



DATES TO REMEMBER

January

- 27 2am Parents Day
- 28 3pm & JK Parents Day
- 29 3am & 4am Parents Day
- 30 No school – staff in service day
note date change

February

- 4 Classes to be held – make-up day for January weather closure
- 7 "Passport to Paradise" Gala
- 10 Park West Board Meeting - 7pm
- 16-17 Mid-Winter break – no school
- 20 Prospective Parent Open House 2:30pm at Park West
- 27 Co-Op Priority applications due for returning families
Alumni Day in pm

March

- 5 3pm and JK conferences in pm – no school pm, am classes meet
- 6 Co-Op applications due for new families
- 10 Park West Board Meeting – 7pm
- 13 3pm and JK conferences
- 18 3pm & JK conferences in pm – no school pm, am classes meet
- 27 Last day of school before spring break

Save the Date

- Mar 30 – April 6: Spring Break
- April 3 Parent / Tots applications due

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!

FROM THE DIRECTOR

I think we are all happy to get back to a more normal routine after the holidays - and the days off due to the cold. Once again the classrooms are buzzing with activity. And school too is gearing up for more events. Thank you to the parents who joined me for Jane's Book Club and our discussion of *The Whole-Brain Child*.

This month we have Parents Day to look forward to. Do check the calendar and make arrangements to join your child at school for this beloved event. 2 Day Morning parents, note that Parents Day for your children has been re-scheduled to Tuesday, January 27th. A flyer has gone home with the particulars.

Priority applications for next school year are due Feb. 27th. All applications are now accepted only through the internet. Please submit your application for next year, don't wait until the application deadline. It is helpful to our Membership Committee and the school office to get these applications sooner rather than later, so please take the time to submit your child's application. If you have questions about best class placement for your child, please just give me a call or stop in the office and we could discuss it.

Also, please be an ambassador for Park West and encourage family, friends, and co-workers to apply. Parents are our best representatives.

On a personal note, thank you for the many gifts at the holiday period. You were most kind and generous. Many thanks.

Jane

HELP SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT PWC OPEN HOUSES!

Park West is hosting its last open house for prospective families on February 20th at 2:30pm. Please share the information through your social media outlets and anyone you think may be interested in making Park West Co-Op their school. As parents you are our best ambassadors.

2015-16 APPLICATIONS ARE ONLINE!

Applications are now online! Returning and new families can now apply for the 2015-2016 school year online at 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

EMERGENCY TEXT ALERT SIGN-UP

REMINDER!!

If you have not signed up to receive Park West Emergency Text Alerts for the current school year please do so ASAP. We appreciate you taking the time to do this and we look forward to keeping you in the loop. Thank you to those families that have already signed up for the text alerts! Remember to sign up for both school wide and classroom text alerts:

SIGN UP FOR SCHOOL TEXT ALERTS:

- 1.) Text 773-663-4383. Enter "@pwcns" in message box and hit send.
- 2.) A text may be sent to you asking your name. Please provide.
- 3.) A text may be sent to you asking if you are a student. Please reply No.
- 4.) You should receive confirmation.

SIGN UP FOR CLASS TEXT ALERTS:

- 1.) Text 773-663-4383. Enter appropriate class handle (@pttot, @pw2am, @pw3am, @pw3pm, @pw4am2, @pw4am3, @pwjk2, @pwjk3) in message box and hit send.
- 2.) A text may be sent to you asking your name. Please provide.
- 3.) A text may be sent to you asking if you are a student. Please reply No.
- 4.) You should receive a confirmation.

Thank you for taking the time to do this!! We look forward to keeping you in the loop.

SPECIAL EVENTS UPDATE

Ready to escape this chilly weather and transport yourself to paradise? Beat the winter blues and come to our annual gala, "Passport to Paradise." It will be held on **Saturday, Feb. 7, from 6-11 p.m.** at Floating World Gallery (1925 N. Halsted St.). We promise a fun and festive night of cocktails (specialty Horchata Martinis and Chili Mango Margaritas created by an expert mixologist just for Park West), auction bidding, game playing and delicious food - not to mention dancing and lots of socializing. We've got a plethora of unique and exciting auction items, so get ready to shop; and thanks to all of you for the wonderful donations! Also plan to swing by our photo booth at the gala with your significant other, friends, teachers and Jane, of course! Photos will be posted on a Web site for purchase after the event. RSVPs are due on Friday, Jan. 16, so fill out the cards and drop them by the office, or mail them with your checks (and don't forget to book a sitter!). As a reminder, all Park West families are required to purchase at least two tickets whether or not you plan to attend. We hope to see everyone there!

As a reminder, our partnership with Que Syrah continues through February. If you haven't yet made your wine donation or if you are looking to stock up for the holidays, please visit or give Que Syrah a phone call at 773-871-8888, and you can purchase your donation thru them. Que Syrah will give us 15% back on all purchases, up thru the gala event. They have a wine club membership that includes two bottles every month. If you pay upfront for any number of months, Que Syrah will add that to our total sales. What a great way to score some monthly wines and support the school! Just tell the store you are a friend of Park West. Spread the word and happy shopping!

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!

WELCOME NEW ADDITIONS

Please join us in welcoming Landon Pettit, new brother of Christian Pettit (4AM-3), Charlie Krebs, new brother of Emma Krebs (4am-2), and Jacob Klong, brother of Mila Klong (3PM)!

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Park West Families,

It was a wacky welcome back to school after our winter break. For the second year in a row, subzero wind chills forced us to close school to ensure the safety of students and staff. We are hopeful Mother Nature will spare us from any more extremely cold days this school year.

One way to warm up this winter is by joining us at the Park West 'Passport to Paradise' gala on Saturday, February 7th. The team behind this event has been working since last May to ensure an evening to remember. You'll be transported to paradise at the Floating World Gallery (1925 N. Halsted Street) from 6pm-11pm. Get ready to enjoy delicious food, open bar, DJ and both silent and live auctions. Some of the most exciting auction items include:

- *2 tickets to see a taping of Late Night with Seth Myers in NYC with a Hilton hotel stay.
- *2 first class tickets to Hawaii on Delta
- *Ivanka Trump oval shaped black onyx cocktail ring with signature oval diamond band

We look forward to celebrating with you!

All my best,
Maggie