

PETERSON PARENT PERIODICAL

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Kindergarten Enrollment Continues at Peterson

Kindergarten enrollment is continuing at Peterson Elementary through June 20, 2018. Contact Nydia Rodriguez at 773-534-5070 for questions.

Friends of Peterson: THANK YOU!!

Thank you to all members of the community who attended and contributed to Friends of Peterson's 4th Annual Beer for Books.

Over \$46,000—and counting—has been raised to support Peterson Elementary School.

THANK YOU!!

FoP Spots

FoP still has a number of spots available for purchase to attend parties and experiences for both kids and adults, from a Book Club to a Trip to the Museum. Go to www.friendsofpeterson.org to learn about the options and sign up today!!

Hello Peterson Families,

I would like to introduce you to the Person of Peterson for this week: Ms. Sarah Van Wolvelear.

"I grew up in Palatine, Illinois, with my younger brother and sister.

Growing up, I knew I wanted to work with kids. It was the only thing I thought about doing, and my high school had an opportunity for me to learn about teaching in a pre-school classroom. I also did an internship in high school where I could help out in a first grade classroom for two hours every morning. They were both great experiences.

I then went to Loyola University to get my teaching degree. Their education program has a big social justice component, which I believe was very important to my education. While at Loyola, I worked at a tutoring center with mostly English Learners. I then knew I really wanted to work to support second language learners. I was always so impressed with students' desire to learn in addition to the challenge of tackling a new language.

My first year out of college I was a member of the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, which is a program through AmeriCorps. I lived on a Native American Reservation in Montana and taught fifth grade. It was very eye opening, as many of the students were facing a lot of challenges in their lives.

When I finished teaching in Montana, I knew I wanted to work in the city, and luckily I got the position at Peterson. It feels like my first year teaching all over again. There are struggles, but my students and I have learned a lot this year. We have come a long way from the beginning of the year!

I love the support and the diversity of Peterson. The 2nd grade team and the staff have helped me a lot this year. There's a lot I don't know how to do, and they haven't skipped a beat in helping me succeed!"





Upcoming Dates

6-11-18 to 6-15-18: Beginning Band Auditions

6-11-18: Gill Room 209 NWEA

6-11-18: Peterson/Von Robotics Day

6-12-18 and 6-13-18: Olympic Days Peterson

6-12-18: Listening Session Peterson Attire 5pm

6-12-18: Arts Committee Meeting 6pm

6-12-18: Martens Room 211NWEA

6-13-18: Track Party 4pm

6-13-18: CIWP Presentation 5:30pm

6-13-18: LSC Meeting 6pm

6-14-18: 5th Grade Field Trip to Peterson Park

6-14-18: Ageless Eye Care at Peterson

6-14-18: Volunteer Appreciation 9am

6-14-18: Farewell to Departing Staff 4pm in Cafeteria

6-15-18: Freshmen Connection Application Due

Field of Dreams Update

The Peterson Local School Council (LSC) and Principal Kane are VERY EXCITED to announce that State Senator Heather Steans and State Representative Greg Harris secured the appropriation of \$1 million dollars in the Fiscal Year 2019 Illinois State Capital Budget for capital improvements at Peterson Elementary. These funds, along with the \$1 million in TIF funding secured by Alderman Laurino, will allow Peterson to build its Field of Dreams for kids and the community!! The students, staff, parents and community members of Peterson Elementary are extraordinarily grateful to Senator Steans, Representative Harris, and Alderman Laurino for their incredible support of kids and the community!!

Welcome Ms. Nieves

Principal Kane is very excited to announce that Ms. Yalil Nieves will be joining the leadership team at Peterson as the Assistant Principal. Ms. Nieves served as the resident principal at Peterson Elementary this year, and she has proven herself to be an outstanding leader who has demonstrated a relentless commitment to Peterson kids, families, and educators. Welcome to Peterson Ms. Nieves!!

Peterson Attire Proposal (Vote at LSC on 6/13)

In order to build a greater sense of belonging and identity, as well as an environment that aligns with the vision of Peterson, the Peterson Attire Committee, composed of Peterson Educators, has suggested some enhancements to the Peterson Dress Code for School Year 2018-2019. The proposal is that beginning in Fall of 2018, students in grades 5 to 8 would wear Peterson Attire during regular school days.

Peterson Attire would include: 1) any Peterson t-shirt, sweatshirt, or hoodie; 2) any high-school t-shirt, sweatshirt, or hoodie; or 3) any college t-shirt, sweatshirt, or hoodie. Pants and lower garments would be clean, free of holes, and mid-thigh for shorts and skirts. In

order to get parent feedback into this proposal, there will be a Listening Session on Tuesday, 6-12-18, at 5pm in the Peterson STEM Room. Additionally, parents, teachers, and community representatives on the LSC ultimately will make the determination about this policy through a vote held at the meeting on 6-13-18 at 6pm. Before the vote is held, the LSC would like to invite students, parents, and community members to be a part of the conversation.