



DATES TO REMEMBER

September

- 24 Fall General Meeting at 7pm
- 28 Parent Toddler Classes Begin
- 30 Oberweis Ice Cream Day
(3055 N. Sheffield Ave.)

October

- 5 JK-3 Potluck
- 12 No School - Columbus Day
- 13 First installment of Mind the Gap due
- 13 PW Board Meeting
- 16 3PM & JK Conferences
- 22 3PM & JK Conferences
- 27 Grade School Fair, 9:30-11am
- 29 3PM & JK Conferences

November

- 5 3AM & 4AM Conferences
- 6 Prospective Parent Open House, 2:30pm
- 10 PW Board Meeting
- 11 No School - Veterans' Day
- 13 3AM & 4AM Conferences
- 13 Auction Items Due
- 15 Second and Final Tuition Payments are due
- 19 3AM & 4AM Conferences
- 21 Little Miss Ann Concert
- 25-27 Thanksgiving Break

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Welcome, welcome, welcome! It's been wonderful to have the children come for their visits and staggered starts. We have a terrific mix of returning students, returning families, and new students and their families. Thank you, parents, for coming to the parent orientation. I hope you feel you received helpful information and welcomed into the Park West community. These next weeks will be busy for all of us with the beginning days of class, separation, and school events. Please be sure to have the evening of Thursday, Sept. 24th on your calendar for Park West's Fall General Meeting. That evening all of the parents, morning parents and afternoon parents, come together for some light refreshments, and to hear from our Board of Directors about this school year. I will speak as well on a child development topic and then parents will meet with their assigned committees to discuss the committee's events and tasks.

Next month the class pot lucks will be held. Your room parent will be sending you an invitation with the details for your child's class event. We will be seeing a lot of each other this school year and I so look forward to getting to know all of you, and your children. I am always happy to meet with parents about our program here at Park West, future school options, or your child's development. Parents look to me as a resource, so don't be shy about reaching out. Many adventures await us.

Best,
Jane

P.S. Maybe I'll see some of you at the Oct. 6th Bump Club event or the NPN School Fair on Oct. 18th

FALL GENERAL MEETING

The Fall General Meeting is scheduled for September 24th at 7:00pm in the St. Paul's Social Hall. This adult-only event brings together our entire Park West Community to welcome the new school year. You'll have a chance to mingle with fellow parents and meet with your assigned committee. It's sure to be a terrific and informative event. Appetizers and refreshments will be served. We're looking forward to seeing you there!

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Parents, help us spread the word! Park West has one JK spot that we need to fill. This is a very rare opportunity for one lucky family. Perhaps you know a neighbor, co-worker, or a friend who is in need of an amazing preschool for their 4 year old (turned 4 by Sept. 1st), please send them our way. All inquires about the JK opening can be sent to admissions@parkwestcoop.org.

We will also be representing Park West at the NPN Preschool and Grade School Fair on Sunday, October 18th at the Grossinger City Autoplex from 10am-2pm. We love being able to share the benefits of being apart of the Park West family with the community. Please tell neighbors, friends, and colleagues with preschool aged children to come check us out! If you're planning on attending please stop by and say "hi" too! Tickets are required for non NPN members.

HOUSE UPDATE

A HUGE thank you to members of the House Committee who put in many hours of hard work over the summer. These "behind the scenes" helpers repaired, sanded, painted, scraped, and scrubbed (among many other things) to get the classrooms ready for the school year. The House Committee hopes you and your children enjoy the end results!

PUBLICITY UPDATE

Park West will be kicking off a school spirit campaign. Every family will receive a Park West Co-Op Nursery School magnet for their cars. The magnets will be handed out at the fall general meeting and we look forward to seeing them on everyone's car in the pick-up line!

SPECIAL EVENTS UPDATE

Every month we will feature a restaurant partnership and this month's partnership is with Oberweis Ice Cream's Lakeview location! Please visit 3055 N. Sheffield Avenue anytime on Wednesday, September 30, and 10% of your purchase price will be donated back to Park West. Last year, many families went in the evening for an end of summer treat, and they were happy to see quite a few of their new classmates. Please note that if the store sells \$300 or more to Park West families, the total donation will increase to 20% back. Isn't that a perfect excuse to buy the biggest ice cream cone they offer? Please remember to say you are a Park West family!

