



## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **April**

25 Spring Carnival 12pm-2pm – Windy City Fieldhouse

### **May**

- 1 2am Conferences in pm – morning classes meet
- 5 2am Conferences (no 2am class, all other classes meet)
- 7 Conversations with Jane: Transitioning to Kindergarten (1:30pm and 7pm)
- 12 PW Board Meeting
- 25 No School – Memorial Day
- 28 All School Picnic – Oz Park 12pm

### **June**

- 2 Last day of class for Parent Tot and 2am
- 2 Park West Board Meeting 7pm
- 3 Last day of classes (all classes except 2am)
- 4,5 Staff exit days

## **SPRING CARNIVAL – APRIL 25!**

Have you got your tickets yet?? Don't miss out on the Park West Carnival this weekend. The festivities will be held on Saturday April 25, from noon - 2pm at Windy City Fieldhouse. Inflatables, games, face painting, tattoos, crafts, bikes and scooters – a family favorite Park West event!!!

## **WE NEED YOU – PW BOARD**

Interested in becoming more involved in running our great school?? Several spots will be opening on the Park West Board with new roles transitioning in June. Serving on the Board or chairing a committee is a great way to meet parents outside your class and become more involved in the PW community. We invite any interested parents to attend an upcoming Board meeting or to reach out to Jane or Maggie Daniel (Board President).

## **FROM THE DIRECTOR**

Doesn't Spring Break seem so long ago? Time is funny that way. Sometimes it seems to drag, while other times, it just moves on so quickly. Every school year, I feel as though time is speeding up, especially at this time of year, when we are getting close to June. Let's all enjoy these last weeks of being together.

As you come for your last assisting day of the year, think back to your first assisting day. I bet you wondered, "What are these people thinking, having children pour their own water?" or "Can 3 year olds really wait for a turn and hold up their hand at group time?" Of course that answer is, well sometimes they can. Or maybe you thought, "How can two (or three) teachers respond to eighteen young children, keeping them intellectually challenged and engaged?"

My hope is that with each assisting day, you have noticed changes in your child as well as your child's group: the growing comfort level and abilities of children in the classroom, children's increasing skill sets, the appropriate challenges teachers have created for children that provoke the thinking of children, children's love of school and the interesting things that happen here, children's love for their teachers and playmates. Drink all of this in as you come for your last assist day for this year. It's quite a heady concoction.

Best,  
Jane

## **FAREWELL TO ISAAC**

Thank you to Isaac for all you have done to help to keep Park West running smoothly (and for the countless trips down the stairs to let parents and kids in!) We will miss you and wish you the best in your apprenticeship.

Please join us in welcoming Amanda Ott, who will be taking over as Administrative Assistant starting April 27. Many of you will recognize Amanda as one of our former camp counselors. We are excited to have her join the office!

## **MEMBERSHIP UPDATE**

We would like to welcome all of our new families and we are delighted to have so many families back with us next year! Thank you to our committee members for all of your help. Without you, our committee's success in open houses and the school lottery would not have been possible.

Typically a few spaces open during the spring / summer (e.g., families moving) so if you know anyone looking for a preschool encourage them to call the office. It might be their lucky day!

## **ENROLLMENT FORMS DUE APRIL 22**

Thank you to the many families who have been working hard to get their forms completed! If you haven't already completed your forms, please do so as soon as possible.

There will be a new policy regarding late forms this year. If your forms are late, your family can be moved to the wait list. To insure that your child begins school in Sept, you must complete all forms. Throughout May we will check uploaded forms and will confirm with families once their child/children's file is complete. When school closes for the summer on July 2nd, we will no longer continue to contact families about late forms. Families with an incomplete file by the end of the summer will not receive the information regarding the start of the school year.

Christine Cucinotta  
Board Secretary

## **2014-2015 PARENT SURVEY IS OUT**

The Parent Survey is live! Please take a few minutes to thoughtfully complete the survey and provide comments. Your feedback is anonymous and very much valued. You can find the survey online at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/201415PWCParentSurvey>

Help us reach our goal of 100% participation – we want to hear from you! The survey will be open through May 5.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS UPDATE**

Spring is finally here and what does that mean? Frozen yogurt, of course! Come just us at Menchie's Frozen Yogurt (Riverpoint Center, south of Clybourn and Wrightwood) from 12-9pm on Thursday, April 30th. Flyers to come soon - bring it with you, show it on your mobile device, or simply mention that you are a friend of Park West, and 20% of the sales will go back to the school. With lots of different flavors and fun toppings, everyone will have a ball creating their own masterpiece. Hope to see you there!

## **CONVERSATIONS WITH JANE: TRANSITIONING TO KINDERGARTEN**

**Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> 1:30 and 7pm** at Park West

That's right! We said, Kindergarten. Can you believe it?! If you're still in denial that you are going to have a child in Kindergarten next year (or maybe you're even planning ahead), we encourage you to join Jane on May 7<sup>th</sup> as she discusses the "Transitioning to Kindergarten" process. During this open conversation we hope that your questions will be answered and that your minds will be eased. This is a popular event each year and we are offering it on one day at two different times to accommodate your family's needs. Please feel free to come with prepared questions or just listen and soak in the great advice. Tears optional!

## **PWC IS ON FACEBOOK & TWITTER**

Hey Mom and Dad! Are you following us on Facebook? Lots of great photos from the book fair will be posted on Facebook and Twitter in the coming days. Be sure to like us on Facebook or follow our Twitter handle @parkwestcoop to stay in the loop!

## **NEW ARRIVALS**

Please join us in welcoming Sebastian Millard, new brother of Stefan and Cosette (3AM).  
Congratulations Millard family!

## **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Dear Park West Families,

Welcome back from Spring Break. I hope your time away and on vacations was relaxing and renewing. It's hard to believe we are approaching the end of school. It feels like time will be flying these next few weeks and before we know it, summer will be upon us. Many students and parents are eager to start Camp Sunshine here at school and take part in other camps around the city.

There is still much to enjoy before we say good-bye for the summer. Make sure to join us for the upcoming Spring Carnival and Conversations with Jane.

See you soon!

Best,  
Maggie Daniel