



Peter Paul eNews - January 2020

We hope you are having a wonderful start to 2020! The second half of the school year is in full swing and we're excited for all the amazing things in store for our students, families, and neighbors. We are grateful for your support that enables us to **Educate the Child, Engage the Family, and Empower the Community**, and ask you to consider a contribution to Peter Paul to help us get 2020 off to a great start!

Peter Paul also has Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP) state tax credits remaining, which are available to donors who give \$1,000 - \$125,000 on a first come, first served basis. **The NAP Tax Credit is equal to 65% of the value of the donation.** If you would like to give a gift for NAP credits, please first contact Sarah Young [by email](#) to be sure that we have sufficient credits to apply towards your desired gift amount.

Keep reading for updates on what's been going in January, and thank you for your continued support of our mission!



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Community Action Network Meeting

On January 22nd, the Community Action Network (CAN) at Peter Paul convened community partners, neighbors, and service providers for our bimonthly meeting. The CAN at Peter Paul exists to support goal-directed East End families, serves as the hub for East End initiative, and maintains transparent communication and authentic relationships. The CAN was well attended last month with over 50 unique attendees! Peter Paul is proud to share that our very own Keonne Lomax provided a delicious breakfast that warmed the hearts and filled the bellies of everyone present. If you are interested in learning more about the CAN or attending the next meeting on March 25th at 8:30am at Peter Paul, please contact Kim Young at kyoung@peterpaulva.org. We would love to see you there!



Reynolds Community College Career Exploration

This year, our middle school students have continued the wonderful experience of participating in a series of career exploration sessions in partnership with [Reynolds Community College](#). Recently, our middle schoolers had the unique opportunity to partner with Cameo Role Models International, Inc., a national modeling company that is focused on increasing East End youth's self-esteem while helping them gain the skills to successfully navigate various environments. Our 7th and 8th grade students spent the day working on positive self-image, self-confidence, and leadership skills, while getting to practice strutting their stuff!



This is just one of the unique experiences our middle schoolers have as part of these career exploration sessions – stay tuned for more updates!

MLK Day of Service

To celebrate and honor Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, a group of volunteers came together at Chimborazo Elementary School (the location of Peter Paul's Chimborazo Promise Center) to make some building upgrades! Thank you to [The Mission Continues](#) for facilitating and leading a group of volunteers from [CarMax Cares](#), [the Boy Scouts of America](#), Chimborazo Elementary School, and Peter Paul. The Mission Continues is a national nonprofit that empowers veterans to continue their service, and empowers communities with veteran talent, skills and preparedness to generate visible impact. This group spent Saturday, January 18th painting, decorating, and cleaning up around the school. We are grateful for these partners for their investment of time, and were honored to spend this special day honoring the legacy of community leaders while celebrating our own community.



Freedom Classic

On Saturday, January 18th, Peter Paul students had the incredible opportunity to attend the 2020 Freedom Classic! The Freedom Classic commemorates Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s life and legacy, while showcasing Virginia State University and Virginia Union University, two of the nation's top Historically Black Colleges and Universities. The women's and men's basketball teams went head-to-head and our students were there to enjoy all the fun!

Thank you to [Richmond Region Tourism](#) for sponsoring this amazing day out!



Volunteers Needed



Many students at our Promise Centers (Fairfield Court, Bellevue, Chimborazo, and George Mason) still need mentors and tutors! On-site mentors and tutors meet one-on-one and visit with their student once a week for an hour. Tutors focus primarily on academic assistance while mentors participate in a wide array of activities including helping with homework, playing games, and doing various other fun activities. There are also opportunities for mentors and mentees to meet on weekends, enjoying Peter Paul sponsored activities!

If you would like to mentor or tutor at one of our Promise Centers or need more information, please contact Michael Bledsoe at mbleedsoe@peterpaulrva.org or 804-780-1195.

Join Us For a Lunch & Learn Tour

Are you looking to learn more about Peter Paul? Do you have friends or colleagues who you want to introduce to the Center? If so, join us for a [Lunch & Learn!](#) We offer these monthly tours to guests interested in learning more about our community and the programs we offer to support our neighbors. The tour starts at noon at Peter Paul, and after the thirty-minute bus tour, we arrive back at the Center for a tour of the facility, followed by lunch (boxed lunches included) and conversation. Tours typically occur the fourth Thursday of every month.



A \$20 registration fee is requested to help us off-set costs associated with the tour. You can register [on our website](#) or by clicking the links below:

- [March 26, 2020](#)
- [April 23, 2020](#)
- [May 28, 2020](#)

Questions? Contact Sarah Young at syoung@peterpaulva.org or 804.780.1195.

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