

PETERSON PARENT PERIODICAL

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Cold Weather Recess Guidelines

At Peterson, we believe that outdoor recess is an important part of a child's school day. We take every possible opportunity for kids to be able to play outside when temperatures and conditions are appropriate. In making our decision as to whether we have indoor or outdoor recess/line up we follow CPS' Cold Weather Guidelines, which are as follows:

- Above 32° F with or without wind chill: Recess should be held outdoors.
- Between 31° F and 15° F with or without wind chill: Principal discretion.
- Below 15° F with or without wind chill: Recess should be held indoors.

Need Help Finding the Right High School?

To help students and families learn more about their options, CPS has joined an effort led by The University of Chicago Impact program to create High School Bound (HSBound.org), a

Interested in Before-School Care?

J at School (our onsite after-school care provider) may be available to provide before-school care if at least five children per day attend. Interested? Please email Scott Topel at sgtopel@cps.edu



Good Evening Peterson Parents,

I hope you're all keeping warm despite the unseasonably cold weather. For this week's newsletter I'd like to introduce "People of Peterson." This ongoing series will feature some of the wonderful staff, students and community members of Peterson Elementary. A special thanks to all of our participants and to Chuck Deters for his photography and interviewing skills!

This week's "People of Peterson" features Ms. Migdalia Rodriguez. Ms. Rodriguez provides support to Peterson in countless ways: office support, translation, supervision of students, and aiding students in the classroom. Perhaps most important of all though is her cheerful smile and love of Peterson students.

Here's what Ms. Rodriguez had to say about her career at Peterson:

"I've been a Peterson parent since 1985 and working here since 2000. Since then, Peterson is much better! We have nice parents, a good community, wonderful principals, and good staff! I love everything about Peterson, but I love working with the kids, especially the pre-k and kindergarten. The kids are why I keep coming back every year. I have so many great memories. I remember one of the parents, my best friend, had left the school after her kids graduated, but now I get to see her again because her grandkids go here! It makes me so happy to see her again! All five of my daughters graduated from Peterson. My twins are 36 years old and my baby is 27, and one of my daughters just turned 30!"

Have a Warm and Happy Weekend,
Kate Kane

Inclement Weather Dismissal for 1st and 2nd Grade Students

Mark your Calendar

- Parent Tea -- Tuesdays from 8:45-9:15 am in the cafeteria
- **NWEA Testing Continues This Week**
- **NO afterHours Next Week: Session 2 Begins on January 17th**
- afterHours Session 2 Forms Released to Parents -- December 16th
- Basketball Tournament at Guerin Prep. High School -- December 18th
- Picture Day -- December 19th
- afterHours Session 2 Forms Due -- December 20th
- 5th Grade Field Trip to Shedd Aquarium -- December 21st
- **No School: Winter Vacation -- December 26th through January 8th**
- Q2 Progress Reports Distributed -- January 9th
- Vision and Hearing Screenings Continue -- January 11th, 12th
- 4th Grade Field Trip to the Museum of Science and Industry -- January 11th
- afterHours Confirmation Forms Sent Home -- January 13th
- North Park Village Naturalists Visit 3rd Grade -- January 13th
- **No School: Martin Luther King Jr. Day -- January 16th**
- ACCESS Testing Window Opens -- January 17th
- afterHours Session 2 Begins -- January 17th
- PTA Meeting -- January 17th 8:45am, Cafeteria
- LSC Meeting -- January 18th, 6pm

In the event of inclement weather (rain or heavy snow), please be advised that all students will be dismissed from the school cafeteria.

In the event of an indoor dismissal, signs will be posted on the plaza.

- **Rather than entering through the cafeteria doors (door 2), please enter through the plaza doors (door 1)**
- Doors will open starting at 3:30 pm
- Upon entering the building please proceed to the west side of the cafeteria (near the lunch line)
- At 3:45pm, when students are seated, Ms. Sotelo will call parents by homeroom to collect their child(ren)
- **Once you have collected your child(ren) please exit through the cafeteria doors (door 2)**

Picture Day is Coming Soon!

Picture Day will be held on Monday, December 19th. Please note the following:

- Payment should be sent with your child on Picture Day. We are not able to accept payments before December 19th.
- Include the exact amount in either cash or money orders made out to "Van Gogh School Photographers" in the order envelope. You must pay separately for each of your children.
- You can order online through December 19th. Detailed instructions are on the order envelope. Please indicate on order envelope if you have ordered online.
- Please complete all requested information on the order envelope so your order can be processed.
- **Please avoid dressing your child in green as this tends to impact picture quality.**

Support a local business and our school!

North Park Pharmacy, owned by a Peterson family, has a special fundraiser to support Friends of Peterson for the rest of the school year. If you mention Peterson when you fill a new prescription, \$5 will be donated to FoP. Twenty percent of over-the-counter purchases will also be donated to FoP if you mention Peterson. Support a local business and our school! 3324 W. Foster, 773-654-3658, <http://www.northparkpharm.com/>