



# Peterson Mini Prints



2018 - 2019

August, 2018

## Principal's Corner

**Mrs. Alexander**

Welcome to another exciting year at Peterson! We are looking forward to making this the best year yet where all students are empowered to DREAM, BELIEVE and ACHIEVE! We will continue to provide excellence in instruction, encourage social skills through our PRIDE Character Education Program and Second Step curriculum and provide opportunities for you to become active partners in your child's learning.

You can help us by:

- Checking your child's backpack/ binder/agenda nightly.
- Insuring that your child is in attendance from the beginning of the school day (first bell @ 8:50; tardy bell @ 9:00) until dismissal @4:10 whenever possible.
- Get involved – Join PTO, Site Council, or WatchDOGS; volunteer in your child's classroom; attend school events.
- Be sure we have your most current phone and email to stay up to date on events/information/ can reach you if needed.
- Encourage your children to follow school policies, rules and procedures and follow them yourself, even when they are not convenient. Your support goes a long way as an example to your children.

Please know that my door is always open and you are ALWAYS WELCOME at Peterson!

### UPCOMING EVENTS - AUGUST



**Wed., 8-15** – First Day of School

**Thurs., 8-23** – Skate Night

**Fri., 8-24** – Twin Dress Day with PRIDE Partner Class

**Wed., 8-29** – WatchDOG Pizza Night

**Thurs., 8-30** – Pizza with the Principal – New Students in Grades 1-5 during lunch

**Fri., 8-31** – Birthday Bash for July & August during lunch

PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE <http://peterson.usd259.org> for information about our school and upcoming events!

## Lunchroom Procedures

Our lunchroom is set up to provide a calm, structured environment where our students can eat their lunch in a 20 minute time period. Students also get a 20 minute recess period just before or after their lunchtime.

Students are asked to enter the lunchroom quietly so they can get through the lunch line quickly, hear directions, get their packages open, etc. Once all students in the grade level are seated, we allow students to talk to their elbow partner (students on either side) in a soft voice. Students are asked not to talk during the last 5 minutes of their lunch so they can focus on eating their lunch, get their things ready to go and get lined up for recess or to go back to class. We use red cups to signal "no talk" times and green cups to signal "soft talk" times.

Most of our students follow our expectations, use good manners and eat their lunch with little correction or redirection. If needed, students are given multiple reminders and opportunities to make appropriate choices in the lunchroom. Students who interfere with other's ability to eat or consistently fail to follow lunchroom procedures may be asked to move or receive other appropriate consequences. Students are never asked to throw away their lunch unless it is time for them to leave the lunchroom.

Visitors are always welcome to join us in the lunchroom. We ask that our visitors:

- Sign in through our HallPass system.
- Sit across from their child in one of the chairs provided.
- Only share/bring food for their child.
- Observe the "no talk" and "soft talk" times to help support our procedures and help maintain a calm environment for all to enjoy their lunch.

Please contact Mrs. Alexander if you have questions or concerns about our lunchroom. We appreciate your support and will do our best to ensure that all students are able to eat and enjoy their lunch.



# Peterson PRIDE - Personal Responsibility In Daily Effort

## Character Education Program

Peterson Elementary has a long history of encouraging good social skills. This year we will continue to teach social skills as we partner with our families to encourage and develop these essential life skills as we empower all students to **Dream, Believe and Achieve**. At school, we will focus on character traits (i.e. respect, kindness, etc.) through our Second Step curriculum, student recognition and a variety of PRIDE activities, including monthly dress days. Look for fun ideas in our monthly newsletters ranging from conversation starters to books and movies that can be used at home to support character development.

### Friendship

*"To the world you may be just one person,  
but to one person you may be the world."*

-Brandi Snyder



### August Character Trait: Friendship

School Events (more info to come):

Dress Day - Twin Day with Pride Partner  
Class Friday, 8/24

Pizza with the Principal for ALL 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>  
graders NEW to Peterson Thursday, 8/30

To have good friends you must be a good friend. Here are some of the ways good friends treat each other:

- Good friends listen to each other.
- Good friends don't put each other down or hurt each other's feelings.
- Good friends help each other solve problems.
- Good friends can disagree without hurting each other.
- Good friends are dependable.
- Good friends respect each other.
- Good friends give each other room to change.
- Good friends care about each other.



### What Would You Do?

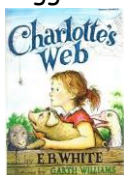
As a family discuss the following situations. What would you do? What would the consequences be for different actions? What would your parent's expectations be?

A group of kids who you think are really cool are picking on another kid. They want you to join them, and they say you're a nerd if you don't. You don't want to be left out, but you think picking on the other kid is unfair. What do you do?

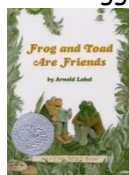
Your best friend asks you to help him cheat on a test. He's never done it before and he promises he'll never do it again. What do you do?

### Family Time

Pop some popcorn and snuggle up on the couch for a family movie or story night. Enjoy watching or reading and then start up a conversation about the friendships between the characters using some of the friendship suggestions/conversation starters above. A few suggested books and movies are listed below:



**Books about Friendship**  
Charlotte's Web  
Frog and Toad Are Friends



**Movies about Friendship**  
Toy Story  
Finding Nemo

