

PETERSON PARENT PERIODICAL

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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. The survey window closes on Monday, April 30, 2018!

Peterson Spring Concert

Peterson's Spring Music Concert is coming up on Thursday, May 10, 2018, at Northside College Prep High School. As it is on a school night, the concert will be starting at 6:00pm. Tickets are on sale now through the main office, through Mr. Villevik or through Ms. Altshuler. Only 500 tickets will be sold for the concert, so please be sure buy your tickets early!

Local School Council Meeting

The Local School Council will be meeting on 5-2-18 at 6pm to approve the budget and the strategic plan for the upcoming school year. All community members and parents are welcome to attend.

Hello Peterson Families,

I would like to introduce you to the Person of Peterson for this week: Nurse Kristi Kommanivanh.

"I was born in Vientiane, Laos, and my family came over to the United States when I was seven. The majority of my family was here already, so we moved here to be with them.

The hardest part of moving here was not speaking the language, but the school I attended had a bilingual program for Laotian students. It was also difficult to get used to the cultural differences. In Laos, all of the bathrooms are unisex, so when I was new, I walked into the boys bathroom to the surprise of the boy who was in there. He kindly showed me where the girls' bathroom was.

Growing up, I wanted to be a physical therapist, but I also really wanted to do something that let me travel. After high school I went to Lake Forest College and got my degree in Economics and International Relations.

I worked for a couple banks in Chicago, but then my husband and I moved to Texas. I thought it was a good opportunity for a career change. I decided to go back to school and get my degree in nursing. I did a year of nursing in Texas before moving back to Chicago in 2011.

While I enjoyed helping people financially when I was working in banks, it just wasn't fulfilling to me. Nursing can be mentally and physically exhausting, but when I start to see someone get better after interacting with them for 8 to 10 hours a day, it's very rewarding.

I love working with kids! I did use to work on the pediatric floor at Swedish Hospital and really enjoyed it, so I applied for a nursing position and got placed at Peterson. I really enjoy being here, and I am happy to work 5 days a week at Peterson."





Upcoming Dates

4-30-18: My Voice My School
Parent Survey Window Closes

5-1-18: Peterson Prospective
Parent Session 6pm

5-2-18 through 5-4-18:
Additional Ageless Eyecare Visits

5-2-18: Green Team meeting
8am

5-2-18: Peterson Prospective
Parent Session 9am

5-2-18: Local School Council
Meeting: Vote on the CIWP for
2018 to 2020 and Budget for
Fiscal Year 2019

5-3-18: 8th Grade Graduation
Picture Re-Takes

5-3-18: PTA Meeting 8:45am

5-4-18: 1st Grade going to Kids
Science Labs

5-4-18: STEM Fair at Peterson

5-5-18: 5/6 Girls Soccer at
Winnemac Park

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Winnemac Park

5-5-18: 5/6 Coed Floor Hockey
at Kelvyn Park HS

Prospective Parent Session

There will be two sessions for prospective Peterson parents hosted by Principal Kate Kane. Come hear what makes Peterson an extraordinary place! The sessions will be on Tuesday, 5-1-18, at 6pm, or Wednesday, 5-2-18, at 9am, in the Peterson Cafeteria.

Please help spread the word to future Peterson parents!!

Educator Appreciation Week

National Educator Appreciation week is May 7, 2018, through May 11, 2018! The PTA is working hard to celebrate ALL Peterson educators that week, and we need help from all kids and adults. Please plan to write notes with thanks and thoughtful words to anyone who makes a difference in the life of your child at Peterson. A box for note collection for Peterson educators will be located in the main office until Thursday May 10, 2018. Please also watch for a pop-up note writing table at the Plaza on May 2, 2018, during after-school pickup from 3:30pm to 4:15pm. Interested in helping with other educator appreciation tasks? Please email PTA President Megan Trinter at megantrinter@gmail.com.

Family Green Day

Please join us for Family Green Day at Peterson on Saturday, May 12, 2018, from 10am to 12pm. This celebration of community and the environment will provide many opportunities for families to help spruce up the school grounds for spring, including picking up trash, spreading wood chips, and planting. All ages are welcome! This fun day will include volunteers from Mighty Acorns and North Park Village Nature Center. There will also be a STEM table, nature themed activities, and refreshments. Please check in at the information table on the plaza that morning. Please bring gloves and a rake.

Volunteers Needed: Career Fair

Hey Peterson Parents! Would you be interested in talking to our students about your job or career? Our 5th annual career fair is quickly approaching and we are in need of volunteer presenters. The date of the event is Wednesday, May 16, 2018. If you would like to participate, please email Ms. Martino at clmartino@cps.edu or Mr. Coleman at mscoleman3@cps.edu.