

PETERSON PARENT PERIODICAL

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PAC Meeting on 4-5-18

Please join the Peterson PAC on Thursday, April 5, 2018, from 8:45 to 10:15 for a special presentation in the Peterson Cafeteria with Tuesday's Child.

Tuesday's Child is a non-profit organization dedicated to equipping families with "the skills to manage children's challenging behaviors." Join us to learn about specific interventions that will encourage your child's cooperation. A delicious breakfast and coffee will be provided.

Spring Clean Up

Join the Peterson Green Team, the Hollywood-North Park Community Association & Friends of Peterson to pick up litter on the grounds of Peterson School and in the North Park neighborhood beginning on Saturday, March 31, at 10am. Please meet at the Peterson School Plaza for hot chocolate and coffee, donuts, and supplies! Families are welcome. Please RSVP if you plan to

Hello Peterson Families,

I would like to introduce you to the Person of Peterson for this week: Ms. Olivia Kirk, the psychologist at Peterson.

I studied psychology at Illinois State University (ISU). While I was studying at ISU, I had an opportunity to do a practicum experience

as a sophomore at a local autism clinic learning about Applied Behavior Analysis, and working with kids with autism. I worked in the clinic until I was a senior and did my whole senior thesis about my experience. After that experience, I really wanted to pursue ABA therapy outside of undergraduate studies. However, I was also interested in school psychology. After ISU, I worked for a year at the Center for Autism and Related Disorders where I did behavior therapy as a full time job. Afterwards, I decided to go to graduate school at the University of Arizona.

My first full year as a psychologist was with a special education cooperative in DuPage County called SASED. I left SASED to go Los Angeles, but it didn't work out as I had hoped, and I decided to return home. I knew I needed to move closer to my friends, and I hadn't given Chicago a shot yet. It's always been a goal of mine to work in CPS since I knew I wanted to be a school psychologist.

I'm currently covering for a psychologist on leave, but I'm really hoping I can keep this case load. Peterson is a really positive environment! The amount of supports that are available for mental health are amazing which is not very common. There's a variety of social skills groups targeting different needs on a weekly basis. The multi-tiered system of supports is top notch in my opinion, and this is the type of environment where I want to collaborate with other educators and families as a psychologist!





Upcoming Dates

**3-26 to 3-30: Spring Vacation:
School Closed**

4-1-18: My Voice My School
Parent Survey Window Opens

**4-2-18: Classes Resume at
8:45am**

4-2-18: FoP Beer for Books
Tickets On Sale!!

4-4-18: Rooms 111 and 122
Walking to The Nature Center

4-5-18: PAC Meeting at 8:45am

4-5-18: Science Fair Work Night
#1 for Students in 5 to 8 with
Permission Slips at 4pm

4-10-18: Literature for LSC
Elections Must Be Submitted

4-11-18: CIWP (Continuous
Improvement Work Plan) Meeting

4-12-18: End of Quarter 3 SY
17-18

4-12-18: Science Fair Work Night
#2 for Students in 5 to 8 with
Permission Slips

4-13-18: School Improvement
Day: NO SCHOOL FOR
STUDENTS

Social Emotional Learning Night: Thank You!!

Thank you to all of the families who came out to the first SEL Night at Peterson. The opportunity to hear about what is happening at Peterson and learn from others in the community could not have happened without the hard work of Ms. Catherine Korda, Mr. Michael Coleman, and Ms. Carina Martino. In addition, thank you to the many staff members who stayed late on a Thursday night to present information, provide childcare, and otherwise assist including Ms. Kelly Ortigara, Ms. Rachel Marion, Ms. Sharon Hogan, Ms. Jayshree Patel, Ms. Krystal Anaguano, Ms. Shirley Warren-McClain, Ms. Migdalia Rodriguez, Ms. Ghada Isaac, Mr. Jeff LeTempt, Ms. Jasmine Young, Ms. Kathleen Hurley, Mr. Miguel Caban, Ms. Kate Kane, Ms. Yalil Nieves, Coach Z, & Mr. Chuck Deters.

Thanks as well to the many parent and community volunteers including Lynda Gibson, Marlene Castillo, Sarah Myers, Rachida Dini, Lois Korda, Erica Imaoka, Sabiha Vohra, & NEIU students. Thank you to the middle school students who helped present as well as the parents and former parents (Francine Kelley & Lisa Peterson) who were part of our Resource Fair. These events happen because of the dedication of our community, and we are so appreciative!

High School Update

Attention 8th grade parents! High school first round notifications will be available on March 30, 2018, in student's GoCPS accounts. Students will have until April 13, 2018, to accept or decline these offers. Attached you will find the full details of the acceptance process and an FAQ page. For more information please contact Michael Coleman at mscoleman3@cps.edu or Carina Martino clmartino@cps.edu.

Local School Council Election Judges Needed

Local School Council Elections at Peterson will take place at Peterson on Wednesday, 4-18-18. This is the same day as Parent-Teacher-Conferences. Peterson needs LSC Election judges to help monitor the elections on that day. If you would be willing to assist with this important process, please contact Ms. Myra Steinys at 773-534-5070 or at masteinys@cps.edu.