



DATES TO REMEMBER

March

- 24&25 Hearing and Vision Screening
- 25 Pizzeria Nella Night Out (see Special Events update)
- 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 – all other classes meet
- 17 4am conferences in am – all other classes meet
- 22 3am & 4am conferences in am pm classes only
- 25 Spring Carnival 12pm-2pm – 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).

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

Spring? Really? How can time just keep going and getting away from me? Here we are cruising into the last third of the school year. I'm thrilled with the more moderate temperatures but April and the closeness of the end of school is haunting me. Spring Break is just a week or so away.

We have been busy meeting families who have gained admission to Park West for next school year through the lottery. These families have been touring school and observing in classrooms. Do you remember going through that process last year? The year before? 5 years ago? For me, it was in 1981 – long ago, but still so close to my heart.

Spring conferences for our afternoon groups ended Friday, the 20th. Morning classes will have their conferences after Spring Break.

Enjoy Spring Break,
Jane

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

This year's lottery has been run, and our offers have been made. We are very excited about our incoming fall preschool and Tots classes. We are currently reviewing our waitlist applicants.

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!

PARENT SURVEY

With Spring, comes the annual Parent Survey. We will be emailing you a link to the survey in April – please take a few minutes to complete the survey. Your feedback is very important!

ENROLLMENT FORMS DUE APRIL 30

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. We ask that families help make this year's enrollment period a smoother process by completing the necessary forms via TADS by the April 30 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

SPECIAL EVENTS UPDATE

Thanks to each and every one of you for helping to make this year's gala and auction a huge success. Your generosity (combined with tequila and RumChata intake) helped us raise 50% more than our goal! In all seriousness, we, and all of the staff at Park West, are so appreciative of your support.

Nothing beats pizza....and wood-fired, classic Neapolitan pizza? Even better! Head to **Pizzeria Da Nella (1443 West Fullerton) on Wednesday, March 25th**, and 20% of your purchase will go to Park West. Can't make it? Give them a call at 773-281-6600 and have it delivered. 10% of your delivery order will go to the school (no online orders please). Check out their special kid's pizzas too...they will be a hit!

Spring is approaching...time to get out there and enjoy! Need some fun ideas? It's not too late to sign up for these great events. If interested, please call or email Nada, and she will add you to the list. Come join us!

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. Maximum of 30 guests.

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. Maximum of 8 children.

At least one parent or guardian per family must attend.

WELCOME NEW ADDITIONS!

Please join us in welcoming Ellen "Nella" Elizabeth McNally, new sister of Jack (alum) and Maisie (3PM). Congratulations McNally family!

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Park West Families,

We did it! We survived another Chicago winter. There were days when it seemed almost insurmountable to get the kids bundled up and off to school. The tattered gloves and hats will thankfully soon be a distant memory.

This spring brings one of my favorite Park West social events of the year. Make sure to mark your calendars for the Spring Carnival on Saturday, April 25th from 12pm-2pm. My girls left last year's carnival shouting: "Best Day Ever."

A huge thank you to our Membership and Tech Co-chairs and their committees for the tremendous amount of work they did to run this year's lottery. Also, congratulations to those families who were accepted to JK programs at area private schools. We will miss you and your children, but are so happy for your families.

Best,
Maggie Daniel