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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.

Career Day: Thank you!!

Thank you to all of the parents and community members who volunteered their time to educate our students on future career opportunities! This event would not be possible without your support. Our students learned a great deal and had a blast! Thank you!

Family Green Day: Thanks!!

Thank you so much to everyone who came to Family Green Day this past Saturday! All of the hard work that was put into the day is greatly appreciated, and the school grounds look great!!

Hello Peterson Families,

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

"I was born in Buffalo, New York, and then we moved to West Hartford, Connecticut. I was greatly impacted by my parents, as my mom was a teacher and my dad directed social services for youth.



I double majored in psychology and educational studies at Knox College, and I stayed for an extra year to coach their woman's soccer team. After graduating from Knox, I moved to Chicago. I went to graduate school, worked for Planned Parenthood, and then moved with my husband Mark to Ecuador for a year and a half so that he was able to do research for his PhD. While there, I took up Taekwondo and eventually became the national champion in Ecuador. This helped me realize that I wanted to be a personal trainer, and I took a job at New City YMCA. After my daughter was born, I started my own business and have had my own business ever since.

I wanted my kids to attend the neighborhood school. After they started at Peterson, I contacted Karla Holcolmb and asked how I could be a part of the Peterson community. I went to my first PTA meeting, and I eventually became the membership leader. For many parents, the PTA is your first entry into feeling like you have a community here.

I am currently the LSC Chair, and the LSC is a thrill to be on. You get to see individuals from all parts of our school and community with the same goal, but driven by different life experiences and viewpoints.

Ultimately, my family is my most important thing. If a decision will diminish my connection to my most important thing, I let it go. My family spends a lot of time at Peterson. so by association, Peterson is among one of my most important things, which helps me make time and space for it."



Upcoming Dates

5-21-18: Room 207 NWEA Reading

5-21-18: North Network CEO Town Hall at Amundsen High School 6pm to 8pm

5-22-18: 3rd Grade NWEA Math Testing

5-22-18: Room 207 NWEA Reading

5-23-18: Imagination Theater at Peterson

5-23-18: 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade NWEA Reading Testing

5-23-18: FoP Pop-Up Ticket Sales for Beer for Books

5-24-18: 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade NWEA Math Testing

5-24-18: Girls on the Run Celebration 4pm

5-25-18: PreK walking to Peterson Park in AM

FoP Beer for Books

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.

North Park Community Market

Please join us for the North Park Community Market on Sunday, May 20, 2018, from 10am to 2pm in the Peterson Elementary School Parking Lot on Kimball. There will be great vendors, live music, and STEM activities in the Kids' Tent, hosted by Peterson's Ms. Hurley and a fellow Peterson parent. See you there!!

NWEA Testing at Peterson

End-of-year NWEA MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) Testing has started for all students in reading and mathematics. NWEA scores are used a part of the CPS Benchmark Promotion Policy in grades 3, 6, and 8. Additionally, NWEA scores are also used a part of the high school application process for 7th graders. Please review the calendar for when your child is testing, and please contact the teacher of your child with any questions.

Imagination Theater at Peterson

All students in Kindergarten through 3rd grade will see a presentation from Imagination Theater entitled No Secrets on Wednesday, May 23rd, 2018. The show is designed to 1) create awareness; 2) encourage children to think about the kinds of touch they get and their feelings about touch; 3) discuss the difference between touch that is appropriate and safe and touch that is not; and 4) emphasize that if you are touched in a way that makes you uncomfortable, it is not your fault and you should tell an adult that you trust. The show's facilitator will use anatomically correct words during the performance. Please reach out to Mr. Coleman or Ms. Martino with any questions or concerns.