

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.

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 student-focused website that allows students to research and learn more about the many high schools and programs offered at Chicago Public Schools on one, online hub.



Good Evening Peterson Parents,

For this week's newsletter I'd like to continue with our "People of Peterson" series with 2nd Grade Teacher Ms. Carrie Martens:

"I was born and raised in the Old Irving neighborhood in Chicago. As a tried and true Cubs fan, I have spent the last 26 years making Cubs fans of Peterson students !

I love what I do every day. One of the most rewarding aspects of my work is when a student has a 'lightbulb moment' and you can see on their face that they finally 'get it.' One of the challenges I face as a teacher is striving to support all students in the classroom whether they are at, above, or below grade level. Sometimes I feel like I need to have 25 arms! Thankfully for me, I have plenty of support from my awesome team of Ms. Eldorrado and Ms. Shirley.

After 26 years of teaching, I'm always amazed to meet the children of parents who I had previously taught. I once ran into a young man who I had taught (who needed a little more structure and guidance when he was in my classroom) run over to me at the mall and give me a hug! It's always uplifting to run into families from years ago who still remember me!"

Go Cubs go!

Mark your Calendar

- 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**
- Raven Theater Teaching in Rooms 111, 114, 115 & 122 -- February 6th
- PAC Meeting *Featuring the Chicago Commission on Human Relations (Bullying/Cyberbullying)* Tuesday February 7th, 8:45-9:45am
- Friends of Peterson MOD Fundraiser--February 7th
- Picture Re-Take Day --February 7th
- LSC Meeting--February 8th, 6pm
- Quarter 2 Report Card Distribution (*Report Cards Sent Home*)--February 10th
- Sexual Health Education for Grades 5,6,7,8--February 10th
- Raven Theater Teaching in Rooms 111, 114, 115 & 122 -- February 13th
- PTA Meeting -- February 14th, 8:45 am
- NAEP Testing -- February 15th
- **NO afterHours Due to Staff Professional Development (Morning sessions will meet) -- February 15th**
- **NO SCHOOL - Presidents' Day -- February 20th**
- Sexual Health Education for Grades 5,6,7,8--February 21st
- Raven Theater Teaching in Rooms 111, 114, 115 & 122 -- February 21st

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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.

Peterson's Annual Literacy Night

A huge thank you to all of the families who came out to Literacy Night! It would not have happened without the amazing work of Ms. Altshuler and Ms. Rivas as well as the wonderful volunteers who helped make it a success. Thank you to all of the teachers and administrators who worked very long days to bring the joy of literacy to Peterson families - Ms.



Devarenne, Mr. Jdrzejczak, Ms. Godon, Ms. Martens, Ms. Eldorrado, Ms. Klenck, Ms. Jarvis, Ms. Platt, Ms. Zodo, Ms. Washington, Ms. Siemens, Ms. Demetre, Ms. Starr, Ms. Alexa, Mr. Deters, Mr. Caban. And thanks to parents Lynda Gibson, Carmen Karnuth, Chad Eric Bergman, Anita Gabor, Rachida Moe, Shari Kittaka, Melanie Shank, Megan Trinter, and Khadija Laktir for sharing your time and talents!

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)