

PETERSON PARENT PERIODICAL

College Graduates. Community Leaders. Cultural Ambassadors.

Band Sectionals

Band sectionals will begin on Monday, September 11, 2017. Note that morning band rehearsals will begin on Monday, September 18, 2017. Please also be aware that students who are participating in band sectionals will miss one (1) recess period per week.

Join the CIWP Team

The Continuous Improvement Work Plan (CIWP) is a two-year school improvement plan required of all CPS schools.

The purpose of the CIWP is to establish our school's mission, its strategic priorities, and the steps we will take to accomplish our goals.

We are seeking your input into this process! Please "stay tuned" for more information on joining the CIWP committee which will begin meeting in January.

Supplies and Student Fees at Peterson

Please remember that except for a backpack, Peterson families are NOT asked to buy school supplies for their children. The expectation at Peterson is that all students come to school ready to learn, on-time every day. The student fee of \$50.00 per student helps to cover the supplies for all children. Please send the \$50.00 student fee with your student. Both cash and money orders are accepted.

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Dear Peterson Parents,

It's only the first week of school, but classes are already in full swing! And students at Peterson are building more than just academic skills. Our educators firmly believe in the importance of a strong social emotional learning program for all students.

Whether it's participating in a "Circle of Trust and Respect" activity in 5th grade (*above right*) or participating in a team building/team learning activity in 6th grade (*above left*) our educators are always looking for new ways to ensure that all Peterson students graduate not only with the academic tools they need to thrive in society but also the social and emotional tools as well.

Kate Kane

CPS 5th-8th Grade Students Sign up for CPS Score Now!

Attention parents! Is your child interested in participating in a sport this fall? Complete registration by! All sports are "no try outs, no cuts" so everyone should feel welcome to participate. Visit cps.edu/score to sign up today. All sports will be coached by Peterson staff and parents.

CPS SCORE!

REPRESENT YOUR SCHOOL & COMPETE COMPETITIVELY IN:

Boys Soccer

Girls and Boys Volleyball

Girls and Boys Cross Country

Open to all 5th-8th grade students

SIGN UP NOW!
Student Registration: September 5-22

Parents/guardians can register students at cps.edu/score using mobile device or computer

Mark your Calendar

- Band Sectionals Begin -- September 11th -- *AM rehearsals begin on September 18th*
- PAC/PTA Title I Meeting -- September 13th 8:45 - 9:45 am
- Peterson Local School Council (LSC) Meeting -- September 13th 6-7pm
- Peterson Book Fair -- September 18th - 22nd
- Morning Band Rehearsals Begin -- September 18th
- Back to School Night Grades K-4 -- September 20th, 5pm-7pm
- Back to School Night Grades 5-8 -- September 21st, 5pm-7pm
- Cross Country Invitational Meet at Riis Park -- September 21st
- North Park Community Market at Peterson -- September 24th, 10am-1pm
- North Park University at Peterson for Health/PE Lesson -- September 27th

Ways to Stay Informed

- **Website:** (<http://peterson.cps.edu>)
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Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

Attention parents, please review the attached letter from CPS regarding the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA). This letter assures our students that Chicago is their home, and that they will be welcome and protected in our schools regardless of their immigration status. It also provides resources that students and their families can tap into for support, and to better understand their rights. Letters are included in both Spanish and Arabic as well.

The Peterson Attendance Challenge is Back!

Attention Parents! Did you know that research has shown that high attendance rates are linked to high student achievement, and this is true for elementary, middle, and high school students?

At Peterson, we believe that in order to achieve our vision of giving rise to college graduates, community leaders, and cultural ambassadors we need to emphasize strong attendance. In addition to our quarterly prizes for perfect attendance, starting next week ALL homerooms with 98% attendance or greater for the week will receive school-wide recognition and an awesome Peterson attendance trophy!

ALSO, for Kinder through 4th grade homerooms, any homeroom that has 97% attendance for the quarter, will receive snack and play time. 5th through 8th grade homerooms will earn an ice cream or pizza party!

Please help us support this initiative by ensuring that your child is here everyday on time. For more information on why attendance matters, please review the informational flyer included with this newsletter.

