

Fels Family Newsletter



Welcome to our Monthly Edition!

Welcome to the monthly 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! **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, and 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.

Important Dates

August

24th: First Day of School, 7:30am to 2:34pm

September **Monthly Calendar**

7th: Labor Day; Schools Closed for Students/Staff; Admin Offices Closed

9th: PBIS F.R.E.S.H Kickoff

17th: Back to School Night BBQ 4:30-6:30pm

18th: Staff Professional Learning (Full Day); School Closed for Students

21st: Yom Kippur; Schools Closed for Students/Staff; Admin Offices Closed

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 Leads

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

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

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

12th Grade (Grade Lead: Mr. Mault, jbmault@philasd.org)

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

PBIS F.R.E.S.H. Kickoff

- **Date:** September 9, 2026
- **Points criteria:** All students are welcomed

PBIS F.R.E.S.H. Store

- **Grand Opening:** October 5th
- **Time:** During 2nd period



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:

Back to School Night BBQ

Join us for our **Back to School Night BBQ!** It's a great chance to kick off the new school year, meet the staff, and connect with other families. We can't wait to see you there!

- Thursday, September 17th, 4:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Contact Us

Have questions? We are here to help!

- Front Office: 215-400-7100
- Website: <https://fels.philasd.org>
- **Admin Team**
 - Principal Rasper - mjrasper@philasd.org
 - AP Mahoney (9th Grade) - adanderson@philasd.org
 - AP Johnson (10th Grade) - cjohnson6@philasd.org
 - AP Bolds (11th Grade) - dbolds2@philasd.org
 - AP Ryan (12th Grade) - spryan@philasd.org

Let's continue to be BETTER THAN YESTERDAY!