

PETERSON PARENT PERIODICAL

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Morning Band Rehearsals

Band sectionals have begun! Note that morning band rehearsals will begin on Monday, September 18th. Please also be aware that students who are participating in band sectionals will miss one (1) recess period per week.

Attendance

Did you know that missing more than 10 days of school means that there is no way your child can make the same progress as his or her peers? Being on time to school every day matters for the success of your child! In order to encourage all students to have excellent attendance, Peterson recognizes classes every week who have 98% attendance or greater. Additionally, classes that have 97% attendance or better for the quarter earn story and snack time or a pizza party. Please help us to support this initiative by ensuring that your child is here everyday, on time!

Box Tops

Buy Boxtops products at Back to School Night for \$1 or \$1.50 and \$0.70 of each product purchased will go towards the purchase of street light banners announcing Peterson School to the neighborhood. If you'd like to participate but don't use boxtops products, consider purchasing for the food pantry and we'll deliver them to the food pantry for you!

Good Evening Peterson Parents,

I hope you've all had a great week! This week I'd like to begin our ongoing "People of Peterson" series. If you are new to Peterson, this series features some of the wonderful staff,

students and community members of Peterson Elementary. A special thanks to all of our participants and to Chuck Deters for his photography and interviewing skills! This week's "People of Peterson" features Mr. Zorohn Reed, the Urban Initiatives Recess Coordinator at Peterson:

"I grew up in the Lincoln Square neighborhood, the youngest of two brothers and two sisters-- yes, I'm the baby of the family! I went to Saint Viator Elementary and then on to Lane Tech High School. After high school, I went to Benedictine University where I graduated with a major in social science and a minor in theology.

I've loved playing soccer since I was 3 years old. Michelle Val, my head junior varsity coach at Lane Tech, was always committed to helping me become a better player--and a better person overall. She was an inspiration for me and made me realize I wanted to do the same for others.

After I graduated college, the assistant coach from Lane Tech contacted me about participating in Urban Initiatives (UI). UI is a program that uses recess and other sports to promote the development of social and emotional skills in competitive situations. For example, on a given day recess coordinators might focus on teaching students how to enjoy a dodgeball game while still demonstrating compassion for others. I loved the program and decided to join the team.

My down time consists of training for the Chicago and Las Vegas marathons, playing soccer on Sundays, and coaching the junior varsity soccer teams at Lane Tech. I'm also excited to say that I'll be the coach for the Peterson boys soccer team this fall!

I'm looking forward to getting to know the students better. There's still a lot of names and faces to learn. Everyone has been so open and welcoming at Peterson, and I love that the children are excited to be at Peterson every day. This is a great community!"



Mark your Calendar

- Peterson Book Fair -- September 18th - 22nd
- Morning Band Rehearsals Begin -- September 18th
- Soccer Informational Meeting -- September 18th, 7:30am--
meet at Door 2 on the plaza
- Girls Volleyball Informational Meeting -- September 19th, 3:45--*meet in the auditorium*
- Boys Volleyball Informational Meeting--September 19th, 3:45pm--*meet in room 126*
- Back to School Night Grades K-4 -- September 20th, 5:30pm-7pm
- Back to School Night Grades 5-8 -- September 21st, 5:30pm-7pm
- Cross Country Invitational Meet at Riis Park -- September 21st
- Box Tops Pick Up -- September 21st
- **Student Registration for CPS Fall Sports Closes -- September 22nd**
- North Park Community Market at Peterson -- September 24th, 10am-1pm

Ways to Stay Informed

- **Website:** (<http://peterson.cps.edu>)
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Peterson PTA Scholastic Book Fair

The Peterson PTA's Scholastic Book Fair is next week! Book Fair is a reading event that generates an enthusiasm for reading and provides the books kids want to read with a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading



level. The fair will be open to students during their language arts periods, during Back-To-School Nights, and Thursday and Friday mornings (Sept 21 & 22) before school. If you would like to volunteer during the fair, there's still time! please visit <http://signup.com/go/GizOzOV> or email Gabby Hasselquist at gabyg328@gmail.com. Remember, all purchases benefit our PTA priorities of funding all school community events (such as International and Arts nights) and Peterson's athletic programs. See you at the Book Fair!

Back-to-School Nights

Please join us for our annual back-to-school nights! These events are an opportunity to meet your child(ren)'s teachers; learn important information about Peterson; meet fellow parents and more!

Grades K-4 Back-to-School Night: Wednesday, September 20, 2017

- Doors open at 5:30 pm--*please note the time change.*
- Classroom presentations begin at 6:00pm.
- Event ends at 7pm.

Grades 5-8 Back-to-School Night: Thursday, September 21, 2017

- Doors open at 5:30 pm--*please note the time change.*
- High school presentation begins in the auditorium at 6:00 pm.
- Event ends at 7pm.

Please note that childcare options will be available for Peterson students from Pre-K to 2nd Grade.