



PETERSON PARENT PERIODICAL

College Graduates. Community Leaders. Cultural Ambassadors.

Health Requirements for Fall 2017 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 included with this newsletter for more information.

Supplies and Student Fee at Peterson

Please remember that except for a backpack, Peterson families are NOT asked to buy school supplies for their children. The expectation at Peterson is that all students come to school ready to learn, on-time every day. The student fee of \$50.00 per student helps to cover the supplies for all children. Please send the \$50.00 student fee with your student on the first day. Both cash and money orders are accepted. Please remember that for families with three or more children, the maximum payment is \$100. Please call the office to arrange a payment plan.

Twitter: @MGPPPrincipal



Dear Peterson Parents,

I hope you're all having an enjoyable and fun filled summer! I am looking forward to an awesome school year 17-18 as we continue to give rise to college graduates, community leaders, and cultural ambassadors at Peterson Elementary. With the start of a new school year approaching fast, I wanted to keep you informed of some important announcements:

Please note that kindergarten homeroom assignments were sent home on postcards yesterday. Homeroom assignments for 1st through 8th grade will be sent home today. Please be on the lookout for your postcard.

Are you interested in working as a parent volunteer here at Peterson? We'd love to have you! Please go to peterson.cps.edu/volunteer for more information or contact our Resident Principal, Ms. Yalil Nieves at ynieves4@cps.edu.

We're looking forward to seeing all of you at 8:45am on September 5th!

Kate Kane

Back to School Picnics at Peterson

Please join us for our annual back to school picnics! Our New Student Picnic will be held on Thursday, August 24th from 4-6 p.m. at the Peterson Playground. Our Welcome Back Picnic will be held on Thursday, August 31st from 4-6 p.m. Please join us to meet new classmates, teachers and administrators. There will also be games, food and fun for the whole family.



Mark your Calendar

- New Student Picnic -- August 24th 4pm-6pm
- North Park Community Market at Peterson Elementary -- August 27th 10am-1pm
- Back to School Picnic -- August 31st, 4pm-5pm
- **NO SCHOOL, LABOR DAY -- September 4th**
- **School Starts! -- September 5th**
- Kindergarten Individual Development Survey (KIDS) Opens -- September 4th
- PAC/PTA Title 1 Meeting -- September 13th 8:45 am - 9:45 am
- Peterson Book Fair -- September 18th - 22nd
- Back to School Night Grades K-4, September

Ways to Stay Informed

- **Website:** (<http://peterson.cps.edu>)
- **Twitter:** @MGPPPrincipal, @Topeltweets
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Sign Up for J at School at Peterson!

When the work day extends beyond the school day, students can participate in organized physical activities inside and out, receive homework help, create art projects and play games, and enjoy healthy snacks. After school embraces a no-electronics policy in support of developing healthy minds and bodies. The AfterSchool program begins at 3:45 p.m. and lasts until 6 p.m.

And for the 2017-2018 school year, J at School will now be offering before school care! The Before School program begins at 7:30 a.m. and lasts until school begins at 8:45 a.m. For further information please call the J at School Team at 312.775.1848 or jatschool@jccchicago.org

AfterSchool Registration Link: <https://www.jccchicago.org/programs/schools-out/before-after-school-care-info/>

A J at School representative will also be attending the New Student Picnic on 8/24 from 4-6 and the Welcome Back Picnic on 8/31 from 4-6 if you have further questions or would prefer to sign up in person. And for more information about J at School or financial assistance for the program, please see below.

Illinois Action for Children

J at School partners with Illinois Action for Children to help over 150 J at School families receive partial or full state funding for services ranging from Early Childhood, Camp, and After School. If you would like to learn more about Action for Children please visit their website at <http://www.actforchildren.org/>. If you would like to inquire about eligibility to receive Action for Children Assistance please contact J at School at 312-775-1848.



Beginning this school year, Peterson will be starting a partnership with Urban Initiatives (UI). UI with both provide for and support the recess team at Peterson and is a partner in several schools in the District. UI's mission is to empower Chicago's youth to become agents of community change through academic success, healthy living, and leadership development. Visit urbaninitiatives.org to learn more.