



DATES TO REMEMBER

April

- April 30 2014-2015 Forms Due
- Apr 30 Jane's Book Club 7pm - Top Dog by Po Bronson & Ashley Merriman
- Apr 30 PW dine out at Smashburger – 4pm-8pm

May

- May 2 2am conferences – in pm
- May 6 2am conferences – no 2am class
- May 8 Conversations with Jane 1:30pm and 7pm
- May 13 Park West Board Meeting – 6pm
- May 15 Teacher in Service – no school
- May 17 Park West Spring Carnival 2:30 – 4:30pm
- May 26 Memorial Day – no school
- May 29 All School Picnic – Oz Park 12pm

June

- June 2 Last day of Parent/Tot
- June 3 Last day for 2am class
- June 4 Last day for 3am, 3pm, 4am and JK classes
- June 4 Rain Day for All School Picnic – Oz Park 12pm
- June 10 PW Board Meeting – 7pm
- June 17 Camp Sunshine First Session begins

2014-15 Limited Spaces Available

Call it lottery magic – as sometimes happens with the mix of sibling and new applicants, we have a few open spots in the 4am, 3pm, and JK classes. If you know any parents who may be interested (or may have applied for 3am / 3pm but were waitlisted) please encourage them to contact the school. These spots won't last long!

FROM THE DIRECTOR

From the Director

Happy Spring, everyone. We've had a couple of spring-like days. Here's hoping we'll have a few more. I hope you all had a fun break. It has been great to see all those happy faces at the door.

We are careening into the end of the school year, with less than 7 weeks left of school. But there is still lots of fun before we say goodbye for summer. I do hope you have gotten your copy of Top Dog and have 4/30 on your schedule so you could join us for our book club discussion of Top Dog.

On May 8th we will have our discussion on Transitioning to Kindergarten. On May 17th will be the Park West Spring Carnival at Windy City Field House. And May 29th, at noon, we will have the all school Park West Picnic at Oz Park. Be sure you have these dates on your calendar.

best,
jane

2014-2015 Forms Due

As a reminder, forms are due April 30. We are excited to have launched a new online forms system to make this process easier for parents and school. Please remember to schedule your physician appointments ASAP to meet the deadline!

Parent Survey – we want to hear from you!

A few weeks ago we emailed a link to our annual Parents Survey. This survey is so important for us to get your feedback on your child's and your family's experience at Park West this year. We'd love to hear from ALL our families! Please take a few minutes to complete the survey online as soon as you can. Thank you.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PWCNSParentSurveyApril2014>

GET YOUR GAME ON FOR PWCNS RAINBOW CONNECTION SPRING CARNIVAL!

Please mark your calendars for Park West's Rainbow Connection Spring Carnival which will be held Saturday May 17 from 2:30-4:30 in the afternoon at Windy City Fieldhouse. Join us for games, bounce houses, face painting, magic and more!! It will be a wonderful way to cap off the school year. Hope to see you all there!

EDUCATION UPCOMING EVENTS:

Jane's Book Club

Noun

- 1.) An opportunity to gather with a group of literature loving friends in order to discuss a hand selected book by our very own, Jane Nolan.
- 2.) The chance to have a lively and interesting conversation on the book, *Top Dog: The Science of Winning and Losing* by, Po Bronson and Ashley Merryman

Examples:

Friend 1: Are you going to Jane's Book Club on Wednesday, April 30th at 7pm?

Friend 2: Yes! I am finishing up *Top Dog* over spring break and I can't wait to discuss it!

There is still plenty of time to grab a copy of *Top Dog* and start reading! We hope that you all will join us for this great night. Also, if you attended the Ashley Merryman event we are looking forward to having you at Book Club to discuss what you gathered from that night as well.

Jane's Book Club

Wednesday, April 30th at 7pm

Park West

Please RSVP to parkwest@parkwestcoop.org or (773) 327-1115

Conversations with Jane: Transitioning to Kindergarten

**Thursday, May 8th at 1:30 and 7pm
Park West**

By now some of you may know where your child is going to be headed for Kindergarten. Whether it is next school year or perhaps even two years from now, it is never too early to start thinking about the transition process. We are offering two different times for you to join us and hear Jane speak about the journey our kiddos (and you!) will take once they leave Park West. Questions will be answered, minds will be eased, and advice will be given. We hope you can join us on May 8th at either 1:30 or 7pm. See you then!

CAMP PARENT ORIENTATION MEETING

We will be offering camp parent orientation at three different times to ensure that all camp parents can attend. You may attend any of these meetings. The dates are Tuesday, May 20th at 9:30am, and Wednesday, May 21st at 9:30am and 1:30pm.

SPECIAL EVENTS UPDATE

Get ready to enjoy one of the best burgers in Chicago! On Wednesday, April 30th from 4pm-8pm, Smashburger (2031 N Clybourn) will be helping raise money for Park West. Mention Park West and \$1 of every entree you purchase will be donated to back to school. Smashburger's menu has something for everyone: including burgers, hotdogs, chicken, salads, sides, veggie burgers, kids meals and Haagen-Dazs shakes. Free parking too. See you there! Thank you Cynthia McCullough for the delicious idea.

NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations to Annabel Jackson (4-3am/jk). on new brother, Will.

Congratulations to Graham Greenberg (3am), on new sister, Simone.

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!

PARK WEST BOARD NEEDS YOU!!

Interested in learning more about the Park West Board or becoming more involved? The Park West Board is a great opportunity to give back to the school and get to know more of our amazing Park West Community! We are beginning to identify open positions for the 2014-2015 school year and will be filling these in the spring.

Interested parents are encouraged to please reach out to Kelli Knoble (Board President) or Jane with any questions – we hope to hear from YOU!

The Board of Directors meeting was held on April 8th. Meeting Minutes will be available in the office once approved at the next meeting.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome back from spring break! Whether it was spent on a sunny beach or at home, I hope you and your family had time to relax and recharge your batteries.

Looking at the calendar, we have less than six weeks of school remaining. While the school year may be winding down, our calendar is filled with a number of educational and fun-filled family events. Be sure to check-out the Dates to Remember section to save the dates! Some of the highlights include Jane's Book Club, Conversations with Jane and our biggest family event of the year, the Park West Carnival!

The events planned throughout the year take your interests and feedback in to consideration.

I encourage you to take the time to complete the Parent Survey. This is an opportunity to share your thoughts on how we are doing. We value your feedback and use this to help drive our planning for the future school year.

Thank you to those of you who completed the Parent Survey. If you have not yet completed the survey, please do so as soon as you can!

I look forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming events!

Kelli Knoble
President of the Board