

# C.W. Henry Family Newsletter Summer 2020

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## Principal's Message

Dear C.W. Henry Families,

This school year was truly one for the books. Over these past weeks I hope many of you have found ways to disconnect and rejuvenate. While there is much that's unknown about the 2020 - 2021 school year, please know that I will continue to share updates across the summer as information becomes available. The School District of Philadelphia is releasing a preliminary re-opening plan on **July 15** with a framework for how we will safely reopen our school.

While the 19-20 school revealed many challenges, we also closed out this school year with an incredible amount of accomplishments. I'd like to extend my appreciation and gratitude to the C.W. Henry staff for their tireless commitment to our students, as well as to our families for your support, feedback, and continued partnership. Please continue to stay safe and reach out if we can support you or your family. I look forward to reconnecting when we are able to safely do so.

- *Ms. Davis*

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## **The Many Ways to Stay Connected at Henry School:**

- Find out what's happening at Henry by joining the school's Instagram page [@c.w.henry](https://www.instagram.com/c.w.henry) or [the official Facebook page](#).
- Make sure you're receiving important text alerts from both your child's teacher and Principal Davis via Remind. These two Remind accounts share different information, please sign up for both!
- The school's PTA also has a Facebook page, an Instagram page, and a Twitter account, plus a weekly e-newsletter that is super informative and delivered right to your inbox

on Mondays all year long. You can find all the information on the Henry PTA website.

- Additionally, every grade from K-5th has its own private Facebook page just for parents of that grade-ask a teacher or parent for the official name of the group.
  - The Upper School has its own Facebook page and one Remind account for the whole Upper School for important information. These private Facebook groups are a great way to ask about that assignment your kid brought home or find out when gym day is, so you'll never be left wondering again!
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## School Updates

### **The Launchpad:**

Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time setting up the school's Launchpad on February 29th! The Launchpad is what we call Room 214, the Digital Literacy lab. This is the classroom of Mrs. Pownall. This classroom will serve as a computer lab, as well as a library space. It will also include a Makerspace area, mobile bookshelves, and comfortable seating for students. We can't wait for everyone to enjoy this space when school reopens!

## Writers Matter Writing

### Contest:

Congratulations to the following students who placed in the 2020 LaSalle University Writers Matter contest:

- **1st place Middle School Division:** Sloan W., 7th grade
- **Honorable Mention Middle School Division:** Neveah W., 8th grade
- **3rd place Elementary School Division:** Elijah L., 4th grade
- **Honorable Mention Elementary School Division:** Nola L., 4th grade and Selah D., 3rd grade

Over 115 students from across the district entered the 2020 Writers Matter writing contest. Three independent judges rated the student writing. A special shoutout goes out to Neveah W. for being recognized in this contest as a 6th, 7th, and 8th grader! We are so proud of all of the students who participated.

### News From the Music Room:

CW Henry's Aladdin Junior was a true success, selling over 800 tickets and giving thousands of smiles to all! Thank you to our amazing cast and crew as well everyone else involved behind the scenes. We encourage you to check

out the CW Henry Music website for pictures of the show! Ms. Paulino's music website is <https://sites.google.com/site/cw-henrymusicprogram/>.

### Playground Update:

We are very excited to share that C.W. Henry playground is complete and ready for students and families to enjoy when we are all able! Playground construction began on the lower school yard on May 18 and wrapped up the week of June 1. The blacktop was resurfaced during the week of June 22. We cannot wait for students to enjoy the new climbing structures, slides, balance beams, and a basketball area. If you choose to enjoy the playground over the summer, please remember to wear a mask and practice social distancing.

A special thank you goes out to the PTA's Playground Committee for your support this year in making our schoolyards more amazing places for kids and families.

### Out of School Resources

Are you wondering what to do with the kids with camps and pools closed this summer? Here are some links that may be helpful with summertime fun:

<https://mommypoppins.com/philadelphia>

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/05/22/health/100-things-to-do-this-summer-wellness-trnd/index.html>

Here are some links to kid-friendly podcasts your family might enjoy:

<https://www.common sense media.org/blog/the-best-podcasts-for-kids>

<https://www.parents.com/parenting/technology/podcasts-your-kids-should-be-listening-to/>

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### PTA Update

Greetings from the PTA! Please click on the following link for an end of the year letter from the PTA to see pictures of the playground transformation, find out how to help out in our large school garden during the summer (you can social distance, help the school, and get Weaver's Way Co-Op hours all at once! Win!), and read a recent email from Principal Davis outlining next steps for the summer.

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