

PETERSON PARENT PERIODICAL

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Go CPS Application Now Open

7th and 8th Grade Families: The window for Go CPS applications has opened! Students can submit applications until December 22nd. Please visit go.cps.edu today! We also encourage students and families to visit high school open houses and/or to participate in "shadow days" in order to get to know prospective high schools. Please contact Mr. Coleman and Ms. Berebitsky with any questions.

Albany Park Theater Project

The Albany Park Theater Project is opening its doors and hosting a week of free public workshops where you can paint, make rope, create some rhythms, and be artists with other people in your neighborhood. Check out the workshops they have coming up:

Tuesday, Oct. 24th 6-8pm

- Mural Painting with Ellie Terrell

Wednesday, Oct. 25th 5-7pm

- Ropemaking with Yesenia Bello

Thursday, Oct. 26th 5-7:30pm

- Protest Banners with Aram Han Sifuentes

Friday, Oct. 27th 5-8pm

- Body Percussion and Dance Party with APTP artists Stephanie Paul and Mikhail

Visit aptpchicago.org/open to register!

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 Mr. Garrett McLinn.



"I was born in St. Charles, but raised in Hoffman Estates. I went to Armstrong Elementary, Eisenhower Middle School, and then Hoffman Estates High School.

My passion growing up was playing sports. Throughout high school I played soccer, basketball, and baseball. However, it was teaching swim lessons at summer camp where I initially developed the passion to teach. My mom had then suggested that I should become a P.E. teacher. When I was a junior in high school, I went to a couple career fairs and decided then that I wanted to become physical education teacher.

I went to college for physical education and then got my health endorsement. I started as a teacher's assistant, and then started subbing in District 211 working with diverse learners. I learned a lot about how to help children that have different ways of communicating. I taught P.E. for 3 years and then came to Peterson. I love that everyone here works towards the same common goal of supporting kids.

In my spare time, you might say that I like to ride bikes. My aunt, who lives in Washington, once rode her bike across the entire country - which inspired me to do the same. It was really hard at the time, but afterwards I was able to reflect on how awesome the experience was! I would definitely do it again. Maybe next time I'll try cycling across Europe, or maybe even try cycling from Canada to Mexico.

Mark your Calendar

- **Confirmation Forms for afterHours Go Home -- Today**
- **AfterHours Programming Begins -- October 23rd**
- Room 207 Walking Field Trip to NEIU -- October 23rd
- Rooms 118 and 209 Walking Field Trip to the Library -- October 23rd
- Girls in the Game 3:50 - 5:20 pm
- Rooms 205 and 211 Walking Field Trip to the Library -- October 25th
- **NO AFTERHOURS/ PRACTICE** After-School Professional Development -- October 26th
- Boxtops Pick-Up -- October 26th -- *all boxtops must be turned in by November 1st*
- **International Night -- October 27th**

MATHER OPEN HOUSE

WHEN

October 21
9am – 12pm

WHERE

Mather High School
5835 N. Lincoln Ave, Chicago, IL 60625

**FEATURING · Information Sessions · Tours ·
Student Panel · Music & Art Demonstrations**

MATHERHS.ORG

Peterson's International and History Night

Peterson's International and History Night is next 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. We ask that you provide a dish that can feed at least 30 people.

Please contact Ms. Hiba Ahmed at hahmed@cps.edu if you would like to volunteer for the event.

Please see the attached form for more details.

AfterHours Confirmation Forms

AfterHours confirmation forms have been sent home with students today. Please note that afterHours programs are first come, first serve, and while we do try to honor first choices, some programs fill up very quickly.

Programming begins this upcoming Monday, October 23. A schedule for your child(ren)'s programming dates and times is included with the confirmation letter.

Supporting The Peterson "Red Zone"

We are asking for your assistance in helping us ensure that our school remains as free from distractions as possible. In a school of approximately 900 students and 9 grade levels, transitions happen numerous times per day. Even with these many transitions, all students still deserve and have a right to an environment that supports learning.

Please be aware that if your child(ren) are talking in the red hallway or zone, they will be given a warning and the opportunity to correct their behavior. The goal at Peterson is always to redirect students and support them in choosing the appropriate behavior. If the behavior continues, the child will have after-school practice walking silently with Mr. Caban on Fridays from 4:00-4:30pm. Parents of students who have practice will be notified on Thursday by Mr. Caban, and students should report directly to the office on Friday after school.

Thank you for your collaboration in helping us to maintain a great learning environment at Peterson for all students.