



OUR HEART IS IN THE EAST END


Peter Paul eNews - January 2021

Dear Sarah,

Happy New Year from the Peter Paul family! With 2020 behind us, we set our sights and intentions on continuing to support our students, families, and community in weathering this uncertain time, while preparing for all that is to come in 2021. We remain hopeful that better days lie ahead for our families, our city, and our world. This month, we have a number of updates to share with you, including announcements on our winter offerings, a recently launched program, and partnerships within our community!

Check out all of this and more below, and to hear about the latest updates, connect with us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#). Thank you for your continued passion for Peter Paul and our purpose to Educate the Child, Engage the Family, and Empower the Community.



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Winter Programming

ENGAGE THE FAMILY

Dinner and Discussion

January 25th-March 12th
Every Thursday at 7:00 p.m.

- **Hosts:** Chimere Miles, Chef Keonne Lomax
- **Purpose:** Join us for another round of Dinner and Discussions as we walk through fun and easy recipes with Chef Keonne Lomax. Ingredients will be provided!

*This round will also feature appearances from partner organizations who will share community resources with attendees!

Zoom Registration:
<http://bit.ly/DinnerandDiscussion>



Dinner and Discussions are back! Bring your kids to the kitchen, pull up your laptops, and join us as we walk through more fun and easy recipes with Chef Keonne Lomax! We will also be joined by partner organizations to share community resources with attendees so you don't want to miss it!

Our next Dinner and Discussion of the season will be held on Thursday, February 4th at 7:00 pm. Click [HERE](#) to register and get your ingredients.

Questions? Contact Chimere Miles at cmiles@peterpaulva.org.

In conjunction with our Info Feasts, we will be going live each Friday on [Facebook](#) for "Did You Know?"

This will be an opportunity to hear from our family and community engagement staff about Peter Paul and community updates, as well as a chance to ask any questions you may have. **Our first "Did You Know" of the season is happening TODAY at noon.** Be sure to join us!

Questions? Contact Chimere Miles at cmiles@peterpaulva.org or Sherika Chew at schew@peterpaulva.org.

EMPOWER THE COMMUNITY

Did You Know?

January 25th-March 12th
Every Friday at 12:00 p.m.

- **Hosts:** Sherika Chew, Chimere Miles
- **Focus:** Community Announcements and Resources
- **Purpose:** A new way for parents to receive information and updates on Peter Paul and community activities. Our hosts will give announcements and answer any questions from attendees!



Live on Facebook 



Parent and Caregiver Hangouts are back with even more to offer! Join us for our morning hangouts centered around parent support and community building. Or come be a part of the Promise Family Network and join us for the afternoon hangouts! **Our first hangout of the season is on Wednesday, February 3rd.** Please register for either (or both!) by clicking [HERE](#) for

ENGAGE THE FAMILY

Parent and Caregiver Hangouts

February 1st-March 12th

Every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. & 3:30 p.m.

10:30 am Hangout A (Host: Chimere Miles)

- **Focus:** Parent Support and Community Building
- **Purpose:** To provide a safe space for parents and community partners to process, vent, network, and build relationships.

3:30 pm Hangout B (Host: Sherika Chew)

- **Focus:** Promise Family Network opportunities and Goal Setting
- **Purpose:** To provide a space for network members to grow together as they set goals and hold each other accountable to pursue them.



Zoom Registration:
<http://bit.ly/PandCHangoutA>
<http://bit.ly/PandCHangoutB>



Hangout A and [HERE](#) for Hangout B. See you there!

Questions? Contact Chimere Miles at cmiles@peterpaulva.org or Sherika Chew at schew@peterpaulva.org.

Have You Heard About Our New Program?

The [Z-LIFE](#) (Leading Individuals to Foundational Employment) program provides access to living-wage employment and wraparound support services to individuals ages 18-24 that reside in Richmond.

On February 9th at 5:00 pm, our Workforce Barrier Navigator, Sam Brown, will host: "Navigating The Job Market While Being GenZ" live on [Facebook](#) to inform and engage young people on the career, training, and resource opportunities in the RVA area! While this program is targeted to Gen Z, all are welcome to join to hear more about Z-LIFE!

