

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.

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

Picture Days!

- Picture Days -- January 24th-25th
- Make-Up Day -- February 8th
- 8th Grade Graduation Picture Day -- April 18th
- 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 school counselor Michael Coleman.



"I was born and raised in Dublin, Ohio and stayed there throughout high school. My brother and I were

both adopted, which we handled in different ways. He was a lot more curious about his biological parents, which brought with it a lot of difficult emotions. I didn't have the same curiosity and saw adoption as a positive experience in that I went to a family that loved me and had the means to take care of me. This experience with my family has helped me empathize as a person, and as a school counselor, with others who may not be see the world the same way I do.

After high school I went to Miami University where I got my bachelors degree in Psychology. It's important to note that this is not Miami, Florida, but Miami of Ohio—which is even older than the state of Florida!

As a kid, I knew I wanted a job where I interacted with people. To me it seemed like a job as a bank teller would be ideal since there's a lot of interpersonal interaction and you get to keep some of the money that you give to customers—at least that's what I thought when I was six.

I initially didn't go to college for psychology, but instead took a programming class since I liked computers. I ended up finding it extremely challenging. I wrote a tic-tac-toe game, but my professor said it was the longest code they had ever seen for a game like this! I soon realized that programming wasn't the choice for me.

My love for tennis is really what got me into the education field. I've been a lifelong tennis player and have enjoyed sharing my passion for tennis with kids as a coach. After obtaining my Masters Degree in School Counseling at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana, a local school district wanted to hire me as the high school tennis coach. I agreed to coach as long as I could work there as a guidance counselor, which I enjoyed very much.

I then moved to Chicago where I worked at Reavis Elementary for three years and then found Peterson. I enjoy how much we celebrate different cultures at Peterson. It exposes our students to different opinions and different backgrounds. I also love the strong sense of community here which I haven't seen at previous schools I've worked at."

Mark your Calendar

- **End of 1st Quarter -- Today**
- Peterson Prospective Parent Information Session -- Tonight, 6:00pm - 7:00pm
- Schurz High School Open House -- Tonight, 5:30pm - 7:30pm
- **NO SCHOOL-- School Improvement Day November 3rd**
- Fall Back (Turn Back Clocks One Hour) -- November 5th
- Room 211 Field Trip to 826 CHI -- November 7th
- Dentists at Peterson -- November 8th - 9th
- HHNHH Beyond the Sign: Know Your Neighbors Dinner -- November 8th, 6pm - 8pm
- Local School Council Meeting -- November 8th, 6pm
- Room 205 Field Trip to 826 CHI -- November 9th
- PTA Meeting at Peterson -- November 9th, 5:30pm - 6:30pm
- State of the School -- November 14th, 6pm - 7pm
- **NO SCHOOL, Thanksgiving Holiday -- November 22nd -- 24th**

Home Lunch Drop Off

Please note that, effective Monday, November 6th, the main office will no longer be accepting lunches that are dropped off after the start of the school day. Unfortunately, there is simply not enough staff in the office to manage this task. If your child brings home lunch, he or she should bring it to school. Please remember, any child who forgets his or her lunch are always able to get a free lunch in the school cafeteria. Thank you for understanding.



PTA Reflections Art Program


The PTA Reflections Art Program will be accepting student entries for the theme "Within Reach". Students can submit projects in the following categories: Film Production, Dance Choreography, Visual Arts, Photography, Music Composition, and Literature. More information about the rules as well as entry forms can be found on the Peterson website. All entries are due by Friday, December 1st to Ms. Dyrek and must include an entry form signed by the parent. All students who participate will be awarded certificates of participation; entries advancing to the district, state, and national levels are eligible for further awards.

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.

Book Bag Give Away

Northeastern Illinois University's Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Pi Nu Chapter, donated almost 200 book bags to Peterson Elementary School. If you are interested in getting a free book bag for your child, please visit the distribution table in the gymnasium during Report Card Pick Up day, November 15, 2017.



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METROPOLITAN SCIENCE CENTER

OPEN HOUSE

When: Saturday, November 4, 2017

Time: Scholars Program - 8:00 a.m.
Magnet Program - 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Where: Von Steuben, 5039 N. Kimball