

PETERSON PARENT PERIODICAL

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Help us Keep Attendance Rates Strong in 2018!

With your help, Peterson's overall attendance rating has gotten off to a great start this year! Please help us to keep the momentum going by ensuring that your child(ren) are on time and ready to learn each morning at 8:45 am. Please review the attached Attendance Matters flyer for more information on the importance of good attendance as well as guidelines for when to keep sick kids home.

Picture Day

Picture day is just around the corner! Please add the following dates to your calendar:

- **Pre-K through 4th Grade:**
Wednesday, January 24
- **5th through 8th Grade:**
Thursday, January 25
- **Retakes will take place:**
Thursday, February 8

Winter Wear

In order to keep kids safe, and to keep kids' feet dry, please be aware that only children wearing boots will be allowed to play on the field when it is snow covered or wet. Those students not wearing boots are invited to walk the track surrounding the field and/or participate in games on the plaza. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Twitter: @MGPPPrincipal

Good evening Peterson Parents,

I hope you've all had a great week! This week I'd like to continue our ongoing "People of Peterson" series with the members of our Local School Council. Featured this week: Marti Hindaileh, Naseem Azizuddin, Chuck Deters, Leslie Combs, Karla Holcomb and Lloy Johnston. The remaining LSC members will be featured next week.

Marti Hindaileh - Community Representative

As a former parent, LSC member, and staff member, I am a firm supporter of the Peterson community. I want all students to know they are supported by all.

Naseem Azizuddin - Parent Representative

I joined the LSC to serve the community and represent the parents who cannot voice their thoughts out of their homes. I also love the diversity in our community which can be seen here.

Chuck Deters - Staff Representative

I have been a staff member at Peterson since 2010, and have had the pleasure to see Peterson grow academically and collectively. As the newest member of the LSC, I'm excited to be a part of the continual growth and inclusion.

Leslie Combs - Community Representative

I was excited to join the LSC because good neighborhood schools are essential to the strength of communities and our education system, and community and parent involvement is an important factor in the success of a school. Peterson benefits from committed parents, teachers, administrators and community members who work hard to create a welcoming, inclusive and positive experience for students.

Karla Holcomb - Parent Representative

I'm a parent of a 7th grader and two other Peterson graduates. I joined the LSC because I wanted to know more about what was happening at Peterson and to help make it a better place. Peterson has a fairly unique population within CPS and it's been an honor to see all the ways in which staff and students have made it the best neighborhood school in Chicago!

Lloy Johnston - Parent Representative

I am a parent of three children. Two are currently at Peterson, and one alumni. I have been an active volunteer at Peterson for seven years. Currently, I volunteer as the LSC Chairperson, help out in classrooms, and assist with PTA events. I joined the LSC because I believe strong and bright individuals are supported by strong families. And, I believe families are supported by strong communities. Peterson is an important part of my family's community; therefore, I am thrilled to support Peterson and help to make it stronger.

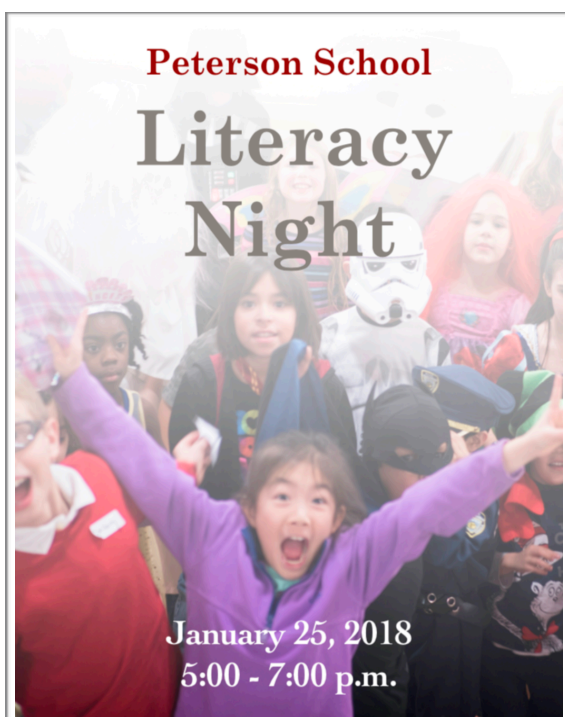


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Mark your Calendar

- Parent Tea -- Thursdays, 8:45am, Peterson Cafeteria
- Illinois Youth Survey in 8th Grade Homerooms -- January 12th
- **NO SCHOOL M.L. King Day** -- January 15th
- 4th Grade Field Trip to Museum of Science and Industry -- January 16th
- **afterHours Confirmation Forms Sent Home** -- January 16th
- ACCESS Testing Window Opens -- January 17th
- 3rd & 4th Grade Pizza Party for Dance-a-Thon \$10 Winners -- January 17th
- 5th-8th Grade Pizza Party for Dance-a-Thon \$10 Winners -- January 18th
- PTA Meeting at Peterson (Sexual Health Education) -- January 18th
- FoP fundraising Event at Panera -- January 18th 4pm-8pm--*see flyer included with this newsletter for more information*
- **No After-School Activities-Staff PD** -- January 18th
- Regional STEM Exhibition -- Friday January 19th
- 5th and 7th Sexual Health Education in Encore -- January 22nd - 26th
- **afterHours Session 2 Begins** -- January 22nd

Join us for Peterson's Annual Literacy Night



Please plan to join us for the PAC Literacy Night on Thursday, January 25, 2018, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm. Families are invited to share in the joy of reading through interactive activities including Bingo for Books, theme rooms, book read alouds (also in Arabic and Spanish), crafts, applying for a library card, author talks, story workshops, and more! All are invited to wear costumes based on their favorite book characters. Participants will get a prize, including a special prize for the best costume. Dinner will be served from 5:00pm to 5:30pm with activities beginning afterwards. Please bring children's books you no longer need for our Book Swap; all are welcome to take books with them. Please enter the school through the cafeteria doors. *Please note that all children must be accompanied by an adult.*



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WHEN Thu, Jan, 18th

FROM 4:00pm - 8:00pm

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Enter "FUND" as your Promo Code to have a portion of your proceeds donated to your organization.

Parent Feedback PAC Meeting

Do you have feedback about how Peterson is living its vision for kids and what changes might be needed in order to better accomplish the vision for all kids? Come and share your thoughts as we begin the strategic planning process (CIWP) for the school. In addition, find out more about what the LSC (Local School Council) does and the upcoming election.

Who: All Peterson Parents & Caregivers

What: PAC Meeting

When: Wednesday, January 24th at 9:00 a.m.

Where: Peterson School Cafeteria

Why: To eat a delicious breakfast and share your ideas with other parents and administrators. Note that LSC applications are due by March 2nd.