



OUR HEART IS IN THE EAST END

Peter Paul eNews - April 2020

We send love and encouragement to you and your family as we all navigate this unusual time together. Amid COVID-19, the Peter Paul team continues to remain actively engaged with our students, families, community, and each other. We are excited to share our programming updates, operational adjustments, and staff announcements with you. Please see below for all of this and more; and to hear about the latest updates, connect with us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#). As always, thank you for your passion for Peter Paul and our purpose to Educate the Child, Engage the Family, and Empower the Community.

Due to the unprecedented impact of COVID-19 and guidelines put forward by the CDC, the Bridge Building Breakfast scheduled for May 6th has been canceled. Stay tuned for more information on a rescheduled date!

#GivingTuesdayNow - May 5th, 2020

[#GivingTuesdayNow](#) is a new global day of giving and unity happening on May 5th, 2020. This special edition of Giving Tuesday is designed as an emergency response to the unprecedented need caused by COVID-19. We invite you to join us in celebrating an influx of generosity around the world by supporting Peter Paul on [#GivingTuesdayNow](#)! Follow us

on social media to receive updates and more information as we get ready for this day of giving!



COVID-19 Updates

We've sent several updates about how Peter Paul is responding to COVID-19, but please see below for highlights of our programming and operational changes:

- Weekly staff check-in calls with students and families
- [Virtual enrichment lessons](#) focused on yoga, mindfulness/meditation, dance and step, STEM, and art
- [Weekly virtual hangouts](#) for parents and caregivers
- Regular communication and resource dissemination through our Promise Family Network Facebook group
- Community Action Network (CAN) meetings with local organizations to create more virtual engagement opportunities for families
- Community food distribution every first and third Wednesday in partnership with St. Peter's Episcopal Church and FeedMore
- Grocery drop-off to our seniors, and a weekly check-in with our partners at the Senior Center of Greater Richmond to assess needs



The kids are home and plucking your nerves!
TAKE A BREAK AND HANGOUT WITH US

FOR PARENTS BY PARENTS:
Virtual Parent & Caregiver Hangouts
Starting April 8, 2020-June 10, 2020
Every Wednesday
Session A: 10:30am-11:30am
Session B: 3:00pm-4:00pm

Register on Eventbrite:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/peter-paul-family-and-community-engagement-35035434550>
or text: (804) 310-4441

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If you have any questions about the Community Action Network (CAN), please contact Kim Young at kyoung@peterpaulva.org.

Welcome New Staff!

Michelle Williams, Development Coordinator

Michelle joins Peter Paul as the Development Coordinator! She is a native of Newport News, VA with seven years of experience working with human services organizations that advocate for the homeless community and individuals with disabilities. Michelle recently obtained her Master's degree in Nonprofit Management from Northeastern University in Boston, MA, and has returned to Virginia to join Peter Paul's team. She will be supporting Peter Paul with all the day-to-day development operations. Welcome, Michelle!



National Volunteer Week

A big shout-out to Peter Paul's amazing volunteers! While in-person activities are on hold for the time being, we want to take this opportunity to thank all of our volunteers who devote their time and resources to our neighborhood. Your passion for service enhances every one of our programs, and we miss working with you every week. We have been so impressed by the many volunteers who stepped up to help with our gift card drive, and we can't wait to see everybody once it is safe to do so!



For information on volunteering during COVID-19, please contact Michael Bledsoe at mbledsoe@peterpaulva.org

Peter Paul Team-building !

Socially Embracing

We want to let you know that the Peter Paul team spirit is stronger now than ever! Each month, Peter Paul's staff participates in a team-building Zoom call! During our last call, we got together to take part in virtual team-building activities, share quarantine stories, and just catch up.



Although we can't physically be together, we continue to embrace one another through continued engagement and activities. We love our team!

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