

Fels Family Newsletter



Welcome to our Monthly Edition!

Welcome to the new edition of the **Fels Family** newsletter! Each month, we share key dates, celebrate student wins, and provide resources to support your child's success. It has been an incredible month of growth at Fels! Reminder, all links are **red**, please click for more information.

Fels Essentials

Everything you need to know about our daily operations and expectations to help your student succeed at Fels.

- **Attendance:** If your child will be absent, please FelsAttendance@Philasd.org or submit absent notes to the main
- **School Uniform:**
 - Tops: white, black, gray collared polo shirt or Fels gear
 - Bottoms: Black bottoms only, black knee-length skirts & shorts are permitted
 - Black pants NO RIPS, no ski mask
 - School spirit outfits and sports uniforms are allowed
- **Communication:** Our primary way of reaching you is through the number and email on file in SIS. We frequently add information to our [Instagram Page](#), follow us! Please ensure your contact info is up to date in SIS.



Parent & Family University (PFU)

PFU offers **free, in-person and virtual courses** designed to engage families as equal partners in learning. Sessions are led by District staff and community partners, and cover four main content pillars:

- **Student Attendance & Joy:** Supports and resources designed to increase attendance and joy in school.
- **Health & Wellness:** Supports and resources to promote physical, mental, and social-emotional health.
- **Civic Engagement:** Supports and resources to encourage community service and civic participation.
- **Financial Literacy:** Adult learning around money management and family earning potential.

All courses are **free and open to the public**, with **childcare, meals, giveaways, and translation services available**. Check out the options – **there's something for everyone!**

Website: philasd.org/pfu

Important Dates

March **Monthly Calendar** **Sophomore Calendar** **Senior Calendar** **Fels Athletic Calendar**

6th-20th	Class of 2027 Golden Ticket Fundraiser: 1 chocolate bar/\$2.00
6th:	F.R.E.S.H. Flick & Panther Popcorn Party (logistics forthcoming)
9th	10th Grade Town Hall (logistics forthcoming)
11th	9GA Town Hall
11th:	Senior Jean Paint Party
11th-13th	Pi Day Celebration
12th	12th Grade Town Hall
12th:	Access Completion Skating Trip
13th	11th Grade Town Hall
13th:	Staff Professional Development (Half Day); Three Hour Early Dismissal for Students
16th:	Student Late work due by 10 P.M.
20th:	Eid al-Fitr; School closed for students and staff; Administrative offices closed
23rd:	9GA trip to Other World
24th:	Term 3 Ends
30th-31st:	Spring Recess; Schools closed for students and staff

Academic Resources & Support

Support learning at home with our core digital platforms. These tools are designed to align directly with what your child is learning in class and help them "Evo/ve" their skills.

- **Lexia (Literacy):** A personalized reading program that helps students build phonics, vocabulary, and comprehension skills at their own pace.
- **IXL (Math):** An interactive site that provides thousands of practice problems and immediate

feedback to help students master grade-level concepts.

- **Illustrative Math Family Support Hub**- The Imagine Learning EL Education Family & Caregiver Support Hub is designed to provide valuable resources tailored to enhance every family's engagement in their student's learning journey.
- **Illustrative Math English Learners Education Family Support Hub**- The Family Support Hub is a one-stop destination for parents and guardians seeking educational resources tailored to their child's Illustrative Mathematics learning journey.

Grade Band Updates

9th Grade Academy (Grade Lead: Ms. Gingalewski, agingalewski@philasd.org)

- No Updates

10th Grade (Grade Lead: Coach Troy, tlsanders@philasd.org)

- If students need support with their work to bring up their grades before quarter 3 ends, please see Coach Troy after school on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

11th Grade (Grade Lead: Mrs. Egbert, sesholl@philasd.org)

- **"Starry Night" Junior Prom: May 1, 2026**
 - Single ticket/\$50 & Couples ticket/\$80
- **Golden Ticket Fundraiser**: \$2 for a chocolate bar and a chance to win the following fabulous prizes
 - PBIS Points
 - Chick-Fil-A Gift Card
 - Fels Swag
- Fels Fashion Show: May 2026
 - Model Search: Sign Up: <https://forms.gle/fMwSmsWrdBq5DxUv8>

12th Grade (Grade Sponsor: Ms. Brown, moabrown@philasd.org)

- **Senior Paint & Party Event- 3/11/26** (to attend, students must have perfect attendance for the week of 3/2- 3/6, and have paid at least \$150 of Senior Dues)

F.R.E.S.H. PBIS

Our focus on **Focus, Relationship, Evolve, Self-Awareness, and Hope/Honesty, and Focus** continues!

Students are encouraged to earn all **20 points daily** (5 points per class). Remember, those points will be the "currency" for our F.R.E.S.H. PBIS Store which opened last month! Our inventory includes snacks, daily essentials, high-end supplies, and Fels Swag (20–500 pts), plus premium apparel from Nike, AirPods & Lululemon.

- **Focus**: Tunnel Vision for Your Success
- **Relationship**: Form Meaningful Relationships
- **Evolve**: Grow 1% each day
- **Self-Awareness**: Learn Yourself!
- **Hope/Honesty**: Keep Your Hope Alive



March F.R.E.S.H. Event

- **Date:** April 14th
- **Theme:** F.R.E.S.H. Zoo Trip and Lunch on Us (Wawa)
- **Points criteria:** 200 points earned from March 2nd to March 27th

Building Our Fels Family

We believe that when schools and families partner together, students thrive. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events:

Quarter 3 Report Card Conferences and Spring Title 1 Parent Session

Your voice is essential in your child's education. Please join us to discuss your student's progress, STAR data, and goals for the next term. *On April 9th at noon, we will have a catered lunch for all attendees.*

- **Thursday, April 9th** at 12:00 - 2:30pm & 4:00 - 6:00pm (Evening Session)
- **Friday, April 10th** at 12:00 - 2:30pm

Contact Us

Have questions? We are here to help!

- Front Office: 215-400-7100
- Website: <https://fels.philasd.org>
- **Admin Team**
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 - AP Ryan (12th Grade) - spryan@philasd.org

Let's continue to be BETTER THAN YESTERDAY!