

PETERSON PARENT PERIODICAL

College Graduates. Community Leaders. Cultural Ambassadors.

Bystander CPR/AED Training

Parents are invited to attend a special training sponsored by Swedish Covenant Hospital and the PAC to learn "hands-only" CPR and how to respond in an emergency situation. The free training will provide interactive practice with a mannequin and demonstrate how to use an Automatic External Defibrillator. The training is Thursday, February 8th at 8:45 a.m. in the Cafeteria. Please RSVP by February 5th to petersonpaci@gmail.com if you are interested in attending.

Picture Day Ordering

Parents interested in purchasing photos from picture day have the following options:

Online: Beginning today pictures can be viewed and ordered online at pollackphotography.com. Detailed instructions for ordering photographs online are included with this newsletter.

OR

With Cash or Check: Any students who did not bring completed order forms to picture day this week may submit them on **picture retake day: February 8, 2018**. Please ensure that all checks are made out to Pollack Photography. **Additional order forms are included with this newsletter for those who need them.**

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 with Ms. Denia Orteza.

"I grew up in the Albany Park area and went to Patrick Henry and then Thurgood Marshall Elementary. As a child, my mom always wanted me to stay active, so, in addition to ice skating lessons, she signed me up for a summer camp at six years old. When I was too old to attend the camp, I started working as a camp counselor there. I then went to high school at Lane Tech and continued working with children in their Best Buddies program.



In high school, my literature teacher told me that I had a very animated reading voice which kept listeners engaged. She said I should be a reading or kindergarten teacher, which also played a role in my wanting to work with children.

I was awarded a scholarship to attend Indiana State University where I focused on social work. After a few classes I realized that it wasn't for me, but I still knew that I wanted to work with children. My experiences with my autistic cousin inspired me to take a Special Education 101 class, which I absolutely loved! After a year and half at ISU, I then went to Northeastern Illinois University where I graduated with a degree in Special Education.

After graduating from Northeastern I had my first interview at Peterson. I love Peterson! I'm super blessed to be at this school; everyone leaves their door open for guidance. As a first year teacher there are so many opportunities to further my teaching abilities. The children are awesome, and I wake up every day excited to see them.

I've learned that teaching is a never ending job. I keep thinking about what's next and what I can do better. I am always asking myself how I can support kids more? I feel like all I do on weekends is talk about my kids, they're on my mind all the time."

GIVING RISE TO
COLLEGE GRADUATES
COMMUNITY LEADERS
CULTURAL AMBASSADORS

Mark your Calendar

- Parent Tea -- Thursdays, 8:45am, Peterson Cafeteria
- **End of 2nd Quarter -- Today**
- 7th and 8th Grade Dance -- Tonight, 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm
- **No School, School Improvement Day -- February 2nd**
- 6th and 8th Grade Sexual Health Education in Encore -- February 5th, 6th, 8th, 9th
- 7th Grade Sexual Health Education in Encore -- February 5th
- CIWP Meeting -- February 7th 4pm-5pm
- PAC Meeting at Peterson -- February 8th 8:45 am
- **Picture Re-Take Day -- February 8th**
- Second Quarter Report Card Distribution-- February 9th
- 6th and 8th Grade Sexual Health Education in Encore -- February 12th
- Peterson Local School Council Meeting -- February 13th, 6pm-7pm
- CIWP Meeting -- February 14th, 4pm-5pm
- PTA Meeting -- February 15th

Girls in the Game Winter Olympics

What will you do with your day off tomorrow? Come celebrate the kick-off of the Winter Olympics and National Girls & Women in Sports Day

- When: February 2, 2018 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
- Where: Curie Park 4949 S. Archer Ave.
- Free bus transportation available
- Any questions? Call Coach Alecia or Coach Callie at (312) 633-4263



CIWP Parent Survey

All Peterson parents and guardians are strongly encouraged to take an online survey to share their experiences at and preferences for Peterson. The answers will help the CIWP Team as we begin the strategic planning process for the school. The survey is offered in Spanish and English and is available through the Peterson website at www.peterson.cps.edu or at <https://tinyurl.com/ycnb2ulk> for English and <https://tinyurl.com/ycequ8tw> for Spanish. Paper copies of the survey will also be available in the Main Office. We very much value your feedback, and would appreciate you sharing your responses by Sunday, February 11th.

North Park Community Fundraiser Tonight

Please join us for the North Park Community Market Fundraiser tonight from 6:30 to 9:30 pm at Alarmist Brewing and Taproom located at 4055 West Peterson Avenue. We will be raising funds for the 2018 season's kids' tent, music, and community tent. This is a family-friendly event.

LSC Elections

Are you interested in joining Peterson's Local School Council? LSC members play a vital role in decision-making at the local school level, thereby ensuring a quality education for all of the school's students. All parents, community members and school staff members who want to strengthen their local schools and have a positive impact on student achievement are encouraged to run. No experience or formal education is required.

The 2018 local school council elections will take place on Wednesday, April 18, 2018. The term is for two years starting on July 1, 2018.

