

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. 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: Ms. Yalil Nieves, the resident principal at Peterson.

"I was born in Panama, and my family moved to Chicago when I was twelve years old.

When my family got to Chicago, I was enrolled in sixth grade at the neighborhood elementary school. I was then put into the bilingual program. After two years of bilingual education, my teacher recommended that I transfer out of the bilingual program so that I could practice more English and have a better chance of going to Lane Tech. Through hard work and with the help of my teachers and my mother, I graduated valedictorian and went to Lane Tech.

I initially went to Wright College, but once my family became residents, I started going to Northeastern to get a degree in education. I wanted to provide students with the education that my teachers gave me. I wanted to become a Spanish teacher, and I initially started working with adults at Daley Community College, teaching ESL.

In the process of trying to become a U.S. citizen, I realized there was so much I didn't know about the country that gave me so many opportunities. I felt that to really be a part of the country I needed to understand its history. I decided to go to Loyola to get a masters in history, and it made me a stronger educator overall.

I came to CPS in 2011 and taught history at Wells High School. I eventually became the co-chair of the history program, where my focus had been to identify the right support to help children thrive as well as develop teacher capacity.

While at Wells, I applied for the New Leaders for New Schools Aspiring Principals Program, and I came to Peterson as the Resident Principal. Peterson has such a strong social and emotional component, I instantly wanted to be a part of what educators and the community were doing here. Social and emotional learning is essential in a child's development, and I knew I was at the right place. I am excited to continue to work with kids coming from other countries and who need that additional support and connection to succeed."





Upcoming Dates

4-10-18: Rooms 127, 128, & 130 Walking to NEIU to See a Play

4-10-18: Meet and Greet with Ms. Ionita for Parents of Students in 122 at 8am

4-10-18: Meet and Greet with Ms. Ionita for Parents of Students in 122 at 4pm

4-11-18: CIWP Meeting at 4pm

4-11-18: Local School Meeting at 6pm

4-12-18: End of Third Quarter School Year 2017-2018

4-12-18: Room 125 Walking to NEIU to See a Play

4-12-18: PTA Meeting 8:45am

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**

4-13-18: Deadline to Accept or Decline Offers of Acceptance for High Schools

Peterson Field of Dreams Update

Thank You Alderman Laurino!!

The Peterson Local School Council (LSC) and Principal Kane are VERY EXCITED to announce that Alderman Laurino has secured \$1 million in TIF (Tax Increment Financing) for the Peterson Elementary School Field!! While the total cost of the project is around \$1.5 million, the Peterson LSC and Principal Kane, in partnership with Alderman Laurino's Office and individuals at Chicago Public Schools, are actively pursuing the additional funding. The Peterson LSC and Principal Kane look forward to providing further updates on the Peterson Field of Dreams soon. The students, staff, parents and community members of Peterson Elementary are extraordinarily grateful to Alderman Laurino for her support!!



High School Update

On Friday, March 30, 2018, high school acceptances were released. The deadline to accept or decline an offer is April 13, 2018. Additionally, if you choose, there will be a second round of applications beginning April 30, 2018. If you have questions about this process, please make an appointment with Mr. Coleman at mscoleman3@cps.edu or Ms. Martino at 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. 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.