

Peers as Leaders

**Alexander Hamilton Board of Education
Presentation
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About Peers As Leaders

- **Peers As Leaders (PAL) was started in 2014**
- **It was started as part of our “7 Habits of Highly Effective People” and “The Leader in Me” initiative**
- **Peers as Leaders was designed for students with leadership qualities, who stand out and who want to make a difference in our school and community.**
- **PAL was created to form stronger bonds between the student body, to have positive role models and to improve our school and community.**



Who are we?

- We are students from grades 9-12
- We show determination, motivation and passion in school
- We aim to encourage other students to strive for success & have positive peer relationships
- We were chosen to be in the PAL program (next slide)



How to become a PAL?

- **Applications**
- **Recommendations/ references**
- **Interviews (by a team of teachers and current PAL members)**



What we do as PALs...

Alexander Hamilton High School

Peers As Leaders



Half Day Lessons


Topics we address during half day lessons and other days throughout the year, in order to help us accomplish our goals, include:

- **Empathy & Understanding**
- **Respect & Acceptance of others**
- **Conflict Prevention & Resolution**
- **Academic & Personal Success**
- **Self Management**
- **Advocacy**
- **Decision Making Skills**
- **Goal Setting**



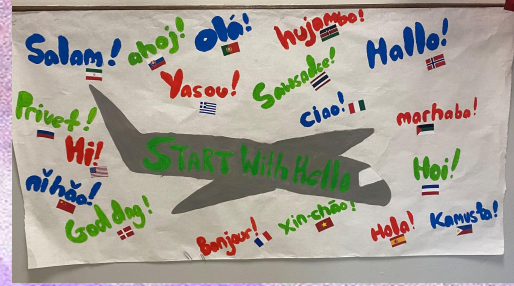
Mentoring



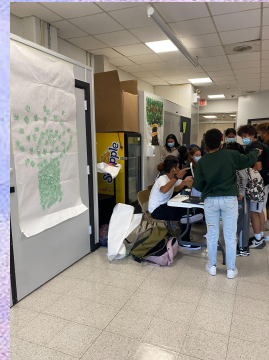
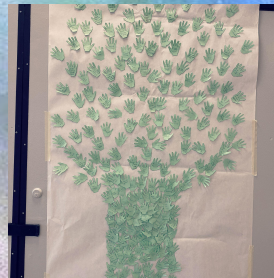
- **Mentor Program with our 7th grade students**
 - **Our goal is to help the 7th graders have an easy transition into our school, set them on the right path and have positive role models who guide them through many aspects of their lives.**
 - **We are like their “big brothers” and “big sisters” while in school**
 - **Each and every 7th grader gets a PAL mentor**
 - **We can help them with:**
 - **Adapting to our school**
 - **Getting around the school building**
 - **Schoolwork/homework**
 - **Teachers**
 - **Personal Issues**
 - **Conflicts/drama with other students**
 - **Relationships/friendships**
 - **Sports**
 - **Extracurricular activities**
 - **...and more!**
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Start with Hello Week



- Sponsored by Sandy Hook Promises, a national nonprofit organization founded and led by several family members whose loved ones were killed at Sandy Hook Elementary School on December 14, 2012
- By empowering youth to “know the signs” and uniting all people who value the protection of children
- Start with Hello Week raises awareness about social isolation and educates students and the community on how to prevent it



Say Something Week

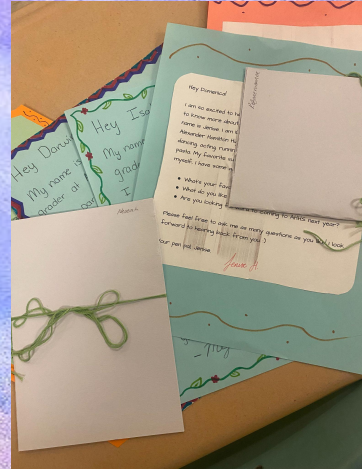
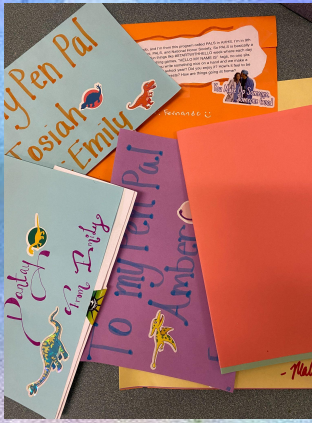
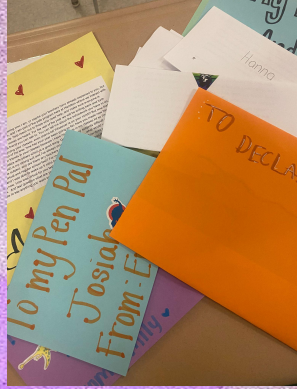
SAY SOMETHING

- Sponsored by Sandy Hook Promises
- Teaches middle and high school students to recognize the warning signs of someone at-risk of hurting themselves or others and how to say something to a trusted adult
- Fully virtual Spring 2020 & Spring 2021, transitioning to in person for Spring 2022



6th Grade Pen Pals

- New to Hamilton 2021/2022 school year!
- Each PAL is paired with two or three 6th grade Grady students, whom they will be writing letters back and forth throughout the school year
- This will help bridge the gap between Grady and Hamilton, to hopefully begin the 6th graders transition to Hamilton next school year!