EMPOWER THE COMMUNITY

Z-LIFE

(Leading Individuals to Foundational Employment)

February 9th at 5:00 pm

Navigating The Job Market While Being Gen Z

Live on Facebook 

Host: Sam Brown Sr., Z-LIFE Workforce Barrier Navigator

Focus: Informing young people on the potential and possibilities of gainful employment during and post-COVID

Purpose: To engage young people on the career, training, and resource opportunities in the RVA area. Initiate dialogue about barriers that young people are currently facing, and provide a safe space to discuss!



For more information on Z-LIFE, contact Samuel Brown at sbrown@peterpaulva.org

Science Museum of Virginia Digital Demos



Peter Paul is proud to partner with the [Science Museum of Virginia](#) to bring digital science experiments to our students! These demos serve as a virtual field trip for our students to participate in from home. Our students have already participated in a number of these demos that include lessons on animal anatomy, chemical reactions, and much more!

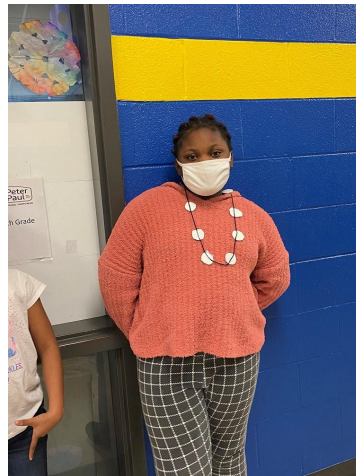
Click [HERE](#) to learn more about this program.

Celebrating a Significant Moment in History!

Students at Peter Paul's MLK facilitated learning program made their own pearls and peace dreamcatchers last Wednesday to celebrate and participate in the inauguration of President Joe Biden and the first female Vice President Kamala Harris!

This inauguration marks a significant moment in history for our students as they were able to witness the inauguration of the first black woman to hold the Vice Presidential role!

Peter Paul celebrates this important moment in history and hope it further inspires our work, as well as the dreams of each of our students.



Peter Paul's program at MLK is an enrollment-based program for students in grades 2-8 whose parents or caregivers are teachers, essential workers or live in the East End.

Click [HERE](#) to enroll.

For more information, contact Dr. Stephanie Bassett at sbassett@peterpaulva.org.

Congratulations, Chanel Bea!

After more than 10 years of service to Peter Paul and the East End community in a multitude of capacities, Chanel Bea is leaving Peter Paul and transitioning to a full-time employee as the *Early Childhood Liaison* with [Smart Beginnings Greater Richmond](#). Peter Paul is tremendously honored to have had Chanel as a part of our family and we are beyond excited for her future -- we also know she won't be going far and will stay close to Peter Paul and our work. Congratulations, Chanel!



Want To Make An Even Greater Impact?



Consider making your next gift a recurring one and join our Monthly Giving Program!

In a time like no other, your monthly gift would offer a steady stream of support to our students, families, and community by providing food distribution, academic instruction, school supplies, virtual hangouts, and so much more. **YOUR monthly gift of any size makes a difference in the lives of many East End families!**

Join the growing number of Peter Paul supporters who provide ongoing support to our families!
Click [HERE](#) to find out more about our Monthly Giving Program.

Stay tuned for a special monthly gift campaign in February!

We still want to hear from you!

Adults 18 and over who live in the Richmond, VA area are invited to share their experiences and opinions related to COVID-19 in an online survey. The goals of this study are to:

- Understand the most important issues you are facing since the spread of COVID-19
- Identify priorities for organizations in your area to better support community needs in the coming months

This survey should take less than 20 minutes to finish

[//bit.ly/RVACOVIDneeds](https://bit.ly/RVACOVIDneeds)

Participation is voluntary and all responses are confidential. This study is coordinated by Peter Paul Community Action Network in partnership with the VCU Department of Family Medicine and Population Health, Division of Epidemiology.

COVID-19 Changed Our Lives

Tell us how it changed yours to better serve you and your community!



Do you live in Richmond, VA?

Are you 18 or older?

We want to hear from you!

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