



PETERSON PARENT PERIODICAL

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Peterson! Get excited!

Our Attendance Challenge continues for the last 5 weeks of school! Each week, if your homeroom has 98% or better, your class will have a popsicle party on the plaza! That's right - a popsicle party EACH week! Wait! There's more! The top three homerooms with the best overall attendance for the last 5 weeks will win an ice cream Party! Let's go Peterson!

Friendly Reminder Re: Playground Safety

Please remember that the Peterson only supervises Peterson students on the Peterson Pee-Wee Playground during school hours: 8:45am to 3:45pm. Parents, please do not allow your children to play on the playground without adult supervision. Thank you for your cooperation.

Students with Medication in School

Please plan to pick up your child's medication on the last day of school. Only emergency medication (Epipens and asthma inhalers) will be sent home. Any prescription and/or over the counter medications will need to be picked up by parents or we will dispose of them on the last day of school.

Health Requirements for Fall 2017 -2018 School Start

Please note that all kindergarteners, incoming 6th graders and outgoing 8th graders who have NOT had a physical exam within the last calendar year will need to have an updated physical exam in order to attend school.

Please review the 2017-2018 *Minimum Health Requirements for Chicago Public Schools* document attached to this newsletter for more information.

Good Evening Peterson Parents,

For our final newsletter of the school year I'd like to conclude our "People of Peterson" series with Ms. Mari Altshuler. Mari will be leaving us to pursue a doctoral degree at Northwestern University. We wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors!

"I was born and raised with my younger sister and brother in Albany Park where I went to La Salle Language Academy. I then went on to North Side College Prep--where I would be amongst the first graduating classes.

Growing up, I had many different career ambitions. I initially thought I wanted to work in a science museum, so I studied geology for my undergrad at the University of Illinois. In college, I had my first taste of being an educator while working at a cultural museum where I would lead school tours and run children's programming. My career focus began to shift to education when I started to notice that only students from certain social backgrounds were coming to the museum. This became a social justice issue for me and, as a result, I decided that I would be better able to reach a diverse range of social backgrounds in the classroom.

Although I initially thought about being a science teacher, I later decided that I would rather be a general education teacher. After graduating from the University of Chicago Urban Teacher Program, I started teaching in CPS at the Harvard School of Excellence. My husband and I then moved to Houston for three years where he went to graduate school to study architecture and I continued to teach at a small magnet school.

By the time I returned to Chicago I had had a child and was committed to avoiding a long commute so I focused my search to schools on the Northside. Peterson's unique diversity, committed staff and its neighborhood feel really appealed to me.

As a teacher, I've always been very interested in how kids develop their number sense including their ability to reason with, manipulate, and understand the meaning behind numbers in order to help them become better problem solvers. I read a lot Constance Kamii, who believes that developmental math games should be used in the classroom rather than a traditional math curriculum.

I have been integrating developmental math games into my classroom since Houston, and thanks to Friends of Peterson, was recently provided with even more games for my math class. I believe that this approach has significantly contributed to Peterson students developing their number sense. In the future, I hope conduct research into how playing developmental math games improves number sense in kids.

To this end, I've decided to attend Northwestern University starting in September where I'll be starting my PhD working in the Department of Learning Sciences. I'm very sad to leave the Peterson community, but I think this will be an exciting piece of my life puzzle--and I hope to use the knowledge I gain to make a positive contribution to education here and at other schools across the US.

Fortunately, I'm still going to be in the neighborhood and will still be biking right by Peterson to get to Northwestern!"



Mark your Calendar

- 5th Graders Walking to Peterson Park -- June 19th
- Pre-K Walking to Legion Park -- June 19th
- Pre-K Walking to Peterson Park -- June 20th
- Quarter 4 Ends Last Day for Students -- June 20th
- Quarter 4 Report Card Distribution (Report Cards Sent Home) -- June 20th
- **Furlough Day / Summer Vacation Begins-- No School for Staff or Students -- June 21st**
- Enrollment at Peterson -- July 5th, 6th
- **First Day of Summer School -- July 5th**
- GOCPS Account Activation Opens -- August 1st
- Summer School End Date -- August 4th
- New Student Picnic -- August 24th, 4:00 pm
- Back to School Picnic -- August 31st, 4:00 pm
- **School Starts for SY 2017-2018 -- September 5th at 8:45 am!**

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Beer for Books Update

Thank you to everyone who attended and/or donated to the Friends of Peterson's third annual Beer for Books fundraiser. **The event raised a staggering \$43,000 dollars for Peterson!** If you missed out on this fantastic opportunity to support Peterson, you can always show your support at <http://www.friendsofpeterson.org/take-action/>



A very special thank you to the Beer for Books Committee for their hard work and dedication! (from top left): Ms. Megan Trinter, Ms. Rachael Bramley, Ms. Barbra Nordland (Co-Chair), Mr. James Edstrom, Mr. Chuck Deters, Ms. Catherine Korda (Co-Chair), Ms. Ashley Riggio, and Ms. Kathleen Hurley

Peterson School Volunteer Appreciation Event

Thank You, Peterson volunteers, for your commitment and dedication to ensuring that Peterson continues to be a warm and welcoming place for students, staff and the community! Please join us for an appreciation event to recognize all you do for Peterson! All who volunteered this year at Peterson are invited.

Who: Peterson Volunteers
When: Monday, June 19th, at 9:15 am
Where: Peterson Cafeteria
Why: We want to say thank you!!

