



## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

### **October**

- 27 Grade School Fair 9:30am-11am
- 27 Jane on NPN Panel at Erikson Institute from 7-9pm
- 28 2am Potluck
- 29 3PM & JK Conferences (No School PM, AM classes meet)

### **November**

- 2 4AM-2 Potluck
- 5 3AM & 4AM Conferences in AM (No School AM, PM classes meet)
- 5 Wine Tasting Event – Galleria Liqueurs 6:30-9:30pm (See Special Events Update for details!)
- 6 Prospective Parent Open House at 2:30
- 10 Park West Board Meeting
- 11 No School - Veterans Day
- 13 3AM & 4AM Conferences in PM (AM classes meet)
- 13 Auction Items Due
- 15 Second installment of Tuition due**
- 19 3AM & 4AM Conferences in AM (No School AM, PM classes meet)
- 21 Little Miss Ann Concert at PW
- 25-27 Thanksgiving Break

### **December**

- 3 Park West Book Fair & Pajama Party at Barnes & Noble on Clybourn
- 3 Wine Donations Due
- 4 2AM Conferences (No class for 2AM only)
- 11 2AM Conferences in PM (AM classes meet)
- 21 Winter Break – no classes until Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup>

### **Save the Date!**

- Jan 26th 2AM Parents Day 9:30-11am
- Jan 27th 3PM & JK Parents Day 1:30-3pm
- Jan 28th 3AM & 4AM Parents Day 9:30-11am
- Feb 6th Park West "Imagine" Gala

## **FROM THE DIRECTOR**

It has been such fun getting to socialize with parents at the pot luck get togethers. Thank you, Room Parents, for organizing these fun events. I think it's important parents and I get to know each other. I am often a resource or sounding board for parents at school and that is an honor for me. Please reach out to me if you feel I might be of help to you about your child's development, next school experience, or school matters.

We currently have a spot in our JK class. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please let them know. We would still enroll new students, even though the school year has begun.

Our first open house for prospective parents will be held on Friday, November 6th, at 2:30pm. If you have friends, neighbors, or co-workers looking for a nursery school, please encourage to attend one of our three open houses. Parents are our best ambassadors.

Best,  
Jane

## **EMERGENCY TEXT ALERT SIGN-UP**

REMINDER!! There was a notice included in the folder given to each family at Fall General Meeting about receiving Emergency Text Alerts from Park West. If you haven't had a chance to sign up please do so ASAP as winter weather will soon be upon us. **Although you may have signed up to receive texts alerts last year you will need to sign up again.** We are looking for 100% participation as these text messages will be PWCNS's first line of communication regarding urgent matters such as snow/weather closings, sudden changes in school/classroom schedules, or any unforeseen urgent matters. **Remember to sign up for BOTH school-wide and classroom alerts.** Please follow the directions on the next page...

## **SIGN UP FOR SCHOOL TEXT ALERTS:**

- 1.) Text 773-663-4383. Enter "@pwcns" in message box and hit send.
- 2.) **Please** enter your **child's last name**, your **relationship to the child** (e.g. mom, dad, nanny, grandmother, etc.) and your **child's class** (e.g. pttot, 2am, 3am, 3pm, 4am2, 4am3, JK2, JK3)
- 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.) Please enter your **child's last name**, your **relationship to the child** (e.g. mom, dad, nanny, grandmother, etc.) and your **child's class** (e.g. pttot, 2am, 3am, 3pm, 4am2, 4am3, JK2, JK3)
- 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.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Our first open house is Friday, November 6th at 2:30pm. Open houses are a great opportunity for prospective new families to learn more about Park West, meet some of our great staff and see our classrooms and gym space. Will you do us a favor and tell a friend—particularly a new parent—how special Park West Coop is to you? Consider directing them to our Facebook page, Instagram account or to our website so they can see for themselves all of the amazing happenings here at Park West. We will have two more open houses throughout the winter as well. Spread the word!

## **LITTLE MISS ANN COMING TO PW**

November 21st, 10-11am

Put on your dancing shoes because Park West is hosting Little Miss Ann in November! Time Out Chicago calls her one of the "most influential kid musicians in Chicago". Everyone is welcome, so tell your neighbors and friends. To purchase tickets online, look for an Eventbrite email coming soon. See you all there!

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

### **Wine Tasting Event**

The wine tasting event is quickly approaching . . . and the venue has been confirmed! Join us for some wine and a great time at Galleria Liqueurs (3409 N. Southport Ave.) on Thursday, November 5th, from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Enjoy up to 20 wine tastings, mix and mingle, and purchase your wine donation all at the same time! If you are unable to attend the event, give either location of the shop a call, and they'd be happy to select a specialty wine on your behalf (AND arrangements for transport to the auction will be made for you . . . it doesn't get any easier! Galleria has agreed to give back 10% of total sales to the school for any purchases made between November 1st to December 31st so there's lots of time to shop, fundraise AND stock up on delicious wines and champagnes. Simply let the store associate know you are a friend of Park West when making your purchase and get the word out to family and friends!

### **Auction Donations**

A reminder that the auction item donation deadline is November 13th. For those who have already donated, a BIG thank you! If you are still looking for a donation item or need help turning in your donations, please seek assistance from your class auction captains!

### **October Partnership**

Keep an eye out for flyers to come about the end of October restaurant partnership!

### **Imagine Gala & Auction**

Also, don't forget to mark your calendars and book your babysitters for this year's "Imagine Gala." The event will be held at 19 East (19 E 21st Street) on Saturday, February 6th. Stay tuned for more updates in future LINKs to come!

### **FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Dear Park West Parents,

Fall is definitely in the air and, I must admit, as much as I love Chicago summers I do savor the crisp days that fall brings. It's also a nice time of year because the kids are getting into the rhythm of school and parents are starting to make connections through assisting and playdates.

This month and next, you'll be meeting with your child's teachers for conferences. I credit our eldest daughter's teachers for pointing out several personality traits that I had yet to recognize. Their detailed observations really helped us understand her better.

I hope to see you all in the coming months at the Wine Event, Little Miss Ann concert and The Park West Book Fair. Fall is here and there's so much to look forward to for our school community.

All My Best,

Maggie Daniel