Albanian, Nepali)
- Professional Certification Programs
(Computer Technology, Microsoft Office Suite Early Childhood, Hospitality)
- Associate Degree
- Arts and Cultural Family Literacy Programs



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PARENT UNIVERSITY COURSE CATEGORIES

Special Courses/Initiatives

Health and Wellness
Cultural Enrichment
Increasing Male Involvement in Education
Bridging the Digital Divide

Academic Core

English as a Second Language
English Basics
Achieve Reading
Achieve Math
Educational Options Program
(*High School Diploma or GED*)

Student Achievement Core Curriculum

Academic Success
Attendance and Truancy
A Parent's Learning Guide
to the Core Curriculum
Early Childhood Education – School Readiness
Parent's Guide to Special Education
FamilyNet: Check Your Child's
Grades and Attendance Online
The School District of Philadelphia
Goes To College
Raising Readers Workshop

Parenting Skills

Character Development: Beyond the Three Rs
Empowering Parents Workshop
Fathers on Board
Fathers Present, Active and Engaged
Helping Students Achieve in School
Parenting Enhancement Program
Parenting with a Purpose
Parent Publishers Program
Parents Present, Active and Engaged
The Power of Parenting Workshop
Raising Readers Workshop
Tame and Train Your Tongue
Family Communications

Personal Growth

Financial Literacy: "Bills, Budgets and Buyers"
Computer Training – Train the Trainer
Saturday High School FamilyNet Learning Expos
and Parents as Trainers Workshops
Social Etiquette



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UNIVERSITY COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Beginning June 29, 2010

PARENT UNIVERSITY

Office of Parent, Family, Community Engagement
and Faith-Based Partnerships

440 North Broad Street, Room 114

Philadelphia, PA 19130

Phone: (215) 400-4180

Fax: (215) 400-4181

Adventure Aquarium

Immerse yourself in our watery world and get ready to experience the life aquatic at the Adventure Aquarium on the Waterfront. Now you can get hands-on, up close and more interactive than you ever imagined with these creatures of the sea. At the Adventure Aquarium program you can swim with the sharks, train and feed the seals, or go behind the scenes with our adorable penguins. Call (215) 400-4180 for more information.

Achieve Math Literacy for Parents

This course will take parents, step-by-step, through the same process used to teach math concepts to children, building on what participants already know. Teachers will model and parents will practice using "manipulative materials" such as chips, base ten blocks and fraction bars, to increase their mathematical knowledge and improve their problem-solving skills.

Classes will be held twice a week for ten weeks for one hour and fifteen minutes per class.

Begin Date: Monday, July 12, 2010

End Date: Wednesday, September 8, 2010

Location: 440 N. Broad Street

Time: 10:00am to Noon

Busy as a Bee

"Parenting Parties"

This series of seminars will help parents and teens navigate adolescence and improve their relationship by providing practical solutions to common problems. Topics include conflict management, communication, and techniques to discuss serious topics.

Classes will be held once a week for three weeks.

Begin Date: Wednesday, July 14, 2010

End Date: Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Location: 440 N. Broad Street

Time: 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Engaging Students and Parents in the Arts Workshop with Actor Quinton Aaron from The Blindside

During this workshop, Quinton Aaron from the Academy Award Winning motion picture, *The Blindside*, will be sharing some ideas with parents and students that will help them to use arts to serve students and help them to learn. This workshop will help foster an interest in arts among young people.

Date: Tuesday, June 29, 2010

Location: 440 N. Broad Street

Time: 6:00pm to 8:00pm



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English as a Second Language

The program will follow the Comprehensive Adult Student Assessment Systems (CASAS) competencies model which integrates the four language acquisition skills: listening, speaking, reading and writing. Students will be pre-screened to determine the appropriate ESL level of placement.

Classes will be offered in both daytime and evening hours two days per week for two and a half hours per class.

Morning Session 1

Begin Date: Monday, July 12, 2010
End Date: Wednesday, September 8, 2010
Location: 440 N. Broad Street
Time: 9:30am to Noon

Morning Session 2

Begin Date: Tuesday, July 13, 2010
End Date: Thursday, September 9, 2010
Location: Southwark Elementary School
Time: 9:30am to Noon

Evening Session

Begin Date: Tuesday, July 13, 2010
End Date: Thursday, September 9, 2010
Location: 440 N. Broad Street
Time: 5:30pm to 8:00pm

Free Library of Philadelphia Summer Reading Program

Children, preschool through 6th grade, can sign up at their local library and start a reading game board. The more they read, the more stickers and prizes they can earn.

