

# PETERSON PARENT PERIODICAL

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## AfterHours Programming

Are you interested in having your child participate in afterHours Enrichment Programming? Here are a few key dates to keep in mind. Please remember that afterHours spots go quickly, and preference is given to those who return forms first.

### October 18th

- afterHours Forms Go Home
- Sign-Up Session at Peterson  
4:30pm - 6:30pm

### October 19th

- **afterHours Forms Due**

### October 23rd

- afterHours Programming Begins

## AfterHours and Winter Sports Sign-Up Night

Are you interested in having your child(ren) participate in a winter sport or an afterHours enrichment program including chess, ultimate frisbee, and a student mentorship program? If so, join us next

**Wednesday, October 18, 2017, from 4:30pm to 6:30pm** for our first ever Sign-Up Night.

AfterHours coordinator Kathleen Hurley and Coach Nick Spychalski will be on hand to assist with online enrollment and to answer any questions you have regarding programming. **Please sign in at the main office, then join us in Room 109.**

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. This week's "People of Peterson" features Ms. Abby Zodo who has transitioned into a role as a 4th grade writing teacher. Congratulations Abby!



"I was born in Lebanon, raised in Abu Dhabi and finished high school in Montreal. I then went to Virginia to do my undergrad in Interior Design.

For the next 15 years, I worked as an interior designer. I designed the original theater room for the Atlantis Hotel in the Caribbean. My pride and joy though is the Hampton Inn and Suites in Deer Park, I designed the entire interior of that building!

When the design company I was working for decided not to do interior design anymore, I decided I wanted to teach design in college. A friend made the suggestion that since I was already trilingual and understood a lot about different cultures I should pursue a degree in education and bilingual bicultural studies, I was apprehensive about working with kids as it wasn't what I had ever imagined doing, but I went for it!

I completed my student teaching at Peterson with Angie Taggart. I then transitioned to Sauganash (although my heart was still at Peterson). Thankfully I was offered a job here as a bilingual educator and the bilingual coordinator.

Living in different countries has given me a unique perspective that helps me to relate to parents who struggle to keep their cultural identity while also trying to assimilate. One way I try to help is to ask families to donate any books referencing their home culture. I love giving our students opportunities to learn about all the different cultures here at Peterson.

I'm now the 4th grade writing teacher and I love it even more! The transition has its challenges, but the kids have been so supportive. I tell them that they're helping me as much as I'm helping them, and their eyes light up when they see that adults need help sometimes too!"

## Mark your Calendar

- Volunteer Orientation -- October 16th, 9am, Cafeteria
- afterHours Academic Intervention Responses Due -- October 16th
- First Grade Trip to Albany Park Library -- October 16th
- Girls in the Game -- October 16th, 3:50pm - 5:20pm
- afterHours Enrichment Forms Go Home -- October 18th
- **afterHours and Winter Sports Sign Up Night -- October 18th, 4:30pm-6:30pm**
- afterHours Enrichment Forms Due -- October 19th
- PAC Meeting -- October 19th, 5:30pm
- Confirmation Forms for afterHours Go Home -- Friday October 20th
- AfterHours Programming Begins -- October 23rd

## This Saturday's Big Games

*All games will be played at Mather High School*

**Boys Soccer** -- 5th/6th Boys Galaxy Team, 9am-10am; Fire Team 10am-11am; 7th/8th Team, 11:00am - 12:00pm

**Girls Volleyball** -- 5th/6th 10am-12pm, 7th/8th 3pm-4pm

**Boys Volleyball** -- 7th/8th 9am-10am

## Volunteer Orientation Meeting

Please join us on October 16, 2017, at 9:00 am in the Peterson cafeteria for a brief Parent Volunteer Orientation Meeting. Come learn how you can support Peterson and get familiar with our policies and procedures for volunteers. Please remember to first stop by the office to sign the visitors' log before proceeding to the cafeteria. Additionally, please remember that in order to be approved, all candidates must visit the school in person and show his/her photo ID to the Volunteer Coordinator, Yalil Nieves.

If you would like to volunteer but have not yet completed the application, there is still time. Please complete the online volunteer form by visiting [Peterson.cps.edu](http://Peterson.cps.edu), click on "Parents" then "Volunteer" then "online application." Follow the instructions to complete the form. If you need any assistance, please contact Yalil Nieves via email at [ynieves4@cps.edu](mailto:ynieves4@cps.edu)

Thank you and we hope to see you there!

## Peterson's International and History Night

Peterson's International and History Night is fast approaching! This event is scheduled for Friday, October 27, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. We are looking for food donations for The Taste of Peterson as well as volunteers for the event. As in years past, the food/dish is traditionally from your family's ethnic background. We ask that you provide dish that can feed at least 30 people. **Please contact Ms. Hiba Ahmed at [hahmed@cps.edu](mailto:hahmed@cps.edu) if you would like to volunteer for the event.**

## The 5th Annual Peterson School Math Night!

Thursday,  
October 19, 2017  
5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Would you like to learn about the math curriculum at Peterson? Do you want to know how to help your children with their math homework?

Come to an interactive and informative training sponsored by the Peterson PAC to learn from Peterson teachers about these issues! Please enter through the Cafeteria.



Free dinner & door prizes will be provided!

Limited childcare available for children 5 & under - please RSVP for a babysitting slot to: [petersonpac1@gmail.com](mailto:petersonpac1@gmail.com)

## Fall Sports Practice Schedule:

### Boys' Volleyball

- Tuesdays & Thursdays
- 5th/6th 3:45-4:45PM
- 7th/8th 4:45-5:45PM

### Girls' Volleyball

- Mondays & Wednesdays
- 5th/6th 3:45-4:45PM
- 7th/8th 4:45-5:45PM

### Boys' Soccer

- 5th/6th Tuesdays and Thursdays 7am-8am
- 7th/8th Mondays, Wednesdays 7am-8am

### Cross Country

- Monday-Thursday 4:00-5:15pm

### Boys Basketball

- Friday 4:45pm - 5:45pm