

PETERSON PARENT PERIODICAL

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Kindergarten Enrollment Continues at Peterson

Kindergarten enrollment is continuing at Peterson Elementary!! You can enroll anytime during the day from 8:45am to 3:45pm in the main office, and there will also be two evening enrollments on 5-29 and 5-31 from 5pm to 7pm. Contact Nydia Rodriguez at 773-534-5070 for questions.

NWEA Testing

End-of-year NWEA MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) Testing has started for all students in reading and mathematics. Please review the calendar for when your child is testing.

Chaperone Needed!!

Parent Chaperones are BADLY needed for the Patrol Field Trip on 6-4-18 at Peterson Park. Please contact Nick Spychalski at nfspyhalski@cps.edu.

Hello Peterson Families,

I would like to introduce you to the Person of Peterson for this week: Mr. Bjorn Villevik.

"I was born and raised with my younger brother in Roseville, Minnesota, a suburb of St. Paul. I come from a long line of music teachers. My mom was a piano teacher, which gave me an early start into music, and her mom was an elementary music teacher. My grandfather on my dad's side was also an elementary band director.

I played the piano when I was in 1st grade and then started on the cello in 4th grade until I broke my arm. I then switched to the trombone when I was in elementary school band and played it all the way through high school. I also played the bass guitar to start a band with my friend in middle school. In college, I started playing classical bass and have been playing that ever since.

I went to Augsburg College, and I knew I wanted to be a music major, but I wasn't sure where that would go. What appealed to me about music education was that it was going to be challenging.

My first teaching job was 7th through 12th grade in a small town in Minnesota. It was a challenge, and I learned a lot my first year. I stayed there for three years, and then I moved to Chicago with my current fiancé. I worked at three different schools for maternity leave positions before I came to Peterson.

It's really cool to see the progression from when a student starts in beginning band to where they end up in 8th grade as musicians. Learning to play an instrument is a long term investment for the student and me, and we get to see their progress unfold before our eyes. Playing a song for someone is as authentic as anything."





Upcoming Dates

5-28-18: Memorial Day: No School for Students

5-29-18 and 5-30-18: Auditions for Concert Choir for 7th and 8th Graders (Before and After School)

5-29-18: 5th Grade Field trip to LPZ

5-29-18: VanWolvelear Room 118 2nd Grade ELA Testing

5-29-18: Enrollment at Peterson 5pm to 7pm Main Office

5-30-18: 5th Grade NWEA ELA Testing

5-30-18: Gill Room 209 2nd Grade ELA Testing

5-31-18 and 6-1-18: Auditions for Intermediate Choir (5th and 6th Grade) Before and After-School in Room 218

5-31-18: 5th Grade NWEA Math Testing

5-31-18: Martens Room 211 2nd Grade ELA Testing

5-31-18: Algebra Exit Exam at Peterson 8:45am

5-31-18: Enrollment at Peterson 5pm to 7pm Main Office

5-31-18: Arts Committee Meeting

6-1-18: KDG Walking to Nature Center and PK to Legion Park

6-2-18: Beer for Books at DANK HAUS

FoP Beer for Books

Friends of Peterson's 4th Annual Beer for Books is just ONE WEEK AWAY, on June 2, 2018, at 7pm at the DANK HAUS. From a Slime Party to Beading Bootcamp to a trip to the Field Museum, there will be lots of wonderful parties and events hosted by Peterson educators available for purchase at Beer for Books. Tickets are still available for this largest fundraiser of the year - only \$30 at www.friendsofpeterson.org. Do not miss this great event and opportunity to support Peterson kids!!

Choir and Band Auditions

It is time to start putting together the groups for next school year's choir and band ensembles. Choir and band are a wonderful opportunity for children to engage in the arts with a community of their peers. Choir auditions will start on May 29, 2018, and will go through June 7, 2018. Please see the Peterson calendar and the attached flyer for specifics. Choir auditions will take place in room 218 before and after school. Please contact Ms. Sarah Altshuler at saaltshuler@cps.edu for more information. Band auditions for interested 5th graders start soon!! All interested students should return the attached permission slip to Mr. Bjorn Villevik by Friday, June 8, 2018. Please reach out to Mr. Bjorn Villevik at btvillevik@cps.edu with questions.

Freshmen Connections

This summer, CPS is sponsoring a phenomenal program for incoming 9th graders called Freshman Connection. Freshman Connection is a FREE program that promotes academic, social/emotional, and postsecondary success as students transition from elementary school to high school. The application, due June 15th, is available by using your child's login information with the Naviance online program. While not all high schools are hosting this program, your student may attend a program from the list provided. We highly recommend all 8th grade students participate. If you would like the counselors to assist your student in this process, please fill out the freshman connection permission slip and if you have any questions please contact Ms. Martino or Mr. Coleman at 773-534-5070 or mscoleman3@cps.edu or clmartino@cps.edu. The permission slip is attached.