



DATES TO REMEMBER

November

- 28 No School – Thanksgiving
- 29 No School - Thanksgiving

December

- Dec 3 Conversations with Jane 7pm
- Dec 3 Auction Items due
- Dec 6 2am Conferences – pm
all AM classes meet
- Dec 10 2am Conferences – no school 2AM
All other classes meet
- Dec 11 Staff In-service- no school
- Dec 19 Wine Donation due for Gala
- Dec 20 Last day of school before
Winter Break
- Dec 23 School closed – winter break

January

- Jan 6 Classes Resume
- Jan 13-20th Online Auction
- Jan 14 Board Meeting 7pm
- Jan 20 No School – MLK Day
- Jan 23 Jane's Book Club 7pm
- Jan 24 Prospective Parent Open House
- Jan 29 Parent's Day – JK & 3pm
- Jan 30 Parent's Day – 4am & 3am
- Jan 31 Parent's Day – 2am

February - March

- Feb 3 Prospective Parent Open House
No school in PM
- Feb 7 "Color Outside the Lines" Gala –
The Peggy Notebaert Nature
Museum
- Feb 11 PW Board Meeting 7PM
- Feb 17-18 No School - Mid-Winter Break
- Mar 6 Talk/Q&A/Book Signing with Ashley
Merryman of "NurtureShock" &
"Top Dog"
- Mar 7 Mind the Gap 2nd Installment due

FROM THE DIRECTOR

We have been so busy since September and now the holidays are upon us. Thank you for joining in on the many events we've already had this school year. I love the book fair and pajama party with the children all cozy in their pjs, hunkering down to hear some stories. Maybe you noticed how many of our alumni children return to be with us for this event. I get to hear about life in kindergarten, if there is lots of homework in 3rd grade, how it feels to be a boy scout and not a cub scout.

i hope you can join me on Tuesday, Dec. 3rd at 7pm here at school when i'll share some of the highlights of my study tour in Reggio Emilia. We'll discuss the foundations of Reggio and how they compare/contrast to the foundations of Park West.

Best,
jane

BOARD MEETING NOTES

The Board of Directors meeting was held on November 19th. Meeting Minutes will be available in the office once approved at the next meeting.

Interested in learning more about the Park West Board or becoming more involved? Parents are invited to attend the next Board meeting on January 14th. Details are available in the school office.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Thank you to all the families who participated in platemaking and to the volunteers who organized the event in November! The plates are in and they look fantastic. If you haven't already collected your items, please contact the office.

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!

MOBILE MESSAGING FOR QUICK INFORMATION FROM PARK WEST

Hey Everybody!! Grab Your Phone! PWCNS is going to be using mobile messaging in case of snowy weather closings as well as an emergency messaging system. This will become our first line of communication as we feel we will be able to reach everyone in real time. Please sign up for the school wide alerts, as well as your individual class. You can also sign up to receive emails. Text [\(773\)922-4265](tel:7739224265), enter "@pwcn" in message box. You will be asked your name, please provide. For your child's class/es-text [\(773\) 922-4265](tel:7739224265), enter appropriate class handle- @pttot, @pw2am, @pw3am, @pw3pm, @pw4am2, @pw4am3jk, @pwjk2, @pwjk3. For email, email pwcn@mail.remind101.com as well as your class- (example- pw2am@mail.remind101.com)

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

EDUCATION UPCOMING EVENTS:

Jane is ready to talk and we are ready to listen! The education committee is excited to be hosting our first Conversations with Jane of the 2013-2014 school year. Our hope is that throughout these lecture series you gain a better understanding about a particular topic that Jane has a great interest in, a topic that most likely interests our parents as well. Please see below for more details.

Conversations with Jane **Tuesday, December 3rd at 7pm**

Join Jane as she shares the highlights from her conference in Reggio Emilia. During the conversation we will look at the foundations of the Reggio Approach and discuss similarities and differences with our own "Park West Approach". The theory of social constructivism, the importance of learning in a context of meaning and the pedagogy of listening are just a few of the topics that will be discussed. Jane cannot wait to share her ideas and strike up a lively discussion with all of you. We hope you can attend! Friends and family are welcome to join! Please RSVP to parkwest@parkwestcoop.org or 773-327-1115.

Thank you!

We have had a very busy fall and we wanted to take this time to thank all of you for attending our various events. The Grade School Fair, Navigating CPS seminars, and the Barnes and Noble Book Fair were all well attended and well received. Thank you all for your support!

SPECIAL EVENTS UPDATE

What a great turnout by parents and staff for the Wine Tasting event at Poison Cup! Thank you to all who attended and to the Special Events team members who helped organize such a fun event.

The Gala is quickly approaching on February 7th at the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum. Line up your sitters – you won't want to miss this night! We've already received many fantastic donations for the auction – thank you to those who have already donated. If you haven't turned yours in please note auction donations are due December 3rd and December 19th for wine.

We're also excited to announce additional partnerships with local restaurants to host Park West days where a portion of sales is donated back to our school. Mark your calendars!

December 9-13th: Eat at Johnny's Beef & Gyros (2300 N. Lincoln) mention Park West and 10% of your check goes back to the school

January 16th: Eat at Chipotle (2256 N. Orchard) – mention Park West & 50% goes back to school during a TBD 5 hour period!!

March 7th : Take it to go at Homemade Pizza (3430 N Southport) – mention Park West and a portion of your order goes back to the school.

PARK WEST OPEN HOUSES

Love Park West? Then spread the word about our unique school! Invite your friends to attend one of our Open Houses. The Open Houses are a chance for prospective parents to learn about Park West's philosophy, meet Jane Nolan and the staff, and explore the classrooms. Prospective parents please call ahead to make a reservation.

Open House dates for Park West:

January 24, 2014 2:30pm
February 3, 2014 2:30pm

NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations to Olivia Rojas and her family on the arrival of Phoebe.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

It has been a very busy fall at Park West. Our classrooms have been brimming with activity of children exploring and creating. We've had numerous social and educational events from potluck dinners and a wine event to plate making, book fair and school fairs.

Hopefully you and your family were able to enjoy some or all of these fun-filled events. In the spirit of giving thanks, I would like to extend a heart-filled thank you to our teachers and staff, Jane, the PW board & committee chairs, room parents and all of you who worked to plan and execute these events. Without you sharing your time and talents, we would not have these experiences and events that help build this treasured Park West community.

I hope this Thanksgiving you are able to enjoy time with family and friends.

Happy Thanksgiving,
Kelli Knoble