

PETERSON PARENT PERIODICAL

College Graduates. Community Leaders. Cultural Ambassadors.

Important Information Regarding Peterson Robocalls

Effective immediately, Peterson parents will no longer be able to receive robocalls unless they complete the form included with this newsletter. If you have not yet provided your contact information please complete this form and return it to your child's homeroom teacher. Please note that robocalls are an extremely important method of communication and that parents who do not register may miss out on important information related to school events.

Fallen Leaves Needed

The Peterson Green Team is requesting your fallen leaves. In preparation for a new native garden for pollinators to be installed near the south-west corner of the school, we need to first kill the turf grass by smothering it with cardboard and leaf compost. Please bag your leaves and drop them off in the corner of the fenced-in area near Catalpa and Christiana on November 28th.

Welcome Nurse Kristi!

Please join us in welcoming our new school nurse, Ms. Kristi Kommanivanh! She is currently at Peterson Monday through Thursday, but she will be with us full time after January of 2018. Welcome!

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. Gina LeTempt.

"I was born in North Carolina, but eventually moved to Wheaton, Illinois, where I grew up as the youngest of five siblings. Before moving to Wheaton we did a lot moving, which I actually saw as an adventure. My most memorable experience was living in Florida and getting to go to Disney World for the holidays!



Growing up, I wanted to be a lot things, but I always felt most comfortable during physical education class. It was the one place I knew I could be myself and I was good at it. Along with physical education, music has always been another passion of mine. I grew up playing the piano and singing in a choir. I still play the piano because I enjoy the challenge as well as the "get away time" it provides me.

As a dyslexic student I often needed help from others, but didn't always ask for the help I needed. This taught me an important lesson about self-advocating for the support I needed.

As a diverse learner, I thought that my calling would be to teach other diverse learners, but in the end I decided that it just wasn't for me.

A friend of mine suggested that I become a P.E. teacher, and I just couldn't believe I hadn't thought of that yet! I had been coaching high school sports and summer camp sports since I was seventeen, so this really made sense! I decided to enroll at Northeastern to learn to be a P.E. teacher. I quickly found out that it was nothing like coaching, but I knew it was definitely the right choice for me. I knew I would enjoy teaching students how to be active, life-long learners. In the end, I was very proud that I graduated from Northeastern with a 3.9 GPA without the need for any accommodations.

Peterson offered me exactly what I wanted. I get to teach dance which mixes physical fitness and choreography. Students quickly learn that they don't have to be an amazing dancer in order to have a blast in my class! I enjoy teaching dance as it challenges kids to step outside their comfort zone. A culminating moment for me was seeing kids dancing at Unity Night--I was so proud to see all that they had accomplished."

Mark your Calendar

- Parent Tea -- Thursdays, 8:45am, Peterson Cafeteria
- **NO SCHOOL, Thanksgiving Holiday -- November 22nd- 24th**
- Peterson Dance-a-Thon, November 27th- December 1st
- 5th and 6th Grade Students going to see "Wonder" at AMC Theater
- 7th/8th Grade Dance, December 1st, 6pm-9pm
- 8th Grade Walking to NEIU to see "Faces of Freedom"

7th and 8th Grade Volleyball Championships!

All games will take place at Mather High School on Saturday, November 18th

#2 Seed 7th/8th Grade Girls vs. #3 Seed Sauganash Red On Court 1--9:00am to 10:00am

#1 Seed 7th/8th Boys vs. #4 Seed Sauganash on Court 2 --10:00am to 11:00am

7th/8th Boys Championship on Court 2--11:00am to 12:00 pm

7th/8th Girls Championship on Court 1 at Mather--12:00pm to 1:00pm



The Dance-a-Thon is returning to Peterson the week of November 27th! This year the students of Peterson will dance their hearts out trying to raise \$15,000! Money raised during the Dance-a-Thon will go to the PTA and towards the purchase of books for the school. Any student who raises \$10 or more will receive a prize. Prizes will also be awarded to the top ten individual fundraisers and to the grade level that raises the most funds. **Please review the fundraising packets sent home with this newsletter.** For more information visit <http://petersondanceathon.yolasite.com/>

School Spirit Week

Students will be able to celebrate with a School Spirit Week that will occur the same week as the Dance-A-Thon! Please note that clothing and accessories should be in accordance with the Peterson dress code.

- Monday, November 27: School Colors Day (wear maroon & gold)
- Tuesday, November 28: Sports Team Day (wear clothes or gear from your favorite sports team)
- Wednesday, November 29: Mismatch Day (wear different patterns together or clothes that don't match)
- Thursday, November 30: Crazy Hair OR Hat Day (express yourself with some wild hair or a hat!)
- Friday, December 1: Homeroom Pride Day (more information will be provided on how to dress by teachers)

Hot Chocolate and Cookie Party Attendance Challenge

Parents, please continue to help Peterson give rise to College Graduates, Community Leaders, and Cultural Ambassadors by making sure your child(ren) are present at school on November 20, 2017 and November 21, 2017. Homerooms with 98% attendance or higher on these days will be invited to a Hot Chocolate and Cookie Party on November 21, 2017 during school hours. Only homerooms with 98% attendance or higher will be invited! We hope to see your child(ren) at the party.



Important Announcement Regarding Tardies to School

Please note that, beginning at the start of the second quarter (11/6), any students 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.