



June is Jam-Packed with Library Programs, 2024 SAS Institute Information, Summer Meals, and more!

As we progress through the summer, we wanted to highlight some new and exciting things happening at PDE. While school districts have wrapped up their academic year, institutions like libraries remain dedicated to fostering learning during these warmer months.

This month, we visited the Ambler branch of the Wissahickon Valley Public Library to [participate in and highlight programs](#) that keep families engaged and learning throughout the summer months.

We also celebrated the Pennsylvania House of Representatives' [bipartisan passage of a bill that would make free menstrual hygiene products available](#) for students at no cost to Pennsylvania schools, so students can continue to have peace of mind to focus on academic learning, school attendance, and their health.

As we move into the heart of summer, we encourage everyone to explore fresh ideas and to keep their minds active. Together, let's continue to foster a supportive environment where every learner can thrive.



Save the Date for the 2024 SAS Institute

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The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) invites you to join us for the 2024 SAS Institute, centered around the theme of "Purposeful Leadership: Support. Empower. Partner."

The SAS Institute will be held from December 8 - 11, 2024 at the Hershey Lodge and will offer exciting keynote speakers, seminar and series sessions, an Act 45 course, and more. Registration opens on **Monday, September 16**. We hope to see you there!

Currently, we are also encouraging educators to submit proposals highlighting programs and initiatives addressing topics impacting our schools and students positively. To submit a proposal, please visit our [2024 SAS Institute Request for Proposals form](#). The deadline for proposal submission is **August 16, 2024**.

PDE Team Members Graduate EPLC Program

Earlier this month, members of PDE graduated from the Education Policy and Leadership Center (EPLC) Education Policy Fellowship Program, which aims to bring together professionals in education, human services, government, business, and community organizations.

This program works to develop a broadened understanding of public policy and the diverse aspects of education policy, as well as works to strengthen individual's capacity for leadership and expand their network of professional colleagues. We continue to be proud of their work to serve the educational community in the Commonwealth.



Information & Submissions for Rise Awards Now Open

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In March 2019, the Recognizing Inspiring School Employees (RISE) Award was created to recognize and promote the commitment and excellence exhibited by full- or part-time classified school employees who provide service to students in Pre-K through high school.

To learn more about who can be nominated and how to nominate someone, please visit the [RISE Award webpage](#). Nominations can be submitted until **August 30, 2024**.



Summer Meal Programs Have Returned

The end of the school year can mean an end to free breakfast and lunch programs, but the [US Department of Agriculture](#)'s Summer Food Service Program helps ensure that students still have access to nutritious meals, even when school is out.

Text FOOD or COMIDA to 914-342-7744 or visit the [Summer Meals for Kids Site Finder](#) webpage.

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