

The LINK

A Monthly Newsletter for Park West Families



May
2014

DATES TO REMEMBER

May

May 29 All School Picnic – Oz Park 12pm

June

June 2 Last day for Tots
June 3 Last day for 2am class
June 3 PW Board Meeting – 7pm
(Transition for new members)
June 4 Last day for 3am, 3pm, 4am and
JK classes
June 4 Rain Day for All School Picnic – Oz
Park 12pm
June 17 First Session of Camp Sunshine
July 8 Second Session of Camp Sunshine
July 24 Camp Sunshine Ends
Park West Office Closes

2014-15 Classes

Jane and our Membership Chairs have been busy filling 2014-2015 classes and we are excited for several new families to be joining in the fall. We typically see some spots free up over the summer due to families moving out of the city. If you know any parents who may be interested or moving into the city please encourage them to contact the school. It could be their lucky day!

2014-2015 Forms Due

As a reminder, forms were due **April 30** – if you have not already completed your forms, PLEASE, submit them via TADS or the Park West Office as soon as possible. Due to licensing requirements, children will not be able to attend their teacher visits or start school without all forms completed. Thank you.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

From the Director

Our last Link of the school year? This is difficult for me to believe. Thanks for being with us this year and all the effort you have put into your assisting days, serving on your committee, and attending school events. I do hope you have enjoyed your time with us here at Park West this school year and felt it was a worthwhile adventure and learning experience for your child and family.

If you are moving on, please know that I don't lose track of folks. You will always be part of the Park West Family and we want to hear from you and continue to have a relationship with you. Next school year, you will get a couple of emails from us, letting you know about school events. We hope you can join us for some of them. If you need a sounding board or listening ear, you know I am always available and willing to chat. It has been my honor and privilege to get to know all of you - and your children.

love,
jane

EXTRA CLOTHES FOR SCHOOL

Are you cleaning out your closets? Are those pants now just too small for your child? If you have pants, shirts, underwear, t-shirts, or socks you are getting rid of, we'd love to have some of them for our boxes of extra clothes here at school.

SOCIAL UPDATE

Thank you to our Social Committee for organizing a fantastic Rainbow Connection Spring Carnival. So wonderful to see so many of our Park West families attending and even some new families who will be joining Park West in the fall. What a great way to spend a Saturday afternoon!

HOUSE UPDATE

A big round of thanks for all the hard work from the House Committee! We have a little more work ahead to wrap up the year but we have accomplished a lot so far!!

EDUCATION UPCOMING EVENTS:

The education committee would like to thank everyone for their support and participation at our events this school year. We hope that you found these events informative, helpful, and fun. Have a great summer!

SPECIAL EVENTS UPDATE

The Special Events Co-chairs would like to thank the Special Events committee, all of the Park West families, as well as the teachers and staff for making the 2013/2014 school year truly memorable. Your generosity was overwhelming. It was our pleasure to help organize the Wine Event and the Color Outside the Lines Gala & Auction. Working together with all of you to take Park West into the future has been a wonderful feeling. The laughter, friendships and memories we shared with families, teachers and staff will be cherished for a lifetime.

Thank you!

Your Special Events Co-Chairs,
Dominica, Jennifer & Maggie

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Thank you to our Membership Committee for their enthusiasm and help with the NPN fair and open houses!

Noreen and Shipra

NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations to Greta Cox (4am-2) and her family on the arrival of baby brother Andrew William Cox.

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!

MEMORY BOOKS

Thank you to our Room Parents for all their efforts this year – from organizing potlucks, to coordinating class gifts & outings, to the many hours spent creating those beautiful Memory Books that we all treasure!

PARK WEST BOARD UPDATE

A heartfelt thank you to several Board members who will be "retiring" from their seats as their children move on to elementary school or off the Park West Board. Our parent community is so critical to our school philosophy and success – and your contributions go above and beyond. Best wishes to Kelli Knoble, Cheri Hubbard, Mary Purves Waco, Cynthia McCullough, Alex Nam, Michelle Kilkenny, Jennifer Moon and Elizabeth Warren-Mikes, Dominica Fisher, Catherine Peterson, and their families.

The Board of Directors meeting was held on May 13th. Meeting Minutes will be available in the office once approved at the next meeting.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

This month's letter was nearly impossible to write. It's hard to express how I feel about this school year coming to an end. For my family, it means our time at Park West is coming to an end. We all know change is hard - but it's especially hard when you are leaving a place that you love.

Park West Coop is truly a special place and I feel so lucky that my children were able to begin their school years here. There are so many things I will miss...Jane swinging the doors open with her warm and genuine smile to greet everyone. I will miss watching the teachers as they welcome the kids and start their day. I will miss walking in to the classroom and seeing the loft transformed into a castle, police station or whatever theme won the most votes. I will miss assisting in the classroom and watching my kids learn and play with their peers. I will miss hearing the truly comical conversations between preschoolers. I will miss listening to the teachers interact with the kids and thinking...ahhh that's what I need to say! The list goes on and on...but what I will miss most are the million little things that are a part of these wonderful, tender preschool years that go by way too fast. Park West and the people in it really embody what makes these years so magical - so it's hard to say goodbye to the place and really the years. To Jane, Nada and all of the teachers at Park West - there is no better place we could have entrusted this time to, you are truly the best at what you do. Thank you for making these years even more memorable.

Love,
Kelli