



Peterson Mini Prints



2018 - 2019

September, 2018

Principal's Corner

Mrs. Alexander

Our year has gotten off to a great start! We appreciate your support of your children and our school! We will continue to look for ways to partner with you as we empower our students to DREAM, BELIEVE and ACHIEVE!

Please make plans to attend one of our upcoming **GRADE LEVEL NIGHTS** to find out more about how you can support your child's learning at Peterson:

2nd & 5th – Monday, 9/10 – 6:00-7:00 PM

Kindergarten & 4th – Tuesday, 9/11 – 6:00-7:00 PM

1st & 3rd – Thursday, 9/13 – 6:00-7:00 PM

(More Info Coming from your Child's Teacher)

You can also continue to help us by:

- Checking your child's backpack/ binder/agenda nightly.
- Insuring that your child is in class from the 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.
- Keep your phone numbers, address and email up to date so we can reach you if needed/keep you up to date on events/information.
- 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 - September

Fri., 9-7 – Peterson PRIDE T-shirt Day

M, T, Th, 9-10, 9-11, 9-13 – Grade Level Nights

T, 9-11 – Wear Red, White, Blue

F, 9-14 – PTO Family Glow Dance

Th, 9-20 - Official Enrollment; PTO

F, 9-21 – Wear Pink; 3rd, 4th & 5th Family Picnic

Th, 9-27 – Pizza with the Principal

F, 9-28 – Birthday Bash for September

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



Drop- Off/Pick-Up Procedures

By now you are probably familiar with where to drop-off and pick-up your child, but please familiarize yourself with the following to assist with safety:

- Follow the directions of all adults/Safety Patrol.
- DO NOT get out of your car in the STOP, DROP and GO Zones on either side of the building.
- Pull into a parking place in the parking lots to drop off/pick up your children. Students should never be let out of the car/picked up in the middle of either parking lot as they our parking lots are NOT STOP, DROP and GO Zones.
- Do not CREATE Parking Spaces in unmarked areas or use Handicapped Parking without a sticker/placard.
- Only cross the street at a CROSSWALK or Corner.
- LEAVE DOGS AT HOME. Even dogs on a leash should NOT be on school grounds.
- There is NO SUPERVISION for students in the morning BEFORE 8:40 unless they are eating breakfast. Breakfast begins at 8:30. STUDENTS SHOULD NEVER BE DROPPED OFF BEFORE 8:40/8:30 (for breakfast).
- There is NO SUPERVISION for students in the afternoon AFTER 4:20. If students have not been picked up by 4:20, they will be brought to the office and parents will be contacted.
- If you need supervision for your child before/after times above, please contact our Latchkey Program.

Student safety is our top priority – even over your convenience. Our rules/procedures are designed to keep everyone safe and to ensure that drop-off/pick up time runs as smoothly as possible. Your cooperation is expected and appreciated! Please contact Mrs. Alexander if you have questions or concerns about our drop-off/pick-up procedures.

FAMILY GLOW DANCE

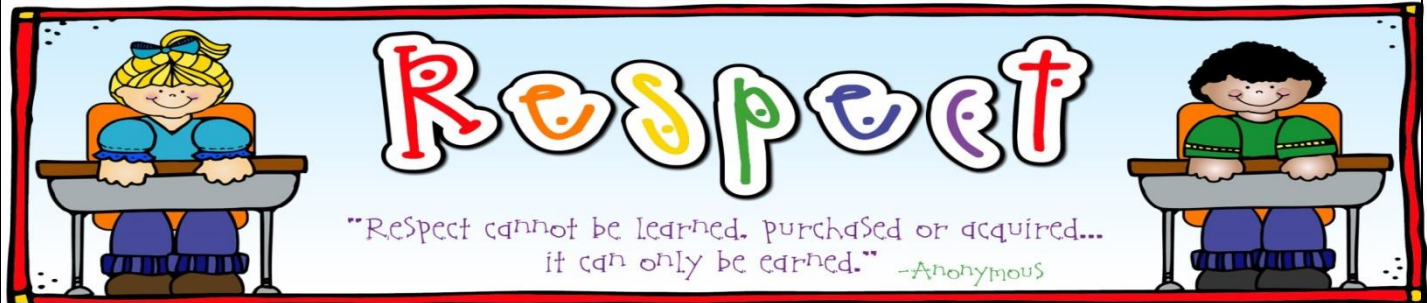
Friday, 9/14
6:30-8:30



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.



September Character Trait: Respect

Dress Days -We will show RESPECT for:

- Our school- Peterson PRIDE T-shirt 9/07
- Our country- Red, White & Blue - 9/11
- People battling cancer-Wear Pink - 9/21

Pizza with the Principal - Thursday, 9/27

2 students will be selected from each class for showing RESPECT!

Being respectful means:

- being patient and considerate to everyone.
- obeying rules and guidelines at home and at school.
- treating others with dignity despite differences in race, age, and religion.
- being careful with someone else's belongings.
- being quiet when someone is talking or answering a question.



What Would You Do?

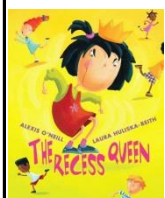
As a family discuss the following situations. What would you do? What would the consequences be for different actions? What would your parent's expectations be?

Some second-grade boys are playing basketball during recess. One boy, Ryan, keeps stealing the ball away from his friends so he can shoot a basket. He also pushes other kids out of his way while he's dribbling. What might you suggest to help Ryan show respect for his classmates?

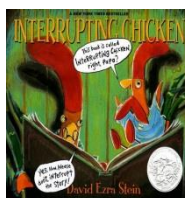
One hot afternoon after recess, Katy is about to get in line for her drink of water. She is very thirsty, but her whole class is in front of her. Katy sees her best friend, Cindy, near the front of the line. Cindy motions to Katy to cut in line ahead of her. What can Katy do to show respect for the other students in line?

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 respect being shown by the characters or the information/conversation starters above. A few suggested books and movies are listed below:



Books about Respect
The Recess Queen
The Interrupting Chicken



Movies about Respect
Ice Age
Babe

