

PETERSON PARENT PERIODICAL

College Graduates. Community Leaders. Cultural Ambassadors.

CIWP Parent Survey

All Peterson parents and guardians are strongly encouraged to take an online survey to share their experiences at 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.

Picture Day Ordering

Parents interested in viewing and purchasing school photos may visit pollackphotography.com. To view and order pictures online, simply create an account and enter the password: peterson2018

Please note that the last day to order pictures has been extended to Thursday, February 22. After that date, there will be a \$20 service fee per package to ship pictures to your home.

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 PTA President, Megan Trinter.

"This is my 3rd year as PTA President. I'm also on the Beer for Books planning committee, and I am also the designated Grade Level Parent for the 8th grade. I have 4 kids at Peterson.

I was born and raised in Columbus, Ohio, where I lived until I left for college. I wanted to go to a big school outside of Ohio, so I decided on Penn State. At Penn State I began studying to be an architect—which I've wanted to do my entire life. As a little girl I would draw house plans and also visit model homes with my parents just to see how they were laid out. Doing activities with graph paper and pens were, and are, some of my favorite hobbies. When I had extra time, I would travel to a different high school than mine, and take a Computer Aided Drafting class.

However, six weeks into school at Penn State, I realized architecture wasn't what I wanted to do. Instead, I decided to get a degree in Human Development and Family Studies. At the end of my junior year, I was taking a class in Women's Studies and the girl next to me said she was in school to be a midwife. After that conversation, I decided I was going to be midwife. In my next class, another student told me that I should actually look into being a doula. A doula provides non-clinical care for laboring women, whereas a midwife is someone who is trained to care for women during their child bearing years. I currently work as both a doula and midwife. As part of my work I go to a lot of home births as an assistant to a nurse midwife. All of my doula work is in hospitals.

After college, I moved to Chicago with my husband. He currently teaches at Von Steuben, which is how we learned about Peterson. The counselors at Von talked very highly of Peterson students, saying that they send smart, thoughtful kids their way.

I remember going to a PTA meeting and not knowing anyone, which inspired me to be a friendly face. There have been so many ways that Peterson has grown as a school since we got here, and yet it remains accessible to everyone, which I hope it will continue to be in the future. I want parents to know how much they can be a part of their child's school and the rewards that come with participating.

I want Peterson to be a school beyond the regular hours. I want the children to have memories of walking through the halls for fun events and being able to share that with their parents. The best part of Peterson is walking through halls and being greeted with smiling faces. There are teachers and staff here that have never had my kids, but they're still so welcoming and pleasant."



GIVING RISE TO
COLLEGE GRADUATES
COMMUNITY LEADERS
CULTURAL AMBASSADORS

Mark your Calendar

- Due to today's snow day an additional instructional day to will be added to the end of the school year to ensure students receive the full 178 instructional days on the district's calendar. Once approved by the Board CPS will move the final instructional day of the school year to June 19 and the final day for teachers to June 21.
- Please note that, due to inclement weather, all CPS basketball games have been cancelled for tomorrow, February 10th
- Parent Tea -- Thursdays, 8:45am, Peterson Cafeteria
- Second Quarter Report Card Distribution-- February 12th
- 6th Grade Sexual Health Education in Encore -- February 12th
- 8th Grade Sexual Health Education in Encore -- February 12th, 13th, 15th
- Peterson Local School Council Meeting -- February 13th, 6pm-7pm
- CIWP Meeting -- February 14th, 4pm-5pm
- PTA Meeting -- February 15th
- President's Day -- NO SCHOOL-- February 19th
- ACCESS Window Closes -- February 20th
- LSC Nominations Due -- February 20th
- My School, My Voice Window Opens -- February 21st

Congratulations, Mr. Golub!

Please join us in congratulating Mr. Golub on reaching the finalist phase of the Golden Apple Award selection process! The Golden Apple Awards for Excellence in Teaching recognize and honor outstanding teachers for their role in building a stronger, better-educated society. This year's finalists were selected from a pool of more than 600 nominations!

Congratulations, Mr. Golub on your well-deserved nomination, and thank you for helping to ensuring that all Peterson students reach their full potential.

If you would like to participate in a celebratory brunch for Mr. Golub and the other Golden Apple finalists on February 24, 2018, at the Rosemont Hilton in O'Hare from 10am to noon please purchase tickets using the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/y7w63o87>



Golden Apple

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. Please review the letter attached to this newsletter for more information.

UNITY

THROUGH THE ARTS & SCIENCES

FRIDAY, FEB 23rd 2018
5:30 — 7:30 PM

Peterson Elementary School
5510 N Christiana Ave

Midnight
Circus
performance!

Student-led
science tables

Von Steuben
Robotics Team
Demos!

Community
art project +
make&take art

Food sales
by the 8th
grade class

Peterson
dance
party!!

Student art
gallery, music
& dance

ADMISSION IS FREE AND OPEN TO ALL!

(Peterson students, families & community members--children must be accompanied by an adult)

