



DATES TO REMEMBER

October

- 28 JK-3 Pot Luck Dinner
- 29 Grade School Fair 9:30am
- 29 3PM / JK Conferences in PM – no school
PM classes, AM classes meet

November

- 4 4am Conferences in AM
- 4 Church used for voting – no class AM or PM
- 6 Wine Tasting Event – Que Syrah (see
Special Events Update for details!)
- 7 Prospective Parent Open House – 2:30pm
- 11 No School – Veterans Day
- 11 PWC Board Meeting – 7pm
- 13 2am Potluck
- 14 3am/4am Conferences in PM - AM classes
meet
- 14 PWC Passport to Paradise Gala Auction
Items Due
- 15 Ralph's World Concert, 10:00 & 11:30am
- 19 3am/4am Conferences in AM - no school
AM classes, PM classes meet
- 26 No School – Thanksgiving
- 27 No School – Thanksgiving
- 28 No School - Thanksgiving

December

- 3 Park West Book Fair at Barnes & Noble on
Clybourn
- 5 2AM Conferences in PM – AM classes meet
- 5 Wine Donation due for Gala
- 9 2AM Conferences all day – no 2AM
classes, all other classes meet
- 22 Winter Break – no classes until Monday,
January 5th

Save the Date!

- Jan 5th Classes Resume
- Feb 7th Park West "Passport to Paradise"
Gala

FROM THE DIRECTOR

I have enjoyed the potlucks and getting to reconnect with returning families and getting to know new families a bit better. Thank you to the room parents for organizing the potlucks and being a welcoming resource to parents in their class.

In the last few weeks I have been on a number of panels, seminars, and school fairs speaking about nursery schools and how children learn. This is one of the ways we reach out to prospective parents looking for a nursery school for their children. We find, though, that our parents are our best ambassadors. Please reach out to your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to let them know that Park West applications for next school year are now on-line. And you, our current parents, can access applications on-line for next year as well. For next school year, we will only be accepting on-line applications.

We currently have a couple of open spots in our 3 day afternoon and 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.

I hope you can all make the Park West Grade School Fair on Wednesday, October 29th, 9:30-11:00am. More than 30 schools will be represented, a number of them by Park West alumni parents. The Park West Grade School Fair is more intimate and less intense than the NPN Fair, so do try to attend.

And I hope to see you at the Park West Wine Event on Thursday, November 6th at Que Syrah. It is always a fun event for parents and a great kick off of our Gala season.

Best,
jane

PWC IS ON FACEBOOK & TWITTER!

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 and spread the word about our great school by liking our Facebook page, fb.com/parkwestcoop, and following PW on Twitter handle @parkwestcoop and Jane on Twitter at @parkwestjane

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Applications are now online! Returning and new families can now apply for the 2015-2016 school year online at parkwestcoop.org. How easy is that?? Check an item off your to do list and complete your application for next year online. If you have any questions on the online application, please contact admissions@parkwestcoop.org

PWC's first Open House is Friday, November 7th at 2:30. This is 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. Spread the word to friends and family!

EDUCATION COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES THE FOLLOWING UPCOMING EVENTS:

Grade School Fair- Wednesday, October 29th

Has the process of finding your next school left you stressed and confused? Have no fear; Park West is here to help! Please mark your calendars and stop by the Grade School Fair on **Wednesday, October 29th from 9:30-11am**. The fair will be held in St. Paul's Social Hall (adjacent to Park West). Invite your friends and spend the morning walking from table to table talking to representatives and gathering information from over 30 local public and private schools. Snacks and coffee will be provided as well. A can't miss opportunity!

Looking ahead:

Navigating CPS 101- Date TBD

Abigayil Joseph and Cara Kranz are back this year to present their very informative and helpful seminar, "Navigating the CPS system 101". Throughout the talk parents will receive first-hand knowledge and the inside scoop on the CPS process. Please stay tuned for the exact date and time for this great event.

Barnes & Noble Book Fair - December 3rd

Save the date for our annual book fair at Barnes and Noble. The book fair is a wonderful way to spend time with your family while raising money for Park West. Feel free to shop at the store anytime during the day and then join us in the early evening for story time and crafts. It's the perfect time to shop for books, toys, and games so you can cross some items off of your holiday wish lists. We will be selling Cheesecake Factory cheesecakes again this year as well. More details to come. Hope to see you there!

