



PETERSON PARENT PERIODICAL



College Graduates. Community Leaders. Cultural Ambassadors.

Family Green Day



Please join us for Family Green Day at Peterson on Saturday, May 20th from 9 – 11 AM. This celebration of community and the environment will provide many opportunities for families to help spruce up the school grounds for spring, including picking up trash, spreading wood chips, and planting. All ages are welcome and this fun day will include volunteers from Chicago Bike Ambassadors, Mighty Acorns, and North Park Village Nature Center. There will also be nature themed activities, games, and refreshments. Please bring work gloves and a rake. If you are able to bring a wheelbarrow please contact Mike Weis at zelienoplemusic@gmail.com.

Peterson Spring Concert

You are cordially invited to attend the Peterson Spring Concert! The concert is taking place on Friday, May 12th, at 7:00PM at Northside College Prep High School. Northside is located at 5501 N.Kedzie Ave. Order your tickets now from the Peterson main office or at the door for \$2.00 each. We will see you at the concert!

Peterson Career Fair

Attention Peterson Families! The counseling department is looking for volunteer presenters for the Annual Peterson Career Fair on Friday, May 26 from 9:30-3:45pm. Please consider coming in and sharing your career with our students! If interested, please contact Mr. Coleman (mscoleman3@cps.edu) or Ms. Martino (clmartino@cps.edu).

Mr. Topel is on Twitter!

Looking for even more ways to stay informed about the goings on at Peterson? Follow Mr. Topel on Twitter @MGPTopelTweets to see pics of the great work students and staff are doing and to keep updated on the latest events.

Good Evening Peterson Parents,

For this week's newsletter I'd like to continue with our "People of Peterson" series with Ms. Nicole Flores.

"I've enjoyed working with kids my whole life. As a teenager, I worked as a camp counselor and in college I provided education services for a program called RACES (Rape Advocacy Counseling Educated Services). As part of the program we would educate kids on safe touch and bullying awareness—very similar to the work Imagination Theater does at Peterson.



I was born and raised in the Lake View neighborhood, where I attended St. Andrew Elementary, Loyola Academy and then graduated from Gordon Tech. During this time I was working with my dad at Chicago Pizza—where I still work today! This experience really helped me with my people skills, which I put to good use in the classroom. After high school I attended the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign where I got my Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Political Science. During this time I was also in pre-law and doing an internship at the public defenders office. I wanted to go to law school to reform education since I feel that this is one of the keys to ending the cycle of poverty.

While working in the public defenders office, I worked with many great kids that had made some really bad life-altering choices. This experience helped me to realize that I wanted to help kids at a younger age so as to better help them avoid making bad choices, and so I decided to enroll in Teach for America.

After Teach for America I was hired at Peterson, which felt like a special place right from the start. I love teaching kindergarten! I've known some of my kids since they were 3 or 4 having taught their siblings before them. It's been really nice to get to know families over the years. I feel like this really helps to build our school community into something even stronger."

I've also been working at Chicago Pizza since I was 11, which as I mentioned, helped me with my people skills which easily translates into the classroom. You get so many different characters and it helps builds patience. It gave me a good work ethic and I'm grateful for my dad having me work there growing up. The restaurant has become one big family!

Educator Appreciation Week

Thank you to everyone who has helped to make Educator Appreciation Week such a tremendous success! A special thanks goes to the PTA for the amazing lunch they provided for educators on Thursday and to Shari Kittaka for her work preparing teacher appreciation. Thank you educators for all the work you do!

Mark your Calendar

- **Month of Peace at Peterson, May 1st-May 26th**
- Music Festival -- May 6th
- North Park Literacy Festival -- May 6th
- 5/6 Girls Soccer Peterson vs Solomon -- Independence Park, May 6th, 11am-12pm
- 7/8 Girls Soccer Peterson vs Lane Tech HS -- Independence Park, May 6th, 12pm-1pm
- Girls on the Run Practice -- May 8th, 9th, 4:00 pm
- Choir Music Festival at Kenwood Academy -- May 9th
- North Park Village Naturalists Visit 3rd Grade -- May 9th
- PTA Meeting -- May 9th, 8:45am
- Price Increase in FoP Beer for Books Tickets! -- May 10th
- Peace Committee Planning Meeting -- May 10th, 3:45-4:45 pm, Peterson Cafeteria
- **Deadline to Buy Middle School Yearbook for \$12 at school -- May 12th**
- Spring Concert at Northside -- May 12th, 6pm-8pm
- Network One Open Track Meet at Lane Tech HS -- May 13th, 9am-12pm
- 7th/8th Girls Soccer Roosevelt HS vs Peterson -- May 13th 12pm-1pm, Independence Park
- 5th/6th Girls Soccer, CICS Irving Park vs Peterson -- May 13th 1pm-2pm, Independence Park
- Girls on the Run Practice -- May 16th, 17th, 4:00 pm
- 3rd Grade Field Trip to Northerly Island -- May 17th

Help Support Bata Soul

We are excited to announce that Peterson School is helping a local organization, Bata Sole, to collect new and used athletic shoes to be donated to others in need. One of the founders and board members of Bata Sole is Nanette Gamazon Masangcay, a Peterson alumni of the Class of 1999!

Bata Sole collects and distributes new and used athletic shoe wear to impoverished communities to ensure and provide the basic conditions needed for wellness and exercise.

Their first mission is to deliver 1000 pairs of shoes to the Pangasinan Province during the village's annual barrio celebration happening in May 2018.

Bata Sole has already collected one-third of their goal—let's help them to the finish line! We are welcoming families to donate new and used children's, men's, and women's athletic shoes at our drop-off bin, located inside the Main Entrance. Please help us to support our alumna and our community!

Please join us for the Friends of Peterson's 3rd annual Beer for Books

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JUNE 10, 2017
7 PM - 11 PM
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4740 N. WESTERN AVE.
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MB Financial Bank

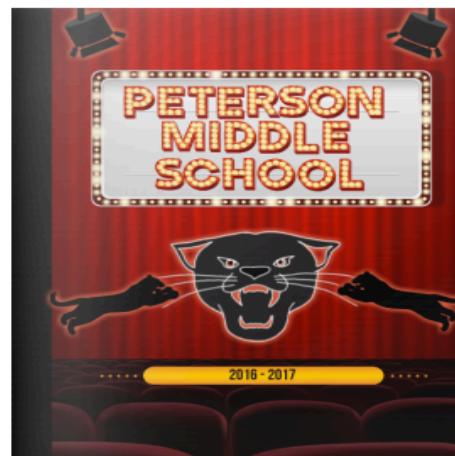
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More information available at
www.friendsofpeterson.org

ATTENTION MIDDLE School Students

- Order Your 2016-2017 Peterson Middle School Yearbook Now
- \$12 only! (Same price as last year)
- 32 pages full of color
- Softcover
- Includes pictures of Advisory, Academics, Encore, Sports, Clubs, Events etc.
- Better buy it sooner rather than later!



"The best thing about memories...is making them"

<i>To Purchase: Online (before or after May 12th)</i>
1. Go to www.treering.com/validate
2. Enter 1014134810284442
3. Select "Buy Standard Yearbook"
4. Enter your personal information
5. Enter your payment information
6. Purchase!

<i>To Purchase: In Person (deadline: May 12th)</i>
1. Bring \$12 to your homeroom teacher
2. Sign the payer's list

Questions?
See Mr. Reynolds or Ms. Siemens (Rm 208)
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