

# PETERSON PARENT PERIODICAL

College Graduates. Community Leaders. Cultural Ambassadors.

## Walk and Bike to School Day

Join us to celebrate Walk & Bike to School Day on Wednesday, October 4!

Join kids and families around the world to celebrate the benefits of walking and biking to school!

Walking to school increases physical activity and promotes healthy habits for life. It keeps our air clean by requiring us to use less fuel, which is also good for our health and our planet. Walking to school also reduces traffic congestion around the school making it safer for everyone.

Peterson will celebrate this day with coffee on the plaza for parents (thanks for walking your children to school!) and play equipment available for student use on the field starting at 8 AM. Students in PreK through 4th grade will receive a Walk to School Day sticker in their classroom.

## Back to School Night

Our annual back to school nights for K-4th grades and 5th-8th grades were a huge success! A special thank you goes out to all of our educators who dedicated their time and energy to creating engaging informational sessions for parents.

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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. 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 STEM teacher Kathleen Hurley.

"I was born and raised in Southeastern Ohio on my parents' farm. They mostly grew soybeans, hay, and corn, but we also had cows, pigs, chickens--and I even got to raise rabbits!

My parents are both educators. My dad is still a school psychologist, having worked in schools for the past 45 years, and my mom was a K-5 educator and gifted coordinator for 30 years. I was raised to understand the importance of education from an early age.

I've had an interest in science from an early age as well. Ms. Hildebrandt, our awesome 8th grade science teacher, was very influential. Her way of teaching important concepts like the scientific method made me realize that although the pursuit of science may always lead to more questions and frustrations that is part of what makes science exciting as well!

Based on this experience, my brother's interest in chemistry, and my leadership experiences in 4-H while in high school, I decided to complete my undergrad at the University of Cincinnati in nutrition. I started looking into the school lunch program and was intrigued by what we were feeding students in college. I figured that if I wanted to work for the USDA, I should at least know what they were feeding the students.

I then heard of Teach for America from friends and decided I wanted to do it. I have loved being an educator since I started, and I don't ever plan on getting out of it. This is my fourth year at Peterson and, even though I didn't plan on teaching STEM, it turned out to be a perfect fit. I love that the curriculum mixes science and problem solving and constantly keeps evolving. I also love the Peterson community and the relationships I've formed with students, parents and community members. In fact, I'm really looking forward to our next 'Robot Day' at Von Steuben and the opportunity to make more connections between our students and other schools in the neighborhood."



## Mark your Calendar

- **Student Registration for CPS Fall Sports Closes -- Today**
- North Park Community Market at Peterson -- September 24th, 10am-1pm
- After School Professional Development -- September 28th **NO AFTER SCHOOL PRACTICE**
- High School Application Period Opens -- October 2nd
- High School Fair -- October 4th
- Walk and Bike to School Day -- October 4th
- PAC Meeting: *Understanding your Child's Academic Progress including the Benchmark Assessment System (BAS) & Measures of Academic Performance (MAP)*--October 5th, 8am
- Quarter 1 Progress Reports Distributed -- October 6th
- Soccer and Volleyball Games at Mather -- October 7th--times TBD

## Ways to Stay Informed

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## Fall Sports Practice Times

### Cross Country (Boys' and Girls')

- Mandatory practices are Tuesday and Wednesday from 4:00- 5:15
- One additional conditioning practice (not mandatory, but especially recommended for track athletes) will be held by Coach Mac on Thursday from 4:00- 5:15
- There are no practices September 28th and October 10th

### Boys' Volleyball

- Practice will be on Tuesdays & Thursdays (see team times below).
- 5th/6th 3:45-4:45PM
- 7th/8th 4:45-5:45PM

### Girls' Volleyball

- Practice will be on Mondays & Wednesday (see team times below).
- 5th/6th 3:45-4:45PM
- 7th/8th 4:45-5:45PM

### Boys' Soccer

- 5th/6th Tuesdays and Thursdays 7am-8am
- 7th/8th Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 7am-8am



**NORTH PARK COMMUNITY MARKET**

AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER
27	24	29
9am-1pm	9am-1pm	9am-1pm

Produce, meat, prepared foods, artisans, food trucks, flowers, coffee, live music, activities for kids...and more!

**Peterson Elementary School Parking Lot**  
(on Kimball Ave just South of Bryn Mawr)



**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

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