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A Monthly Newsletter for Park West Families



April
2013

DATES TO REMEMBER

April

26 Enrollment forms due for 2013-14 year

May

- 1 Teacher In-service NO SCHOOL
- 9 Conversations With Jane :Transitioning to Kindergarten 1:30 & 7:00PM
- 14 Park West Board Meeting
- 20 Last day of Parent Toddler Classes
- 27 NO school Memorial Day
- 30 All school picnic Oz park 12PM

June

- 4 Last day for 2 AM
- 5 Park West all school picnic rain date 12 PM Oz park
- 5 Last of school 3AM, 4AM, 3PM and JK
- 6-7 Staff exit days

BOARD MEETING NOTES

The Board of Directors meeting was held on 4/9/13. The minutes from this meeting will be available in the office once approved at the next board meeting on 5/14/13

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Well, I certainly hope all these April showers will, in fact, bring May flowers. As the weather improves, class groups will be heading out for walks around the block, exploring the neighborhood looking for signs of spring, maybe a walk to the playground, and some groups will go on a field trip. Teachers will apprise you about which of these your child's class will be doing.

Here we are in the last few months of school. We are treasuring these days with the children. As you've read in your class newsletters, children are very busy with familiar and new activities. This month we finish up the parent teacher conferences. May 1st staff has their last teacher in-service of the school year.

I do hope that those of you who are moving on to other schools can join me for Conversation with Jane, Transitioning to Kindergarten. We will meet on Thursday, May 9th at 1:30pm and then again at 7:00pm here at Park West. The information will be the same at each session. I am offering two in order to accommodate parents varied schedules. Even if your child is moving on to a JK group at an elementary school, I think the discussion will be informative and help you think through the challenges your child will face next year, as well as how parents can help with that transition.

Jane

ADMINISTRATOR REMINDER

Just a friendly reminder that the first installment of tuition is due June 1st. Thank you!

ALL-SCHOOL CLASS PICNIC

Please pack a lunch and join fellow classmates, teachers, and parents for a year-end Park West picnic on May 30th from 12pm-1pm (rain date June 5th). We will be meeting in the garden area of Oz Park. Please note, parents and/or care-givers are responsible for bringing kids and lunches from school to the picnic (for am classes) and from picnic to school (for pm classes). 2am class will be coming from home. More details to come from your Room Parents.

PARENT SURVEY

Every year, the Board sends out a survey to parents asking for feedback on Park West and parents' and children's' experiences here at school. The survey will be sent to parents in May. Please tell us what we can do to make Park West better and what you love about Park West.

SPECIAL NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY

Families, please be aware that all forms, both paper and electronic, are due back to Park West by April 26, 2013. (As per the Policy Handbook, failure to complete the forms by the deadline may result in forfeiture of the student's spot at Park West.) Thank you.

EDUCATION

Please join us for an informative "Conversations with Jane" session on Thursday, May 9th at either 1:30 or 7:00. The topic for discussion will be transitioning from Park West to Junior Kindergarten at another school or moving onto Kindergarten. Please let the office know if you plan to attend.

PLATE MAKING

Thank you to all those on social committee for helping out with plate making! We hope everyone had a great time and we are working hard on shipping off your masterpieces for a mid May arrival.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

With the school lottery complete, admission letters received and families making summer plans it's hard to believe that our school year is starting to wind down. Families have received news from a variety of schools – including Park West, on entry decisions. It is a time that is met with much anticipation...and anxiety. As we get ready to say good-bye to many of our friends while, at the same time, welcoming new families we all must prepare for a time of transition.

Several of our Board members (including myself) will be transitioning off of the Park West Board. Many parents have contributed endless hours to their officer/committee positions and are now moving on to other schools and/or initiatives. Since Park West is a cooperative run by the Board, please consider volunteering your time and energy to take on a more significant leadership role. If you are interested, please feel free to contact me, Jane or another Board member to get more information. We welcome your thoughts and hope that many of you will consider being an even more active member of the coop.

Enjoy the remaining weeks of the school year, treasure those last assisting days and never forget that you will forever be a part of Park West Coop.

Audi Melsbakas
President of the Board