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Chicago Early Learning Preschool Application Updates

The 2018-2019 Chicago Early Learning Preschool Application is now open!! Please go to to chicagoearlylearning.org to apply.

Get Your Tickets Now!! FoP Beer for Books on 6-2-18

Did you know that Friends of Peterson (FoP) has fundraised over \$300,000 to support Peterson Elementary? FoP has purchased books, Chromebooks, and even a Social Studies curriculum for Peterson kids. Now is the time to continue to support the great work of FoP!! Go online to www.friendsofpeterson.org and purchase your tickets for Beer for Books.

Congratulations to PTA Reflections Winners

Congratulations to Peterson students Sylvia Soyster and Adrian Phillips!! Their work went all the way to Nationals in the PTA Reflections Contest. The Peterson community applauds you!!

Hello Peterson Families,

I would like to introduce you to the Person of Peterson for this week: Ms. Claire Kinzer.

"I was born and raised with my twin brother and younger brother in Port Washington, Wisconsin. Growing up, my passion was sports. I did gymnastics my whole life, and

I also did diving in high school, even going to the state competition. I loved my time doing gymnastics and other sports, but it was time to move on when I went off to college. To continue being active, I do kickboxing now.

I didn't know I wanted to be teacher until I went to college in Oshkosh, WI. I got an after-school job as a tutor in an elementary school, and I loved it so much I instantly changed my major to education. I continued to work there throughout the next four years of college. Then a friend of mine recommended I go into the Diverse Learning program at Oshkosh, and it was the right choice. For me it meant I'd be prepared to properly help all students.

After college, I really wanted to move to a big city, and Chicago is definitely a big city! I love Chicago! I grew up in a small town and the difference is that there's always something to do, and there's never a dull moment in Chicago. Luckily, I got the job at Peterson, and I love it! I feel very lucky that it's my first school, and I work with some incredible people. There's so much to teaching that I didn't expect, and there's always something to learn. I really appreciate the community that Peterson has and the support that everyone has given me.

Being my first summer in Chicago, I'm really looking forward to all the festivals as well as traveling with my family!"





Upcoming Dates

5-14-18 to 5-18-18: Kindergarten
Registration at Peterson from 8:45am
to 3:45pm

5-14-18: NWEA MAP End of Year
Testing Window Opens

5-14-18: Kindergarten Enrollment
from 5pm to 7pm

5-15-18: Kindergarten Enrollment
from 7am to 8am

5-16-18: 3rd Grade Field Trip to
Northerly Island

5-16-18: Career Day at Peterson

5-16-18: Peterson Opens Waitlist
and Begins to Call Families

5-16-18: Kindergarten Enrollment
5pm to 7pm

5-17-18: Peterson Choirs
Performance LPZ

5-17-18: Girls on the Run Last Day

**5-17-18: Kindergarten Orientation
from 5pm to 7pm**

5-18-18: Kindergarten Enrollment
from 7am to 8am

5-19-18: Sports (See Calendar at
peterson.cps.edu)

5-20-18: North Park Community
Market 10am to 2pm

STEM Fair Winners

Congratulations to the Peterson STEM Fair winners!! **5th Grade:** 1st Place: Sanne Nordlund; 2nd Place: Nabilah Nazar; 3rd Place: Hannah Patel; Honorable Mention: Grayson Trinter. **6th Grade:** 1st Place: Huma Ughratdar and Claire Shank; 2nd Place: Grace Olson; 3rd Place: Yuleni Navarro; Honorable Mention: Alliyah Suk and Novsheen Patel. **7th Grade:** 1st Place: Linnea Holcomb; 2nd Place: Llasmin Rodriguez and Isra Ghoga; 3rd Place: Ansofia Dixon; Honorable Mention: Rema Aljabri. **8th Grade:** 1st Place: Joseph Perez and Jocelyne Vasquez; 2nd Place: Frank Jackson; 3rd Place: Nam Nguyen.

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!

Kindergarten Enrollment and Orientation

Kindergarten Registration at Peterson will take place the week of May 14, 2018 at Peterson Elementary. Families may register at any time during the school day in the main office or during before or after school times (please see Upcoming Dates). Kindergarten Orientation will on 5-17-18 from 5pm to 7pm. All Kindergarten families are invited and encouraged to attend Kindergarten Orientation. It is a great chance to meet the teachers, see the classrooms, and learn about the day in the life of a Kindergartener at Peterson!!

Peterson Arts Committee

A Peterson Arts Committee is being formed, and committed parents and community members who are passionate about the arts at Peterson are invited to be a part of this committee. The goal of the committee is to strengthen current arts' programming at Peterson and identify further opportunities for sustainable arts' education. Principal Kane and Community Member Stephen Johnson (Friends of Peterson (FoP) Treasurer and General Manager and Board Member at the Raven Theatre Chicago) will be co-chairing the committee, and the committee will report regularly to Peterson's Local School Council (LSC). Please e-mail Principal Kane at ekkanecps.edu or call her at 773-534-5070 to express your interest. Meeting times will depend on availability of the committee members.