



Out & About

News and notes for LGBT-parented families

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PFP Families Enjoy 5th Annual Family Matters Conference

Philadelphia Family Pride sponsored our **5th Annual Family Matters Conference** for LGBTQ parents and prospective parents on **Saturday, November 1, 2014** at [The Philadelphia School](#).

If you attended and have yet to fill out our post-conference survey, please do so by [clicking this link](#). If you did not attend, and want to let us know why, we have [this survey for you](#), too!

Here's a group photo from the end of the day. Apologies to those who had already left by the time we got it together to take the photo!



The **keynote speaker** (pictured) was Mary Anders, former Montgomery County Detective for the DA's office. Her talk was entitled "Cyber-bullying & Sexting: Prevention, Education & Tips for Parents."

She had lots of heads nodding describing the challenge of getting **tweens and teens** to understand that "what's on the Internet is forever." She also underscored the importance of parents setting screen time and use limits and overseeing their kids' use of cell phones and computers.

Kids played with the great team of caregivers while parents and prospective parents attended various sessions.

Workshops and panels ranged from information on adoption, surrogacy and choosing a donor (pictured) to a marriage equality update, information on estate planning for LGBT parents to technology topics from



for 2014 parents to technology topics from "Navigating Privacy and the Internet" to "Setting Screen Time Limits for Kids... and Ourselves!"

Many thanks to our host, The Philadelphia School, our many [generous sponsors](#) and all the volunteers that made this year's conference a success!



Also, please **save the date** for next year's conference which will be hosted by the **Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) on Saturday, October 17, 2015!**

If you'd like to be involved in planning next year's conference, please e-mail PFP's Community Coordinator Stephanie Haynes at stephanie@phillyfamilypride.org.



PFP at the movies and Diggerland!

Philly Family Pride's LGBTQ-parented families had a great time on November 9 at the new construction themed adventure park [DIGGERLAND](#) in West Berlin, New Jersey.

Thanks to PFP board member Andrea Sanders for leading the group and getting us a great deal on tickets!

On Saturday, November 15, families met up at a movie theater in Manayunk (pictured) to see the new Disney movie "Big Hero 6." It was a great time and fun movie.



If you have ideas for events in 2015, please let us know! E-mail PFP board chair Robin Matthews at robin@phillyfamilypride.org.

Get More Involved with PFP in 2015

Do you want to help make our great organization even better? We're looking for folks with ideas and enthusiasm to join our friendly, talented, hard-working board for 2015.

Responsibilities include attending nine board meetings a year, participating in planning discussions and attending major events. Find out how giving a few hours a month makes a big difference for LGBTQ prospective parents, parents and our kids.



We especially encourage prospective parents, single parents, trans parents and people of color to apply. Kids are welcome at board meetings, too!

For more information on various board positions, or to submit your name for nomination, please contact PFP Board Chair [Robin Matthews](#) by December 1.



PFP Holiday Party Dec. 7th; NYD Brunch Jan. 1st

Celebrate the holidays with PFP on Sunday, December 7th at Penelope's Frozen Yogurt and More in Horsham, PA from 2-4pm.

We'll have games, crafts and Legos for the kids and free froyo for all PFP members!

Penelope's is located at 587 Horsham Road in Horsham, PA.

On Thursday, January 1, 2015, PFP will be again ringing in the New Year at Mishkan Shalom in the Roxborough neighborhood of Philadelphia from 11am-2pm for our annual New Year's Day Potluck Brunch.



We'll hold our board elections, play fun games and eat yummy food. This is also a chance to renew your membership for 2015 and help us raise money for next year's events through our silent auction.

Stay tuned for more details!

Member Milestone

♥ Former PFP board members Andrew Altman and Lee Chudzinski got married on November 1 in Philadelphia. Congratulations!



If you have a milestone you'd like included in next month's newsletter, please reply to this message with the details and a photo. Thanks!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, December 7: PFP is throwing a [holiday party](#) in Horsham, PA at Penelope's Frozen Yogurt & More from 2-4pm. Free frozen yogurt for PFP members, crafts and fun!



Wednesday, December 10: Meet up with other parents of babies and toddlers at [Smith Playhouse](#) at 10am.

Saturday, December 13: Join PFP at the Philadelphia Freedom Band's ["Starry, Starry Night" concert](#) at Arch Street United Methodist Church at 7pm.

Thursday, January 1, 2015: Ring in 2015 with PFP at our annual New Year's Day Potluck Brunch at Mishkan Shalom from 11am-2pm.

Stay tuned for more details about this event and the awesome items



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Keep an eye on our [Facebook](#) page and [Twitter](#) feed for more upcoming events.



From PFP Vice-Chair Sandra Telep's Blog

"We had a SUPER Halloween!"

Leo has been emphatic that he wants to be Superman for Halloween all year - seriously, since last Halloween when he had some costume envy. I asked him intermittently throughout the year - and his answer was always the same. He has a deep and abiding love of all things superheroes, and Superman is the ultimate superhero in his opinion.

Zoe, on the other hand, has a deep and abiding love of all things Leo...so if Leo was going to be a superhero, she most certainly would be, too. I did a little due diligence by reminding her that she could be anything she wanted - for example, a bumblebee, a carrot... Elsa a firefighter, or anything at all.



Afterall, I didn't want a repeat of Leo's costume remorse last year...but she didn't budge. So it was settled, Leo would be Superman, and Zoe chose Batman.

With both kids dressing as superheroes, there really wasn't any other choice but a family costume theme. While jib seemed grateful that her costume hid her face, she was a great sport about joining in the fun.

In the weeks leading up to Halloween there was a lot of costume chat among kids on the playground and inevitably, there would be a kid who would tell Zoe that she couldn't be Batman or tell her that she must mean "Batgirl" and Zoe would tell that poor child what was what. She was unwavering in her insistence that she was Batman - and wouldn't answer to any other name when in costume.

[Read more on Sandra's blog.](#)



Suggestions for what else we should include in our newsletter? Want to sponsor our next issue?

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