

## About the Home & School Association and Friends of Adaire

Adaire's Home & School works on many internal school events and activities. We meet monthly to discuss all upcoming fundraisers & events. Parents and guardians of currently enrolled students are welcome to participate in all HSA activities. For a \$5 fee you can have a vote! Our board consists of President Joe McAteer, Lisa Ritzheimer VP of Events, Jenn Himes VP of Volunteers, Jeanette Beideman VP of Fundraising, Treasurer Julie Grantano, Recording Secretary Maria Sears, Communications Secretary Tuesday Chalmers and Sasha Best, VP of Sponsorship.

The Adaire HSA works hand in hand with the parents, teachers, staff, & administration to make Adaire a better school for our kids. If you are interested in volunteering or signing up to become a voting member of the HSA, contact us here: [adairehomeandschool@gmail.com](mailto:adairehomeandschool@gmail.com). Our next meeting is on Monday May 9th at 8:45am.

While Adaire's Home and School Association organizes the parents of students enrolled in Adaire, Friends of Adaire (FoA) seeks to engage those parts of Fishtown -- households with or without kids, homeowners and renters, nonprofits and businesses, public and private sectors -- not yet plugged in to all things Adaire. The Friends of Adaire mission is to enrich the education of Alexander Adaire K-8 School students by providing additional resources and support for faculty and staff. We aim to engage parents of current and future students, teachers, and the neighborhood community in creating an inspiring and challenging educational environment at the Alexander Adaire school. To sign up for Friends of Adaire mailing list, send an email to: [friendsofadaire@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofadaire@gmail.com).

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Highlights from recent Star article  
by Aja Beech

*“With the latest School District of Philadelphia budget suggesting further cutbacks and closures, students suffer as Harrisburg struggles to commit to a budget that serves the people of Philadelphia. Amid this turmoil, one Fishtown community has rallied around supporting the Alexander Adaire School...*

*Anna Jenkins is in her second year as principal at Adaire School and is also focused on community engagement. “All schools need the support of the community,” Jenkins said. “We are working together as one for the benefit of all students. It’s a wonderful experience for students and families to connect with common goals. Our staff and community are dedicated to creating the best educational opportunities for our children.” A Department of Education study, Strategies for Community Engagement in School Turnaround, cites many examples where joint school and community efforts, similar to what is now happening at Adaire, can help transform a local school public into a safe, and even fun, place for every child any time of day. Community support can make a tremendous difference to schools like Adaire, where the music teacher, Elizabeth Green, teaches at eight schools every week. If a child signs up, Green makes sure she brings enough instruments, even if it means traveling the city with those instruments all day...*

*While the funding serves the community at large, expanding the school’s art departments directly improves the environment for students. “More students can participate with additional instruments,” Jenkins said. “We have about 70 instruments and the school has 350 students.” While this concert is a celebration of successful fundraising efforts, those efforts are never really complete at any school. Just as the students of Adaire cannot make music without the consistent support of their [parents], community, great educators, and donations, big or small.”*