

PETERSON PARENT PERIODICAL

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Important Announcement regarding Medication:

If your child is taking ANY medication, it is imperative that you share this information with the main office at Peterson. There are forms that have to be completed by the guardian and the physician even for over the counter medications. Additionally, if your child has a prescription that he or she will be taking indefinitely, families have to renew the orders with the physician every year. All of the forms and other key information will be on the website soon in a Nurse's Corner, so please stay posted.

Medical Compliance

PLEASE make sure you have reviewed the CPS requirements for medical compliance for the grade level of your child and submitted proof of these requirements to the main office by Thursday, November 2, 2017. If you do not submit proof that your child is medically compliant by this date, it is possible that your child may be excluded from school. Please contact Myra or Nydia in the main office with any questions.

Picture Days!

- Picture Days -- January 24th-25th
- Make-Up Day -- February 8th
- 8th Grade Graduation Picture Day -- April 18th
- 8th Grade Graduation Picture Make-Up Day -- May 3rd

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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 third grade teacher Ms. Rachel Mendes.



"I was born and raised in Jefferson Park

where I went to Oriole Park elementary school. I graduated from Taft High School and graduated from Northeastern Illinois University. Northeastern is also where I met my friend Ms. Sanchez who would later introduce me to Peterson!

I started thinking about becoming a teacher when I was in middle school. My math teacher, Ms. Esposito, was very passionate about teaching students math. Her passion rubbed off on me and I began to think that I should go to school to learn how to teach math. My family is made up of teachers and police officers, which led to me volunteering in elementary classrooms throughout my years in high school. Over time, the volunteering made me realize I really wanted to be a teacher. I made sure to go back to Ms. Esposito to express how much she inspired me!

After college, I did my student teaching at Thorpe Elementary, where I worked as an interventionist for a year. I then went to Italy for the summer where I worked as a nanny for a family while they traveled around Europe. I loved it so much I started applying for teaching jobs and eventually a found kindergarten position at an international school.

After teaching in Italy for a year, I realized I missed home too much and decided to look for a position in Chicago. Fortunately, I was hired at Peterson within a week of getting back from Italy!

I really like Peterson. Everyone I come across is very kind and helpful to me. The support at Peterson is great and I always feel comfortable asking for help.

I'm really looking forward to my grandparents coming to Chicago from Puerto Rico. After the hurricane hit, my grandma decided she couldn't live there anymore. They came out of the storm in better shape than others, but they certainly don't want to endure an event like that again. I'm so excited to see them in the next couple weeks!"

Mark your Calendar

- **International Night -- Tonight!**
- Chicago Immigrant and Refugee Resource Fair -- October 28th 10am - 3pm, Mather High School
- North Park Community Market -- October 29th, 9am - 1pm
- Prospective Parent Session -- October 30th, 9:30am - 10:30am
- KIDS (Kindergarten Individual Development Survey) Deadline -- October 31st
- Room 118 Field Trip to 826 CHI -- November 1st
- **End of 1st Quarter -- November 2nd**
- Room 209 Field Trip to 826 CHI -- November 2nd
- PAC Meeting at Peterson -- November 2nd, 8:45am - 9:45am, *Join us to learn about the discipline process at Peterson. Breakfast will be provided!*
- Peterson Prospective Parent Information Session -- November 2nd, 6:00pm - 7:00pm
- **NO SCHOOL-- School Improvement Day November 3rd**
- Fall Back (Turn Back Clocks One Hour) -- November 5th

Peterson's International and History Night

Peterson's International and History Night is tonight from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm! Join us for student and professional performances, a "Taste of Peterson," international selfies, and more! Please enter through the cafeteria. Note that all children must be accompanied by an adult. We hope to see you there!



Friendly Reminder Regarding Halloween at Peterson

Due to the many backgrounds and cultures at Peterson, ***we do not celebrate the holiday of Halloween (10-31)***. Please make sure your child comes dressed as usual for school and is ready to learn. Please review the letter included with this newsletter for important tips to keep your family safe on Halloween.

Important Announcement Regarding Tardies to School

Please note that, beginning at the start of the second quarter (11/6), any students who who receives three (3) tardies, will have after-school make-up time on Friday from 3:45pm to 4:45pm. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Topel.

Fast Track Vaccinations

Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) Fast Track immunization clinics provide vaccinations at no charge for children zero through 18 years of age. They also provide flu vaccinations at no charge for adults of all ages and all children over age six months. No

appointment is necessary; vaccinations are given on a first come, first served basis. Visit or Call Uptown WIC 845 W. Wilson Ave., 2nd Level Phone: 312.742.3227

Hours of Operation:

Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday: 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Tuesdays & Thursdays: 9:00 am to 4:30 am

