

OUR HEART IS IN THE EAST END

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Dear Sarah,

The academic school year is coming to a close, and summer is upon us! We want to extend our gratitude to our amazing community, supporters, and partners who have shown up for us in so many ways over the past year. With you beside us, our staff has been able to put on a host of virtual and in-person programming and events that help keep our students and families engaged and in fellowship with one another. We have more exciting programs coming your way this summer! In the meantime, we would like to highlight a few of our events from this past spring (with plenty of photos!) and celebrate a few of the successes that came out of a long and trying year for our community.

Check out all of this below, and connect with us on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, and <u>Twitter</u> for the latest announcements. Thank you for your continued passion for Peter Paul and our purpose to Educate the Child, Engage the Family, and Empower the Community.









Juneteenth Day of Service

On Juneteenth, a mix of returning and new volunteers came to our Coleman Promise Center for a day of service. These volunteers worked from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm and painted most of the walls and doors in the educational wing of our building, including all of the classrooms. They did an incredible job preparing our center for our students return in the summer! We are so grateful to each one of the volunteers who came to help, and for HandsOn Greater Richmond's assistance with planning and funding the project.











Field Day at Peter Paul







Our students celebrated the last day of the MLK program at Field Day! During a tough year, we're so proud of our students for continuing to study hard and stay engaged in their classes. A HUGE thank you to our amazing teachers for supporting our students virtually and in-person during the academic year!

Celebrating Chef Keymax!



Our Family and Community Engagement team recently hosted a Dinner and Discussion Cook-Off to experience what our families have been cooking up all year! We also honored our resident chef, Keonne Lomax for leading this program and congratulating him on graduating culinary school! Dinner and Discussions have provided a virtual space for our families to connect with one another during the pandemic, learn fun and easy recipes, and discuss an array of topics on food and nutrition.

Thank you to our families who participated and supported, and a special thank you to Keonne for all your hard work! Check out <u>this reel</u> for a full recap of the event.





Games, Food, and Fun to Wrap-Up the Year!







We spent time outdoors celebrating our teachers and all of the hard work they have put in for our students this year! The celebration included food, drinks, a game of Peter Paul jeopardy, "Guess the Phrase", and more! Thank you to all of our staff who helped prepare for this event and

all who attended. Congratulations on another successful academic year! Check out <u>this reel</u> for a full recap.

CPR Class at MLK

Our fifth grade and middle school students participated in Community CPR with Education Connection Academy (ECA) in partnership with Avail Counseling to kick off National CPR and AED awareness week earlier this month! Students also received their own learning kits and were able to keep their mannequins upon completion of the session to practice at home.

A special thank you to <u>Dr. Shawnrell Blackwell</u> for leading the class!







Community Shoutout

Over the next few months, we'll be highlighting a few organizations that are doing amazing work in the Richmond community! This month, we're highlighting Feed The Streets RVA. Check them out below:

FeedTheStreetsRVA seeks to create a community that responds to the basic human needs of all, while valuing and advancing grassroots efforts that



Check them out on social media!

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address symptoms of poverty.

Click here to see their work, and here to learn more about their new City Kids Service Initiative!

To contact, learn more, and support: www.FeedtheStreetsRVA.com FeedtheStreetsRVA@gmail.com Cory Jones (President): (804)-878-8207

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.

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