If you’ve been to Peter Paul in the last couple months or if you joined us for our 40th Anniversary Celebration, you may have noticed some visible changes around our building! Over the last year, a task force of Board members, parents, staff, and partners has been hard at work evaluating all the various programs of Peter Paul, with the goal of having one streamlined look for the logo and all programming. We officially unveiled our new logo at the anniversary event, which you can see at the top of this newsletter!

Although some things are changing, Peter Paul remains steadfast in its commitment to our East End neighborhood through programming that has continued and grown over the organization’s rich 40-year history. All components of programming fulfill our purpose to Educate the Child, Engage the Family, and Empower the Community. Thank you for your partnership in this exciting journey!

Get Your Limited-Edition Peter Paul Apparel Today!

You've been asking for it, and we're happy to say that we now have special Peter Paul apparel to celebrate our new logo! Please join us in sporting our new logo while supporting Peter Paul. This is a limited-time opportunity so make sure to place your order before Thursday, November 7! Check out our store, here: https://www.bonfire.com/peter-paul/. Options include a unisex tee, a women’s slim-fit tee, a long-sleeved shirt, and a sweatshirt! Check out all the size and color options on our store page.

All proceeds will support Peter Paul's programs - get your items today!
A Bridge, Life and Legacy: Celebrating 40 Years

Saturday, October 26 was an incredible celebration of Peter Paul’s founder John Coleman and the organization’s dynamic forty-year history. With more than 300 guests in attendance, our entire block was buzzing with joy! Program highlights included a replication of the program in the Parish Hall of St. Peter’s where it lived for 28 years, a living museum throughout Peter Paul’s current building, a beautiful video from Fuel Creative celebrating John Coleman’s legacy, remarks from the Coleman and Anderson families, and reflections from current student Israel Dixon, alumna Taylor Brown, senior program participant Delmore Walker, and former Executive Director Tee Turner. And to top it all off, Executive Director Damon Jiggetts unveiled the beautiful new Peter Paul logo!

A big thank you to the event sponsors, volunteers, guests, staff, and students who made this event so special! Click here for more photos. At the event, funds contributed supported the David T. Anderson Endowment for Youth Education, which provides a legacy of sustainable funding for our Youth Program. If you would like to make a contribution to the endowment, please click here.

The Origin Project Kicks Off!

We’re thrilled that once again our students are participating in The Origin Project! Co-founded by Adriana Trigiani and Nancy Bolmeier Fisher, The Origin Project seeks to inspire young people to find their inner voices through the craft of writing about their unique origins. This year, Peter Paul students will focus on the theme of “legacy” – what legacy means to them and what mark they want to leave on the world. All year long they will journal as well as explore art forms to express their writing in preparation for the final book publication. The Origin Project kicked off at Peter Paul with special guest Christa Coleman, a Peter Paul board member and the daughter of founder John Coleman. She spoke about what her father’s legacy has meant for Peter Paul, and read a selection of his writing from his book, Peeping Into My Soul:

“Today I walked through the halls of the first school I attended. I was thinking about how many other kids had walked those same halls – and what happened to them…After I left the school, I intentionally walked down some of the streets I had played so often. When I do things like this, I want to grab all the people around and say: ‘look people, you are alive! These days mean something to you, don’t lose them.’”

We can’t wait to see what our students come up with this year!
Community Action Network Fall Info Feast - Career Paths After High School

Join the Community Action Network for our next Info Feast on Thursday, November 7 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. The theme for this Info Feast is workforce development and internships, with a focus on empowering high school students around career readiness and community building. Info Feasts facilitate shared learning, community unification, and family fun! At the event guests can enter a drawing to win $500 towards technical and certification program costs - you won’t want to miss this!

If you have questions or want additional information, please contact Sherika Chew at schew@peterpaulrva.org. Interested in volunteering? You can choose a volunteer shift by clicking here.

Christmas Angel Program

This holiday season, please consider supporting the Peter Paul Christmas Angel Program! Our goal is to make sure every Peter Paul student (and their siblings) receive gifts this holiday season. You can support this very special program by “adopting” a student, family, or senior citizen and shopping for their specific wishes. You can also support the program by contributing to the Christmas Angel Fund and we’ll shop for you! Unwrapped gifts should be delivered to Peter Paul on or before December 13. Click here to sign up and support this program.

Questions? Please contact Mike Brown at mbrown@peterpaulrva.org or 804-780-1195.

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