

# PETERSON PARENT PERIODICAL

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## End of Third Quarter and Parent-Teacher Conferences

Third Quarter for School Year 2017-2018 ends on Thursday, April 12, 2018. There is no school on Friday, April 13, 2018, as it is a School Improvement Day. Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place on 4-18-18, from 11:30am to 6:30pm. There is no school for students on 4-18-18, but students should attend conferences with their parents.

## Local School Council Elections

LSC (Local School Council) Elections will take place at Peterson on 4-18-18, during Parent-Teacher Conferences. Parents and members of the community are eligible to vote for both the parent and community member slots on the LSC.

## My Voice, My School Parent Survey

Your voice is needed!! Please complete the My Voice, My School Parent Survey about Peterson. To take the survey online, go to [www.cps.edu/parent\\_survey](http://www.cps.edu/parent_survey). You can take the survey online using a smartphone, a tablet, or a computer. You are also able to take the survey during Parent-Teacher Conferences.

Hello Peterson Families,

I would like to introduce you to the Person of Peterson for this week: Mr. Ari Nussbaum. Mr. Nussbaum is a 5th Grade Science and Social Studies teacher at Peterson.

"I was born and raised in West Rogers Park. I went to a private parochial school in Skokie for elementary and high school.

While I had both positive and negative experiences with teachers, I always remember the teachers that made extra time for me and made those connections. That's what I remember most now as teacher.

Despite my mom being a teacher, I definitely did not want to be a teacher while growing up. All I had on my mind was to make money, and I went to Northeastern for business. However, I then got engaged to my wife, and she made a good point. Why was I going to business school when I've been with kids my whole life? I've been a camp counselor, youth group leader, the oldest of five, and I loved working with kids. Once I started taking classes in education, I realized how much I enjoyed it.

I got placed at Peterson for student teaching, specifically fifth grade, including Ms. Almer and Ms. Bramley. While working with them, I realized that I would be successful as a teacher due to everything that they taught me. At the end of that year, Ms. Bramley went on maternity leave, and I took over her classroom.

At times, teaching can be grueling since there are so many different demands in education, but when I see the kids that want to come talk to me on their own time, for school or personal reasons, it's a reminder of why I love teaching. Yes, they'll learn multiplication and how to do a science fair project, but the relationships that we're building to help these kids grow up and make good choices is so rewarding!

I couldn't do my job without the help and guidance of certain people in my life. I call my mom every day for tips and advice. I also couldn't do it without my team: Ms. Almer, Ms. Bramley, Ms. Ahmed, Ms. Orteza, and Mr. Bochencek. We talk as professionals and as friends, and you need that support for each other as well as the kids."





## Upcoming Dates

4-13-18: School Improvement  
Day: NO SCHOOL for Students

4-16-18: Campaign Literature  
Day for LSC Elections

4-16-18: Illinois Science  
Assessment Opens

4-17-18: Rooms 111 and 122  
Walking to NEIU for a Play

4-17-18: Rooms 114 and 115  
Walking to The Nature Center

4-17-18: FoP Fundraiser at El  
Carrito 4pm to 9pm

4-18-18: Parent Teacher  
Conferences 11:30 to 6:30pm at  
Peterson: NO SCHOOL for  
Students

4-18-18: LSC Elections

4-18-18: Waitlist Offers Begin for  
High Schools

4-19-18: 8th Grade Graduation  
Pictures

4-20-18: PARCC Window Closes

4-21-18: Re-Scheduled  
Neighborhood Clean-Up

ALL Events on [peterson.cps.edu](http://peterson.cps.edu)

## High School Update

On Friday, March 30, 2018, high school acceptances were released to eighth graders. ***The deadline for eighth graders to accept or decline an offer is Friday, April 13, 2018.*** Additionally, if students choose, there will be a second round of applications beginning April 30, 2018. If students or parents have questions about this process, please make an appointment with Mr. Coleman at [mscoleman3@cps.edu](mailto:mscoleman3@cps.edu) or Ms. Martino at [clmartino@cps.edu](mailto:clmartino@cps.edu).

## Peterson at the Cubs



Please join the Peterson community for Peterson Night at the Cubs on Thursday, April 26, 2018, at 7:05pm. Tickets are \$20 each, and you may purchase your tickets online by visiting [peterson.cps.edu](http://peterson.cps.edu). Tickets will be available through April 22, but please hurry before they sell out! Tickets will be available for pick up in Peterson's main office on April 23 and 24. Money raised will go toward the restoration of the Peterson field.

## Chicago's Citywide Clean and Green

Please join the Hollywood-North Park Community Association, the PTA Green Team, and Friends of Peterson to help clean up the school and surrounding neighborhood. Families are invited to join us on Saturday, April 21, 2018, from 9am to 11am, to help pick up litter, meet neighbors, and celebrate Earth Day. We will provide gloves and bags as well as donuts, hot chocolate, and coffee. Please meet at the Peterson School Plaza at 9am. To sign up to assist with this effort, please visit [www.friendsofpeterson.org](http://www.friendsofpeterson.org).

## North Park Art Makers Weekend

Be a Maker at one or more "make-and-take" workshops during the inaugural North Park Makers Weekend, Saturday, April 21, and Sunday, April 22, 2018. North Park resident artists lead workshops from 10 am to 12pm and 2pm to 4pm, both days. Pre-registration is required. Please visit [northparkart.org](http://northparkart.org) for details and to sign up.