



## DATES TO REMEMBER

### February

- 27 Co-Op Priority applications due for returning families
- 27 Alumni Day in pm
- 27 Parent/Tot and Co-Op applications due for returning families

### March

- 5 3pm and JK conferences – no school pm, am classes only
- 6 Parent/Tot and Co-Op applications due for new families
- 10 Mind The Gap – 2<sup>nd</sup> installment due
- 10 Park West Board Meeting – 7pm
- 13 3pm and JK conferences in pm, no school pm, am classes meet
- 18 3pm & JK conferences in pm – am classes only
- 27 Last day of school before spring break

### April

- Mar 30 – April 6: Spring Break – no classes
- 7 Classes resume after Spring Break
- 10 3am & 4am Conferences in pm; morning classes meet
- 14 PW Board Meeting
- 16 3am conferences in am – no school 3am, all other classes meet
- 17 4am conferences in am – no school 4am, all other classes meet
- 22 3am & 4am conferences – no class 3am & 4am, pm classes only
- 25 Spring Carnival – Windy City Fieldhouse

## 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

So fun to see all of you at Park West's Passport to Paradise Gala. Thank you for coming and being so generous. It was quite the party. Thank you to Cassidy Neveux, Anne Mansfield, and Anne Zaug, our tireless chairs for The Gala, and their Special Events Committee. All of your planning and hard work were evident.

Parents, please get you applications for next school year submitted to TADS. The application deadline for priority students - your current Park West student, as well as siblings - is next Friday, Feb. 28th.

Some of you have applied to other schools for next year. As you get your acceptance or wait list letters, please reach out to me if you would you like to talk over the options or perhaps to create a game plan for your next school experience.

I'm rooting for Spring.

Jane

## 2015-16 APPLICATIONS ARE DUE!

The deadlines for next school year applications is rapidly approaching – **February 27** for returning families and **March 6** for new families. Please note this includes both Co-Op and Parent/Tots applications this year. The lottery will be held in early March so please get your applications in!

Applications are now online! Returning and new families can now apply for the 2015-2016 school year online at [parkwestcoop.org](http://parkwestcoop.org). How easy is that?? Check an item off your to do list and complete your application for next year online. If you have any questions on the online application, please contact [admissions@parkwestcoop.org](mailto:admissions@parkwestcoop.org)

## 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!

## SPECIAL EVENTS UPDATE

Were you too busy mingling at the gala and missed out on the hosted party sign-ups? Have no fear...there's still time! We have some open spots for **three** events that are too good to miss. If interested, please call or email Nada, and she will add you to the list. Come join the fun!

### George's Gym

Join Park West parents, Katie & Mark Hytros, at their home for a play date with a twist. A great opportunity to get your children (and parents, alike) together to socialize and have fun! George's Gym will keep the little ones engaged with games, group activities and crafts while the parents chat over drinks and appetizers. Pizza will be provided for the kids.

**Sunday, April 19, 2015 from 4-6pm**

**Tickets are \$40 per child. Maximum of 12 children.**

**At least one parent or guardian per family must attend.**

### Jane's Annual Garden Party

Join Park West Director, Jane Nolan, for an evening under the stars at her annual garden party. A unique opportunity to visit Jane and fellow Park West parents at Jane's Lincoln Park home. Always a popular evening, there will be light food, drinks and endless conversation.

**Saturday, July 11, 2015 at 8pm**

**Tickets are \$125 per person. 30 guests max.**

### Mini-Camp Basketball Training with Professional Euroleague Player Brian Randle

Randle will personally coach a small group of 5-8 year olds on basketball techniques. Brian's team, Maccabi Electra\_Tel Aviv, was the top Euroleague team in 2014. Maccabi Electra Tel Aviv is now featured in Israeli Yellow Nation on Comcast Sports Net. Brian played college ball with the Illinois Fighting Illini when the team went to the Final Four in 2005.

**Camp will take place on a Thursday in July between 4 and 5 p.m.**

**Location TBD (but near Park West).**

**Tickets are \$50 per child. 8 children max.**

**At least one parent or guardian per family must attend.**

## SPRING CARNIVAL – APRIL 25

Mark your calendars, the date for our Spring Carnival has been set! The festivities will be held on Saturday April 25, from noon - 2pm at Windy City Fieldhouse. More details about this fabulous, fun event will follow!

## ENROLLMENT FORMS DUE APRIL 22nd

Enrollment forms for the next school year will be due before we know it. We want to remind returning families to schedule doctor appointments, as those are often the most challenging part of the enrollment process. Children need an updated medical form every year and adults need an updated medical form and TB test every two years. If you are not sure when your medical form expires, please email Nicole or myself at [secretary@parkwestcoop.org](mailto:secretary@parkwestcoop.org). We ask that families help make this year's enrollment period a smoother process by completing the necessary forms via TADS by the April 22nd due date.

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

## PLAN A PW OUTING AT STANDARD MARKET GRILL

Come join us *through February 28* at Standard Market Grill (444 West Fullerton Parkway). Just mention Park West when ordering, and 10% of your pre-tax purchase will be donated back to the school. Standard Market Grill is open for lunch and dinner Monday - Sunday, and brunch on the weekends too. Grab your family, join some friends, and enjoy a meal (or two) out!

## **WELCOME NEW FAMILIES AND NEW ADDITIONS**

Please join us in welcoming Piper Elizabeth Sneathen, new sister of Harrison Sneathen (3PM)!

## **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

Dear Parents,

Have you noticed the white tiles w/the Park West logo and family names on the stairwell wall leading to the school office? Recently a couple of parents have asked me about them. We first started our tile project to celebrate Park West Coop's 40th Anniversary in 2011. Families were so happy to leave a trace of their children here at Park West. The tiles were part of our 40th Anniversary fundraising campaign.

Would you like to leave a trace of your child and family? The tiles are still being fabricated. The cost of a tile is \$1000. Some families have bought a tile for their family indicating their family name and the years of attendance at Park West. Other families have bought a tile for each of their children, with each child's name and years of attendance on individual tiles, these are \$1000 each as well.

My goal is to fill up the entire wall with tiles representing our families. I do hope you will consider purchasing a tile for your family or even perhaps a tile for each of your children. I purchased one for my family and do smile as i look at it as i climb the stairs. I also love to see the names on those tiles, some from families that were here in the early 80s, as I was as a parent.

Next time you are at school, take a closer look at the tiles and see that there are tiles from all of our years, from families that were here from the 1970s to present day. I hope your family's tile will join my family's on our Park West Family wall.

Please give me a call if you'd like more information.

Best,  
jane

## **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Dear Park West Families,

What a fantastic party Special Events threw on February 7th at the "Passport to Paradise" gala. Co-Chairs Anne Mansfield, Cassidy Neveux and Anne Zaug, along with their committee, pulled out all the stops! The games, food, drinks and entertainment were spectacular. Thank you to all of our families, alumni, teachers and staff who were in attendance. Thank you also to our entire parent body for donating the more than one-hundred amazing auction items.

The gala was such a wonderful illustration of how co-chairs and their committee can come together to make a truly memorable event. On that note, I'd like to encourage any parents who are interested in serving on next school year's Park West Board of Directors to reach out to Jane or myself. Becoming a member of the Board has greatly enriched our family's experience at Park West.

Here's hoping for milder temperatures as we head into March. Can't wait for spring!

Best,  
Maggie