



DATES TO REMEMBER

November

- 19 3AM & 4AM Conferences in AM (No School AM, PM classes meet)
- 21 Little Miss Ann Concert 10-11am
- 25-27 No School - Thanksgiving Break

December

- 3 Park West Book Fair & Pajama Party at Barnes & Noble on Clybourn
- 3 Wine Donations Due
- 4 2AM Conferences (No class for 2AM only)
- 11 2AM Conferences in PM (AM classes meet)
- 21-31 No School - Winter Break

January

- 4 Classes Resume
- 12 PW Board Meeting @ 7pm
- 13 Jane's Book Club @ 7pm at PW
- 18 No School - MLK Day
- 20 Prospective Parent Open House @ 6:30pm
- 26 2AM Parents Day @ 930-11AM w/Parents
- 27 3PM/JK Parents Day @1:30-3pm w/Parents (AM classes meet)
- 28 3AM/4AM Parents Day @930-11AM w/Parents (PM classes meet)
- 29 No School (Teacher In-Service Day)
Please note change to calendar

February

- 6 Park West Gala "Imagine" at 19 East Event Gallery (19 East 21st Street)
- 9 PW Board Meeting -7pm
- 15-16 No School, Mid-Winter Break
- 19 Prospective Parent Open House @ 2:30pm
- 27 Alumni Day in PM (For last year's 3AM, 3PM, 4AM, and JK students)

LITTLE MISS ANN COMING TO PW

November 21st, 10-11am

The Little Miss Ann concert is on Saturday, November 21 from 10:00 to 11:00. Tickets are \$10 or Family Pack 4 for \$35.00. The flyer is going out to all classes this week and we are putting on the PW Facebook page as well. We will have a tattoo station, rock star hair station for the event. Spread the word and purchase tickets early.

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Hasn't the weather this November been wonderful? Being at the door every morning and afternoon for arrival is always a great part of my day, greeting the children, seeing what they brought to school, and hearing some stories. As the weather turns cold, being at the door can be tougher but the children insure it is still pleasurable, no matter how cold.

I wanted to let you know that if your child seems ready to come into school without you, you could hand her/him off to me or the assisting parent at the door. If your child still needs you to come into school, that is developmentally appropriate. If you child is ready to come into school with another trusted adult, that is also developmentally appropriate. Some children are very happy to come in with the assisting parent and child. While others are more comfortable coming in with me, often because I am the constant at the door and a familiar face. If you want to try drop off at the door, just let me know and I can support that transition for you and your child. If you want to talk about, just stop in the office or give me a call.

If you are walking your child into school, you may not leave your car in the loading zone – even if you think you will only be in the building "for a minute or two". This prevents other parents access to the loading zone, slows down the process too much, and gets other parents rightfully irritated.

Best,
Jane

PARK WEST READY FOR THE FUTURE

The Board of Directors approved the revised Park West Cooperative Nursery School Bylaws and Standing Rules last week at the November PW Board Meeting. The new documents will be distributed to all of the Members (parents) within 30 days via email.

EMERGENCY TEXT ALERT SIGN-UP

REMINDER!! 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 on the next page...

SIGN UP FOR SCHOOL TEXT ALERTS:

- 1.) Text 773-663-4383. Enter "@pwcns" in message box and hit send.
- 2.) **Please** enter your **child's last name**, your **relationship to the child** (e.g. mom, dad, nanny, grandmother, etc.) and your **child's class** (e.g. pttot, 2am, 3am, 3pm, 4am2, 4am3, JK2, JK3)
- 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 CLASS 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.) **Please** enter your **child's last name**, your **relationship to the child** (e.g. mom, dad, nanny, grandmother, etc.) and your **child's class** (e.g. pttot, 2am, 3am, 3pm, 4am2, 4am3, JK2, JK3)
- 3.) A text may be sent to you asking if you are a student. Please reply No.
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Thank you for taking the time to do this!! We look forward to keeping you in the loop.

SPECIAL EVENTS UPDATE

Wine event was a success! Thank you to everyone who came out. If you missed it, you can call the shop, **Galleria Liqueurs (3409 N Southport Ave, 773-857-6200)** and tell them your price range and they'll choose a bottle and put it aside for the special events committee. Keep spreading the word to friends and parents.

Don't forget to mention Park West and 10% can be donated back to the school. Wine donations are due by December 3rd, but Park West will still get 10% of any wine bought until December 31. So, do your holiday spirit shopping at Galleria Liqueurs and be sure to mention Park West Coop!

Auction items were due Friday November 13th. Please submit the online form found on Park West website.

Park West Community Partnerships

We've partnered with some local businesses where you can do your seasonal shopping and as a bonus, Park West will receive a donation back at the end of the year! The businesses listed are Minted, Amazon Smile, The Red Balloon, Mac&Mia, and Building Blocks.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATE

2016-2017 Park West Coop applications are online now! Check an item off of your to-do list and complete your online application soon. All returning families must have their applications completed by February 19th. Please visit parkwestcoop.org and get your application started today! This is the only way to let us know you that will be joining us again next year. Please contact admissions@parkwestcoop.org if you have any questions.

We are gearing up for our next open house, which will be held on Wednesday, January 20th at 6:30pm. Please keep spreading the word and get your friends, new neighbors and colleagues to check out an open house. They won't be disappointed, but you already knew that!

EDUCATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

Cheesecake order forms are due back to the office by **Friday, November 20th**

Barnes & Noble Holiday Book Fair & Pajama Party - Thursday, December 3rd

Stop by Barnes & Noble Webster Place (1441 West Webster Avenue) and cross holiday shopping off your list while supporting Park West at the same time! The fair takes place over the course of the whole day, culminating with a pajama party complete with story time by our very own Park West teachers. If you want to get ahead of the game, reserve your books online through Barnes & Noble's in-store reservation service and pick them up the night of the fair. Just be sure to use our code **11715794** at checkout. Please share our code with your family and friends so they might do their holiday shopping as well.

The Book Fair continues online at www.barnesandnoble.com through Tuesday, December 8th. At checkout, make sure to check that your purchase is part of a Book Fair and enter our code **11715794**.

Looking for inspiration? Check out our Book Fair Pinterest Page at www.pinterest.com/PWCNS

Jane's Book Club

Please join us for an evening discussion with Jane and fellow Park West families and friends on the book *No-Drama Discipline* by Dr. Daniel J. Siegel and Dr. Tina Payne Bryson. Copies will be available at the book fair. If you don't make it through the whole book, no worries! Join us for the conversation.

NEW ARRIVALS

Please join us in welcoming Sebastian Kenji Witkowski, **new brother of Sevah Witkowski in 4AM-2!**

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!

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Park West Parents,

I did say I love the chill in the air last month, but now I'm starting to remember what that chill means. Winter is coming for us! This year I'm getting my hat, glove and scarf game on point before the real cold stuff arrives.

On another, much more exciting note, I wanted to share the latest developments in our search for a new space. As some of you know, Park West will be moving in just under three years. This means we will begin the 2018/2019 school year in our new home. So where is Park West moving? We currently have

two potential properties we are considering, both in the 60614 zip code. In our new space, Park West will continue to offer the same classes (Tots-JK). We have a dedicated Transition Team of alumni parents, experts in their fields, who are working to help us find just the right space. We will keep you updated as we move forward.

Thank you to the Special Events Co-Chairs and committee for a really fun Wine Event. Delicious wines and the great company of Park West parents and staff were both enjoyed so much.

Happy Thanksgiving!

All My Best,

Maggie