



DATES TO REMEMBER

December

22 Winter Break – no classes until Monday, January 5th

January

5 Classes resume following winter break
 13 PW Board Meeting – 7pm
 14 PW Book Club – 7pm at Park West
 19 No School – Martin Luther King, Jr Day
 21 Prospective Parent Open House 6:30pm
 27 2am Parents Day
 28 3pm & JK Parents Day
 29 3am & 4am Parents Day
 30 No school – staff in service day
 note date change

Save the Date!

Feb 4th No School – teacher in service
 Feb 7th "Passport to Paradise" Gala
 Feb 16-17th Mid-Winter break – no school
 Feb 20th Prospective Parent Open House
 2:30pm at Park West

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, or Jane at @parkwestjane, to stay in the loop!

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Winter break is here. Enjoy some time with your family. Try to have some down time, don't schedule every moment. I know life continues to be hectic, even more than usual with the holidays: visiting family, cookies to be made, presents to be wrapped, changes in the routine, and wait, you can't even drop the kids off at school!! All will be well. Settle into a little more life at home. I'll be waiting at the school house door on January 5th. Cheers to 2015!

Best,
Jane

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. PWCNS emergency text messaging will be our first line of communication regarding unforeseen emergencies as we have the ability to reach everyone in real time. A season of unpredictable weather is fast approaching and those families that have not signed up for the text alerts will be at a great disadvantage as they will not be immediately informed of urgent matters such as school closures due to snow/weather and sudden changes in school/classroom schedules. We appreciate you taking the time to do so 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. Instructions follow on the next page:

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

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!

Auction Donations

The auction deadline was November 14th. For those who have already donated, a BIG thank you! If you haven't yet made your donation, we look forward to receiving it soon.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to our Education Committee for all their efforts to organize the Book Fair. This is truly one of Park West's most memorable events thanks for your hard work. What a great turnout by our Park West families!

A huge thank you to Shawn Mansfield for sharing his expertise with the House Committee and installing an extra safety rail on the 2nd floor classroom playhouse!

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

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Park West Families,

Thank you for coming out on a chilly Wednesday evening, with your kids snuggled in their pjs, for the annual Park West Book Fair. It's always a bit hectic, but there's nothing like seeing Jane in her pajamas and having the teachers read your children their bedtime stories.

A couple of quick reminders for families before the holiday rush:

*Please sign up for Park West text message alerts. This system will help us get the word out should school be canceled because of snow days or the dreaded polar vortex.

*Wine donations and auction items are now past due. If this is on your list, please get them in before we leave for break.

Sending warm wishes to you and your family this holiday season. See you in 2015!

Best,
Maggie