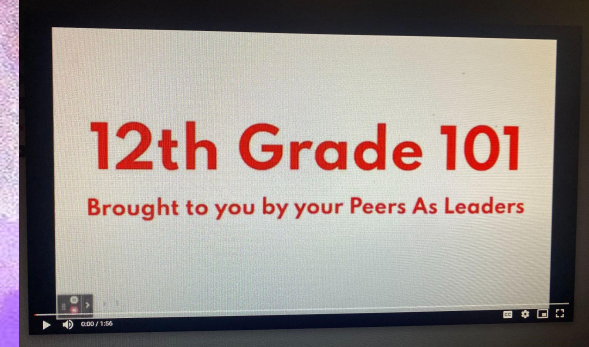
6th Grade Orientation

- May 2019, PALs went down to Grady to lead icebreaker activities with classes to help get to know each other.
- 6th grade students came up to Hamilton for tours lead by PALs along with Field Day activities held at Hamilton for all 6th Grade students



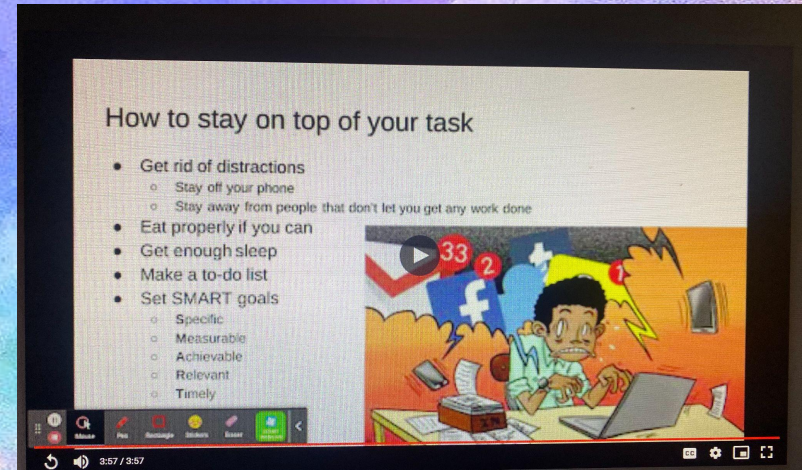
Grade Level Videos

- Videos were created during the 2020/2021 school year
- Each video was made specifically for each grade as an orientation to their respective grade



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7th Grade
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By Peers As Leaders

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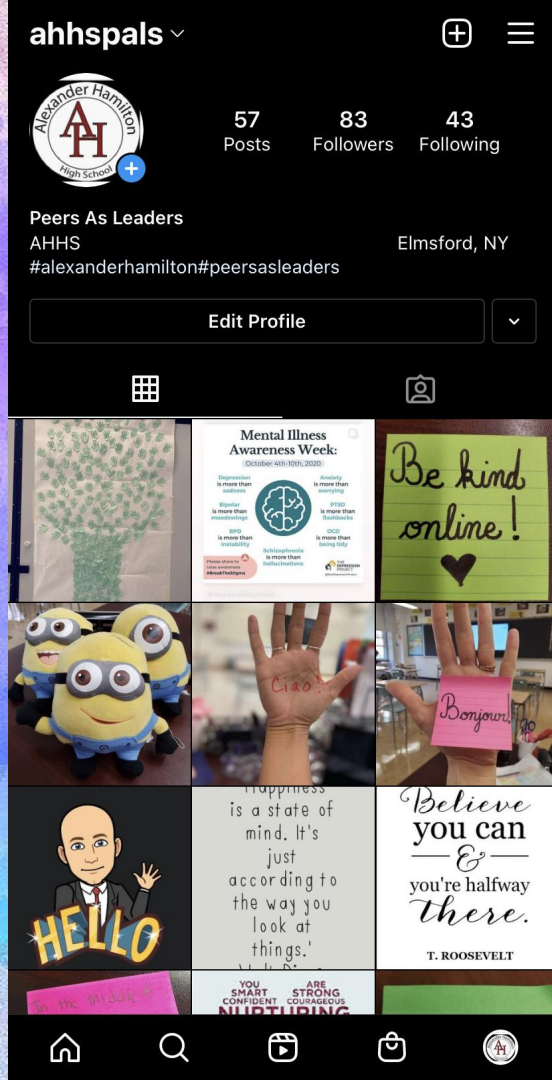


May Mental Health Awareness Event



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Grazie!

THANK YOU!



We hope you enjoyed this presentation!



