



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA
CHARLES W. HENRY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
601 Carpenter Lane, Philadelphia, PA 19119

Principal Updates - September 18, 2024

School & PTA Collaboration

- **School Supplies** - School supply boxes ordered online were distributed on Friday before school began. Thank you to the PTA for leading the distribution. We also received delivery of bulk supplies including lysol wipes, paper towels, pencils, and paper.
- **Playworks Coach** - PTA supported funding for a full time playworks coach this year. Coach G has been with us since Day 1 and leads our recess procedures. She will begin offering club sports to upper elementary grades in October.
- **Family Engagement Liaison** - We have a family engagement liaison, Darlene Bates-Harper, from the SDP FACE office who is at Henry every Thursday. She is happy to work with the school and the PTA to support any family events.

General School Updates

- Work completed over the summer:
 - Complete re-tiling of auditorium
 - Partial re-tiling in some classroom spaces
 - Removal of lockers; repainted walls in upper school
 - Repairs to old heating pipes in gym
 - Digital Technology lab updated
 - Exterior waterproofing project completed
 - Updates to SMARTboards in all classrooms
- Basement classrooms (art and dance) currently being remediated and repainted
- We are fully staffed with the exception of two Special Education Assistant roles. Please direct anyone who is interested in the role to contact Ms. Len.
- Additional after school programming this fall: Kings Mate Chess, Playworks Club Sports, Spanish Workshop for Children, Philadelphia Youth Basketball
- School tours begin on September 19; held the 3rd Thursday of each month at 9:15am
- School Selection process is open now through October 23; looking into why it is not possible to select Kindergarten at Henry for school selection
- First Family Forum will be held on October 16. Topic TBD

Upcoming Calendar Events

September 26 - Volunteer Orientation with Family Engagement Liaison

September 27 - Half day for students; Professional development for staff

October 3 - School Closed; Rosh Hashanah

October 10 - Attendance Matters workshop with Family Engagement Liaison

October 16 - Family Forums

October 23 - Picture Day

October 25 - School Closed; Professional Development for Staff