SPECIAL EVENTS UPDATE

Wine Tasting Event

The wine tasting event is quickly approaching....join us for some wine and a great time! Come on over to Que Syrah (3714 N. Southport Ave.) on Thursday, November 6th, from 6:30-8:30pm. Enjoy some wine, mix and mingle, and knock out your wine donation...it's a win-win! If you are unable to attend the event, give the shop a call, and they'd be happy to select a wine on your behalf (AND they will transport it to the school for you....it doesn't get any easier!). Que Syrah will give back 15% of total sales to the school thru the time of the gala, so there's lots of time to shop and fundraise. Simply let the store associate know you are a friend of Park West when making your purchase. Pick up some wines for the holidays, get the word out to family and friends, and let's raise some money for the school!

October Partnership

Chipotle and 50%? You bet! Come to the Clybourn Chipotle (2000 N. Clybourn Ave.) on Wednesday, October 29th, from 4-8pm, and Chipotle will donate 50% of the total sales back to Park West. Extra chips and guac, please! Keep an eye out for flyers to come.

Passport to Paradise Gala & Auction

Also, don't forget to mark your calendars and book your babysitters for the annual gala, "Passport to Paradise." The event will be held at Floating World Gallery (1925 N. Halsted St.) on Saturday, February 7th, from 6-11pm. Stay tuned for festive updates in LINKs to come!

RALPH'S WORLD COMING TO PW!

Come one, come all to the amazing annual Ralph's World Concert at Park West. Join us on Saturday, November 15 to sing, dance and party like a rockstar. Showtimes at 10 and 11:30am. This year kiddos will also have the chance to channel their inner rockstar with temporary tattoos & rocker hair styling. Tickets are \$15 each and can be purchased at www.brownpapertickets.com or in the office.

DIAPER DRIVE

Park West is hosting a Diaper Drive Box to collect diapers for the week of November 10th through the 15th for Bundle of Joy (bundleofjoydiaperbank.org)

Bundle of Joy is the largest independent depository of donated diapers in the city, providing diapers to families who cannot afford to buy them. Families cannot use government subsidies to buy diapers.

They accept new packages of diapers as well as loose unused diapers that your baby has outgrown. This drive is open to the public so if you have friends or families that you know have unused diapers of all sizes, including pull-ups. Please have them stop by Park West November 10th through the 15th to drop them off.

CLASS POTLUCK DINNERS

Thank you to the room parents for organizing / hosting the class potluck dinners! This is such a special Park West tradition and we appreciate all your efforts in putting together so many fun events to kick off the school year!

HOUSE UPDATE

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. Thank you to those who already completed the process to receive the text alerts. 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 below...

SIGN-UP FOR SCHOOL-WIDE TEXT ALERTS:

- 1.) Text 773-663-4383. Enter "@pwcns" in message box and hit send.
- 2.) A text may be sent to you asking your name. Please provide.
- 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 CLASSROOM/S 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.) A text may be sent to you asking your name. Please provide.
- 3.) A text may be sent to you asking if you are a student. Please reply No.
- 4.) You should receive a confirmation addressed to you.

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

NEW ARRIVALS

Dashiell Wyatt Neveux is here! Best wishes to Big Brother Max (JK-2) and parents Eric and Cassidy Neveux.

Congratulations to Thomas Parker (3PM) and his parents Samantha and Edward on the birth of a new baby sister, Eleanor Mao Parker.

BOARD MEETING NOTES

The Board of Directors meeting was held on October 14th. 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 Tuesday, November 11th at 7pm. Details are available in the school office.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Park West Families,

This seems like a good time of year to ask, how's it going? Have you had your first turn assisting? How is your little one adjusting to his/her new routine? This is my third year at Park West and I continue to be amazed at how the teachers help us all transition. Their wisdom, patience and kindness is to be admired.

If you haven't already, please like us on Facebook. The Park West Facebook page is wonderful. Caroline, our Social Co-chair, has really brought the page to life this school year. You'll find posts almost daily about Park West people & events in and out of the school. It's great to share with our school community and beyond about all the exciting things going on. We're on Twitter too!

Hope to see you in November at the annual Wine Event on November 6th. Cheers, to a fantastic school year!

Best,
Maggie