

PETERSON PARENT PERIODICAL

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Recycled Materials Needed!

7B is collecting recycled materials for a mural they are making that will be put up in Peterson. If you have any small red, yellow, orange, green, blue, purple or black plastic or aluminum objects to donate please drop them off in the office (please clean materials before donating). Materials to consider saving from the trash: Small toys, old containers, pop cans and bottles, bottle caps, anything small, has a solid color and is made of plastic or aluminum would be great!

Thank you for your help!

Update to Tardy Policy

Please note that starting second semester any 5th-8th students who have had 3 or more tardies per quarter will be issued make-up time which will take place on Fridays from 3:45-4:45. Students in grades K-4 will receive make-up time if they exceed 5 tardies per quarter.

Basketball Schedule Adjustment

Due to a conflict at the high school facility, the schedule for basketball games this Saturday, 1-21-17, has been adjusted.

All following weeks will be adjusted as well. Please see www.cps.edu/cpsscore for the adjusted schedules and please contact coaches with any questions.

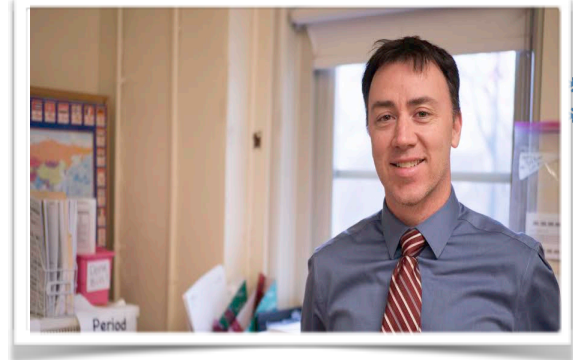
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Good Evening Peterson Parents,

For this week's newsletter I'd like to continue with our "People of Peterson" series with Mr. Tom Butterfield.

"This is my 23rd year of teaching, and Peterson is my

first and only school. I grew up in Edison Park, and went to Notre Dame High School where Dave Beucher taught me. This is also where I also student taught. A friend of mine recommended me for a job at Peterson, and that's how I was able to be a sub for a year and then get my job here. I've mostly taught language arts but also social studies along the way.



My style of teaching has become more fluid since I started, and it has a lot to do with the use of technology. Instead of always asking, 'Where is your book?', we're able to explore different ways of learning and communicate much easier than ever before.

Despite all of these modern changes, books like *To Kill A Mockingbird* still really connect with how multicultural Peterson is--the kids just understand it. The story also connects to the Civil Rights Movement and to the importance of recognizing others. The students immediately start to enjoy it whereas with other books, I have often have to sell their value. I've changed every other book in the last ten years, but *To Kill a Mockingbird* has always been there!

After 23 years, society has changed a lot, but Peterson has remained a solid structure through leadership, families, and the teachers. While the kids might change with current events and technology, we still have the same struggles such as, How do we get these kids to be life long learners? When you succeed and see it first hand, it's extremely rewarding. Awhile back, Tom Ruby and I had a student who was causing trouble on a daily basis. I then ran into him at Northeastern where he was finishing up his teaching degree, and currently he teaches at a high school for high risk students. We still talk to this day, and he's doing great!"

Mark your Calendar

- Parent Tea -- Tuesdays from 8:45-9:15 am in the cafeteria
- Sexual Health Education for Grades 6,7,8 --Friday January 20th through Friday February 24th
- ACCESS Testing Continues -- Week of January 23rd
- **NO afterHours Due to Staff Professional Development -- January 25th--Morning sessions will meet**
- Literacy Night -- January 26th, 5pm
- Student and Teacher Window for My Voice My School Survey Opens -- January 31st
- Quarter 2 Ends -- February 2nd
- **NO SCHOOL-Staff Furlough Day -- February 3rd**
- PAC Meeting -- Tuesday February 8th, 6pm
- Quarter 2 Report Card Distribution--February 10th
- Raven Theater Teaching in Rooms 111, 114, 115 & 122 -- February 13th
- Picture Re-Take Day --February 14th
- PTA Meeting -- February 14th, 8:45 am
- NAEP Testing -- February 15th
- **NO afterHours Due to Staff Professional Development -- February 15th--Morning sessions will meet**
- **NO SCHOOL - Presidents' Day -- February 20th**
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Picture Retakes

Fall Picture Retakes are scheduled for Tuesday, February 7th. If your child was absent on Picture Day, please be sure to send them dressed for pictures on February 7th. You will need to send the payment order envelope with them as well. Extra payment order envelopes are available in the office. You are not required to purchase pictures, but your child will have their picture taken so that they can be included in the class composite picture.

If your child already had their picture taken, those packets should be arriving at school shortly. They will be sent home with your child. If you decide to have your child retake their picture, you must send the original packet back with your child on Retake Day. Please note that there is a \$10.00 retake fee for any reason other than photographic error.

Join Us for Peterson's Literacy Night

All families are invited to attend Peterson's Literacy Night on Thursday, January 26, 2017. There will be a free dinner sponsored by the Peterson PAC from 5:00-5:30 followed by activities for the whole family to enjoy from 5:30-7:00. Come to hear from children's authors and illustrators, learn about picking "just right" books for your kids, play bingo for books, listen to stories read aloud, and much more! Please plan to bring extra books to our Book Swap and pick up some new books for your kids as well. Kids who dress up as their favorite book characters will win a prize!



Inclement Weather Dismissal for 1st and 2nd Grade Students

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)**