



## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **February**

Feb 28 Priority Co-op Applications due for 2014-15

Feb 28 Alumni day - afternoon

### **March**

Mar 6 Talk/Q&A/Book Signing with Ashley Merryman of "NurtureShock" & "Top Dog" at 7pm

Mar 7 Mind the Gap 2<sup>nd</sup> Installment due

Mar 7 Non-Priority Co-op Applications due for 2014-15

Mar 11 Park West Board Meeting 7:00pm

Mar 14 3pm & JK Conferences – pm

Mar 18 Teacher In-Service – No School

Mar 19 3pm & JK Conferences – (no 3pm or JK classes)

Mar 26 Camp Sunshine Applications Due

Mar 28 4am conferences – no 4am classes

Mar 31 3am conferences – no 3am classes

### **April**

Apr 4 3am/4am conferences (in pm)

Apr 4 Parent / Tot applications due

Apr 8 Park West Board Meeting 7:00pm

Apr 10 3am/4am conferences (no 3am or 4am classes)

Apr 14-21 Spring Break – no classes

Apr 30 Jane's Book Club 7pm

### **May**

May 2 2am conferences – in pm

May 6 2am conferences – no 2am class

May 8 Conversations with Jane 1:30pm and 7:30pm

May 13 Park West Board Meeting – 7pm

May 15 Teacher in Service – no school

May 17 Spring Carnival at Windy City Fieldhouse. Details to come.

May 26 Memorial Day – no school

May 29 All School Picnic – Oz Park 12pm

## **FROM THE DIRECTOR**

It was such fun to party and dance with you at our annual Gala: Coloring Outside the Lines. Thank you to Maggie Daniel, Jennifer Moon, Dominica Fisher and our Special Events Committee for organizing the event. All of your

hard work was evident. Thank you also to all of you who attended and donated to the event. I think everyone had a fantastic time.

I hope to see you at the lecture on March 6th with Ashley Merryman, who will be discussing her new book, Top Dog.

Please remember to submit your applications for the 14-15 school year by Friday, Feb. 28th.

Best,  
jane

## **2014-2015 APPLICATIONS DUE!**

Reminder from the Membership Committee to all parents that priority applications (current families, returning families and siblings) are due Friday, February 28th. Applications for the Parent-Tot program are due Friday, April 4th.

We urge everyone to get them in as soon as possible. Late applications lose any priority and go into the general application pool.

## **PWC IS ON FACEBOOK!**

Hey Mom and Dad! Are you following us on Facebook? Help us keep you up to date on what's happening at Park West Co-op!

## **CALENDAR REVISION**

Please note that our staff in-service day for March has been changed from March 12 to March 18. There will be no school on this day.

DCFS requires all nursery schools to conduct vision and hearing screenings for all children 3 years old and over. This screening will take place at school on Tuesday, March 11 and Wednesday, March 12. You will be receiving information in the coming weeks. This screening cannot be used for the required kindergarten exam.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS UPDATE**

The Special Events Committee would like to thank all of the Park West families, teachers and staff for a

wonderful and successful Color Outside the Lines gala. We hope you enjoyed the auctions, food, drinks and dancing. Thank you for making it such a special evening.

Last chance auction items! Make a bid! All you need to do is write down your bid and turn it into the office on or before Tuesday, March 4th. We will check the numbers and the highest bidder wins. Here's a list of auction items that are up for grabs:

- \*Adorable Calico Critters play sets  
Value \$125, Minimum bid: \$25
- \*Gift certificate to Power Sculpt Fitness  
Value \$100, Minimum bid: \$25
- \*Two gift certificates to Custom Hair Lounge  
Value \$126, Minimum bid: \$25
- \*Pinski Dermatology gift certificate  
Value \$450, Minimum bid: \$50
- \*Kickin' Boutique shopping party  
Value \$400, Minimum bid: \$120

Get your tickets now for the highly anticipated book signing, talk and question & answer session with New York Times Best Selling author Ashley Merryman. Ashley will talk about her new book "Top Dog: The Science of Winning and Losing." Ashley is also the co-author of NurtureShock, a former Jane's Book Club selection. Mark your calendars for March 6th at 7pm. Tickets are \$40 and include a copy of Top Dog. Email or call the office for more details: [parkwest@parkwestcoop.org](mailto:parkwest@parkwestcoop.org) or 773-327-1115. Please be sure to RSVP so we know how many to expect and how many books we'll need. Friends invited!

Grab dinner to go March 11th at Homemade Pizza Company at 3430 N. Southport. The owners will give cash and a percentage of sales back to Park West.

### **SIGN UP FOR TEXT ALERTS**

Hey Everybody!! Grab Your Phone! PWCNS is going to be using mobile messaging for urgent matters such as snow/weather closings, sudden changes in school/classroom schedules, or any unforeseen emergencies. PWCNS text messaging will become our first line of communication as we will be able to reach everyone at once in real time. Please sign up for BOTH the school wide alert, as well as your classroom/s alerts.

The instructions to receive texts from school and your child's individual class/es below.