Begin Date: June 16, 2010
End Date: August 11, 2010
Various Locations:
www.freelibrary.org/summerreading or call:
(215) 686-5372

Learning Social Studies Through Clay

This six-week session, taught by The Clay Studio and The Village of Arts and Humanities, will provide parents with several ways to help their children

understand their social studies curriculum through the arts, specifically clay. This workshop is for both parents and children (age six and over).

Classes will meet for two hours on Saturday mornings.

Location: 2544 Germantown Avenue
Begin Date: Saturday, July 10, 2010
End Date: Saturday, August 14, 2010
Time: 10:00am to Noon

Parenting Academic Career Excellence (PACE)

The PACE curriculum is designed to help parents deal with some of the challenges they encounter as they work with their children navigating the educational process. The classes will focus on the following topics: Parenting 101, Academic Excellence, and Career Trends and Preparation. This course comes with a manual: "Seven Secrets of How to Study: Parents' Ultimate Education Guide."

Classes will be held once a week for three weeks.

Begin Date: Tuesday, July 13, 2010
End Date: Tuesday, July 27, 2010
Time: 5:30pm to 7:30pm
Location: 440 N. Broad Street

Please Touch Museum

Please Touch Museum is home to six interactive exhibit zones across 38,000 square feet, designed to encourage learning through play. Let your child be your guide as you explore our unique environment. The open-endedness of this unique exhibit allows families to personalize each visit, for there is no wrong way to play! Call (215) 400-4180 for more information.

The Philadelphia Zoo

Spend your day at the Philadelphia Zoo and tackle the Environmental and Ecology Standards through fun-filled workshops. Participate in behind-the-scenes tours and feedings. Explore hands-on activities, learn conservation action steps for kids, and talk with Zoo keepers. Receive Project Wild training along with K-12 activity books. Call (215) 400-4180 for more information.



Walnut Street Theatre: Bringing Literature to Life

Through a series of six two-hour classes, Walnut Street Theatre will provide an interactive exploration of literacy, stories and theatre. By reading, analyzing, viewing and acting out these books and related activities, Walnut Street Theatre will offer a creative and active approach to literacy education. In addition, parents and students will learn about

the art of theatre and parents will receive coaching and experience in helping their children learn to read.

Classes will be held twice a week, Monday and Thursday, for three weeks.

Begin Date: Monday, July 12, 2010

End Date: Thursday, July 29, 2010

Location: 440 N. Broad Street

Time: 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Partnerships

Community College of Philadelphia
Peirce College
Cheyney University
Educational Opportunity Center
Philadelphia Housing Authority
Multiple Pathways to Graduation
Opportunities Industrialization Center
Office of Teaching and Learning
Office of Attendance and Truancy
Office of Early Childhood

School Sites by Region

Comprehensive High Schools
Audenreid High School
Edison High School
Frankford High School
Parkway West High School
Robert Vaux High School
Central – Spring Garden School
East – Juniata Park (East Region)
North – Thurgood Marshall School
Northeast – J. Hampton Moore
Northeast – Northeast High School
Northeast – Solis-Cohen
South – Bok High School
South – Southwark Elementary School
South – Taggart Elementary School
West – Parkway West
West - Sayre High School

Regional Offices

Northwest Regional Office
Northeast Regional Office
District Office Education Center

Faith-Based Organizations

Beloved St. John Evangelistic Church
Deliverance Tabernacle
Mother Bethel Church
Preach Buddha Rangsei Temple

Community Centers

Cecil B. Moore
Cambodian Association

City Agencies

Caton Village
Eliza Shirley House
HELP Philadelphia
Ridge Avenue Shelter for Men
Salvation Army
Spring Garden Shelter
Stenton Family Manor
Traveler's Aid at Kirkbride

Philadelphia Housing Authority Sites

Abbottsford Homes
Blumberg Apartments
Fairhill Apartments
Harrison Plaza Apartments
West Park Apartments



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SUMMER 2010 APPLICATION FORM

PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS COMPLETELY. PLEASE PRINT.
Return application to Parent University, 440 N. Broad St., Room 114, Philadelphia, PA 19130

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle : _____

Home Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone: Home _____ Work _____

E-mail _____

Sex: Male Female Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / _____

Highest Grade Completed: _____ Previous High School: _____

Previous College Degree Earned: _____

Plan to enroll in: Summer 2010

Course(s) you wish to take during the present term:

No. _____ Course Title _____

Time _____ Location _____

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Time _____ Location _____

Name of School Child Attends: _____

Child's Full Name _____ Grade _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Relationship: _____ Telephone: _____

Please list any special accommodations that need to be provided.

Signature: _____

Date: _____



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