

# PETERSON PARENT PERIODICAL

College Graduates. Community Leaders. Cultural Ambassadors.

## Bystander CPR/AED Training

Parents are invited to attend a special training sponsored by Swedish Covenant Hospital and the PAC to learn "hands-only" CPR and how to respond in an emergency situation. The free training will provide interactive practice with a mannequin and demonstrate how to use an Automatic External Defibrillator. The training is Thursday, February 8th at 8:45 a.m. in the Cafeteria. Please RSVP to [petersonpaci@gmail.com](mailto:petersonpaci@gmail.com) if you are interested in attending.

## Picture Day Ordering

Parents interested in purchasing photos from picture day have the following options:

**Online:** Beginning on February 1, 2018 pictures can be viewed and ordered online at [pollackphotography.com](http://pollackphotography.com).

**Detailed instructions for ordering photographs online are included with this newsletter.**

**OR**

**With Cash or Check:** Any students who did not bring completed order forms to picture day this week may submit them on picture day: February 8, 2018. Please ensure that all checks are made out to Pollack Photography. **Additional order forms are included with this newsletter for those who need them.**

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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 Ms. Sarah Lammie.

"I was born and raised in McKinley Park on the South Side of Chicago. I went to elementary school in Bridgeport, Mark Sheridan Magnet School, and then went on to Whitney Young High School.



Growing up, I wanted to be a lawyer like my dad, but by second grade I knew I wanted to teach. I have many teachers and classroom aides in my family and I had many wonderful teachers throughout my elementary and high school career who inspired me to pursue a future in education.

In fourth grade I had a gloriously nerdy teacher who took us on many science, history, and field trips. In high school, my drama teacher helped me to develop the confidence to know that I could teach. All of their classrooms were so different, but they all had an overwhelming passion for education which made learning an enjoyable adventure.

At Knox College, I majored in elementary education and minored in theater. While there, I completed a directing project and was invited to direct and teach drama classes at Whitney Young High School.

I decided not to go into teaching right out of college and worked as a secretary for Ann Lurie, of Lurie Children's Hospital and taught dance classes after work. Teaching dance classes made me realize how much I wanted to get back into a classroom, and so I began my career as an elementary school teacher.

After teaching at four different elementary schools, I finally found my way to Peterson. I love Peterson partly because it's very much like the schools I went to when I was young. It's an incredibly diverse school with children from all walks of life. When students are able to thrive in a classroom with others who have different opinions, different backgrounds and different beliefs, it says a lot about the potential future of our country.

Dance has always been a huge part of my life—I've been dancing for twenty-eight years! I began assisting in dance class when I was thirteen and then starting teaching when I was sixteen, and have been teaching ever since. Currently I'm teaching classes with the instructor who taught me to dance!

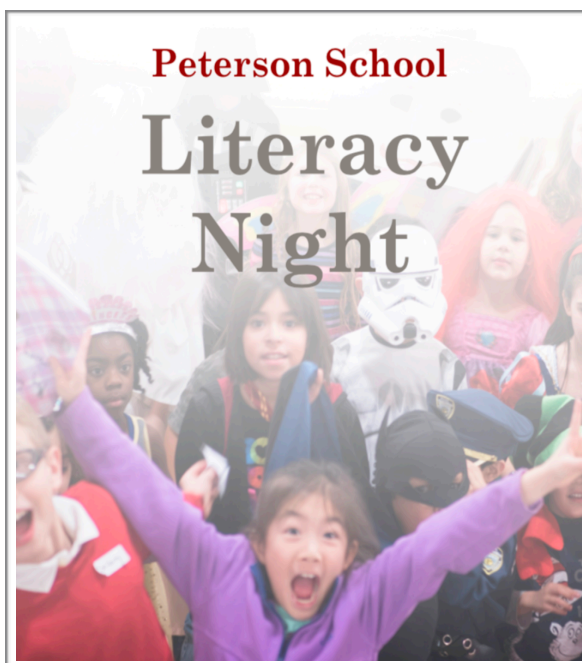
I also started working as a volunteer at the Field Museum nine years ago, and now I work with their Summer Camp, Fall Teen, and Fall Docent programs. It's an awesome experience to work with scientists at the museum. Through this partnership we were able to bring an insect scientist into our classroom to share some of his tarantulas and millipedes."

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COMMUNITY LEADERS  
CULTURAL AMBASSADORS

## Mark your Calendar

- Parent Tea -- Thursdays, 8:45am, Peterson Cafeteria
- 5th and 7th Grade Sexual Health Education -- January 30th
- End of Second Quarter -- February 1st
- 1st Grade Field Trip to See a Play at the Theatre School -- February 1st
- Winter BAS Window Closes -- February 1st
- 7th and 8th Grade Dance -- February 1st, 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm
- **No School, School Improvement Day -- February 2nd**
- 6th and 8th Grade Sexual Health Education in Encore -- February 5th, 6th, 8th, 9th
- 7th Grade Sexual Health Education in Encore--February 5th
- Second Quarter Report Card Distribution-- February 9th
- 6th and 8th Grade Sexual Health Education in Encore -- February 12th
- Peterson Local School Council Meeting -- February 13th 6pm-7pm
- CIWP Meeting -- February 14th 4pm-5pm

## Thank you for an Amazing Literacy Night!



What an amazing turn-out at Literacy Night! Thank you Peterson families - we had almost 250 people come to celebrate the joy of reading. A big thank you to Ms. Platt and Ms. Rivas for co-coordinating the evening with the PAC! And thank you to the amazing volunteers who helped make the event a success - Peterson parents and grandparents Lynda Gibson, Sarah Myers, Rachida Dini, Anita Gabor, Chad Eric Bergman, Carmen Kamuth, Melanie Shank, & Lois Korda. We also appreciate the Peterson teachers and administrators who helped - Ms. Ahmed, Mr. J, Mr. Golub, Ms. Klenck, Ms. Kane, Mr. Topel, Ms. Nieves, Mr. Caban, Mr. Deters, Ms. Devarenne, Ms. Van, Ms. Zodo, and Ms. Flores.

## North Park Community Fundraiser

Please join us for the North Park Community Market Fundraiser on February 1st from 6:30-9:30 pm at Alarmist Brewing and Taproom located at 4055 West Peterson Avenue. We will be raising funds for the 2018 season's kids' tent, music, and community tent. This is a family-friendly event.

## LSC Elections

Are you interested in joining Peterson's Local School Council? LSC members play a vital role in decision-making at the local school level, thereby ensuring a quality education for all of the school's students. All parents, community members and school staff members who want to strengthen their local schools and have a positive impact on student achievement are encouraged to run. No experience or formal education is required.

**The 2018 local school council elections will take place on Wednesday, April 18, 2018.** The term is for two years starting on July 1, 2018.