### **HOW TO SIGN-UP FOR TEXT FOR SCHOOL-WIDE ALERTS:**

- 1.) text (773)922-4265. Enter "@pwcn" in message box and hit send
- 2.) a text will be sent to you asking your name. Please provide.
- 3.) you will receive confirmation

### **HOW TO SIGN-UP FOR TEXT FOR CLASSROOM/S ALERTS:**

- 1.) text (773)922-4265. Enter appropriate class handle (@pttot, @pw2am, @pw3am, @pw3pm, @pw4am2, @pw4am3jk, @pwjk2, @pwjk3) in message box and hit send
- 2.) you should receive a confirmation addressed to you.

Please note, you can download the app but do not need to in order to receive texts. Also, we will not be using the email portion of this application. School wide emails will continue to come from [parkwest@parkwestcoop.org](mailto:parkwest@parkwestcoop.org). (If you already registered for the email alerts, you can discontinue your registration for that. We have found that there may be some advertisements sent to your email which many people do not want. That said, we have decided to continue to send any email alerts directly from the office, as we have in the past.)

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

### **EDUCATION UPCOMING EVENTS:**

#### **Coming Up-**

You know what's a great thing to do on a cold day? Curl up with a good book! Might we suggest Jane's Book Club book, *Top Dog* by Po Bronson and Ashley Merryman. Join Jane on April 30<sup>th</sup> as she leads a discussion on *Top Dog* here at Park West. While reading *Top Dog* you will begin to understand what's truly in the heart of a champion and explore the joy of victory and the character-building agony of defeat. As well as what team work really requires. A riveting discussion is bound to take place. Happy reading!

**Jane's Book Club: *Top Dog: The science of Winning and Losing*, by Po Bronson and Ashley Merryman  
Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Park West**

#### **Looking ahead-**

**Conversations with Jane: *Transitioning to Kindergarten*  
Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup> 1:30pm and 7pm**

## **NEW ARRIVALS**

Congratulations to Maggie Stott (3PM) and her family on the birth of sister, Elizabeth. Congratulations to Louie Eigenberg (JK-3) on the birth of sister, Myrna.

## **COMINGS AND GOINGS**

We are sad to say goodbye to Annie Marderosian (3PM), Amelia Nowalany (2AM), and Katie Mueth (JK-3). We wish them all the best.

We are delighted to welcome Natalie Peyton (3PM), and Julia Rabkin (2AM). Please add them to your contact information in your school directory:

Rabkin, Julia (2AM)  
Kyle and Michael Rabkin (312) 212-3960 (home)  
641 W Willow St #117 Chicago, IL 60614  
Rabkin, Kyle (415) 572-0417 kylerabkin@gmail.com  
Rabkin, Michael (415) 845-5609 rabkinm@gmail.com

Peyton, Natalie (3PM)  
Theresa Peyton  
(312) 493-8905  
1732 W Nelson Chicago, IL 60657  
tpeyton@vedderprice.com

## **CAMP SUNSHINE**

Applications are available in the office for our summer camp program. There will be two 3-week sessions with camp on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings. The first session runs from June 17 to July 3. The second session from July 8 to July 24. Spots are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Children must be toilet trained for our camp program.

## **PARK WEST BOARD NEEDS YOU!!**

Interested in learning more about the Park West Board or becoming more involved? The Park West Board is a great opportunity to give back to the school and get to know more of our amazing Park West Community! We are beginning to identify open positions for the 2014-2015 school year and will be filling these in the spring.

Interested parents are invited to attend the next Board meeting on March 11<sup>th</sup> - details are available in the school office. Can't make the meeting? Please reach out to Kelli Knoble (Board President) or Jane with any questions – we hope to hear from YOU!

The Board of Directors meeting was held on February 11<sup>th</sup>. Meeting Minutes will be available in the office once approved at the next meeting.

## **ASSISTANT TREASURER NEEDED**

In addition to open spots for next year, we are looking for a Treasurer for the Board for the 2014 - 2015 year who is willing to start now and join me as a Co-Treasurer. As the Treasurer for the last 5 years I know how interesting and critical this position is to Park West. The role includes budgeting, bill paying, working with the accountant and auditor and reviewing the investments. If you have a background in finance, accounting or enjoy treasurer roles this job might be for you. Please contact the office or email me at cheryl\_demong@yahoo.com if you are interested.

## **LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Our Park West community thrives due to the contributions of our talented and dedicated teachers and administration, and through the generous support of our parents. Our *Color Outside the Lines* Gala & Auction is a shining example of the level of dedication and contributions (both time and financial) many of our parents put towards our school.

I want to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU to the Special Events co-chairs, Maggie Daniel, Dominica Fisher and Jennifer Moon for planning an incredibly successful and beautiful event!!! While it may have seemed effortless, to plan an event that will raise such significant funds is a HUGE endeavor. Our Special Events co-chairs, Maggie, Dominica and Jennifer spent much, if not all, of their time over the past year to create and execute our school's only fundraiser. Thanks also to the Special Events committee who supported the chairs to execute such a fantastic evening. Lastly, it would not have been such a successful event without all of our parents who attended the gala, donated items to the auction and contributed financially through donations and bids! Thank you!

Warmly,  
Kelli Knoble