Also, keep an eye out for next month's LINK with more details about the Wine Tasting event, a social event where parents can taste various wine offerings, nibble on some food, and get to know fellow Park West parents.

EDUCATION UPDATE

The Education Committee is excited to tell you about our upcoming first event, The Grade School Fair! The Grade School Fair will be held on Tuesday, October 27th from 9:30-11am here at Park West (St. Pauls' Social Hall).

Each year we bring together approximately 40 Chicago area public and private schools for our Park West families to meet. While walking around the Grade School Fair you will be able to talk with school staff and/or Park West parents representing each school. These amazing school resources will be able to provide you with promotional materials

and answer questions that you might have about their particular school.

This is a wonderful opportunity for our Park West community. We hope that you can join us and let us help you get a head start on that often confusing and somewhat stressful school decision process. The Grade School Fair is here to help! Hope to see you there!

CLASS POTLUCK DINNERS

A much loved Park West tradition, this parent social outing is hosted by your Room Parent. Please mark your calendars and line up sitters for your class date (see page 1 for dates). Check your inbox for your invitation.

PWC IS ON FACEBOOK & TWITTER & INSTAGRAM

Hey Mom and Dad! Are you following us on Social Media? Lots of great photos from upcoming events will be posted on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram in the coming months. Be sure to like us on Facebook at facebook.com/parkwestcoop or follow our Twitter and Instagram handles, both are @parkwestcoop, to stay in the loop!

ADMINISTRATOR UPDATE

Reminder Second and Final Tuition Payments will be due 11/15!

BOARD MEETING NOTES

The Board of Director meeting was held on September 8th. 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 any board meeting. Please check with office for monthly location.

LAW CONCERNING PESTS AND PESTICIDES

In 2003, the Illinois General Assembly passed laws requiring licensed day care centers to implement safer pest management practices to protect our children from unnecessary exposure to both pests and pesticides. This law requires Park West to notify parents/guardians at least two business days prior to any pesticide applications or create a registry of parents who wish to be notified. The term "pesticide" includes insecticides, herbicides, rodenticides and fungicides. Excluded from the notification requirement are antimicrobial agents (such as disinfectants, sanitizers or deodorizers), insecticide baits and rodenticide baits.

To comply with safer practices, St. Paul's Church has agreed to apply pesticides only on Friday afternoons after students and staff have left for the weekend. Park West also has chosen to establish a registry of families who wish to be notified of pesticide applications. To be included in this registry, please contact Nada Riley in our school office or send a note to school with your child.

LAW CONCERNING LAWN CARE APPLICATION

New for this year, the owner or operator of a daycare center must either(i) maintain a registry of parents and guardians of children in his or her care who have registered to receive written notification before the application of pesticide to day care center grounds and notify persons on that registry before applying pesticides or having pesticide applied to day care center grounds or (ii) provide written notice to all parents and guardians of children in his or her care before applying pesticide or having pesticide applied to day care center grounds.

To be included in this registry, please contact Nada Riley in our school office or send a note to school with your child.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Park West Families,

Welcome to the 2015/2016 school year!

I still remember bringing our oldest daughter to her first Park West class and how anxious I was about assisting. Now our youngest is in her third year at Park West, a big JK kid.

For those that are transitioning children new to school, enjoy the journey. Not only will it give you a window into the classroom, but you get to know other parents and caregivers. Park West really taught me the gift of being present and enjoying the moment. We like to say around here that you never really leave Park West. Well, the truth is, Park West never really leaves you. I am a better parent because of Park West. In moments when I look for the right words to say to my children, I often think, what would their teachers say?

As you transition into this new school year, please don't hesitate to reach out, I'd love to help in any way I can. I look forward to seeing you all at the Fall General Meeting.

My Best,
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