



Peter Paul eNews - June 2018

HAPPY SUMMER! We cannot WAIT to see what this summer has in store for Peter Paul! As we close out another fiscal year, we want to take a moment to thank our awesome donors who make Peter Paul's work possible! With 95% of our revenue from contributions, every dollar makes an incredible difference. If you have not had the chance to make a donation this year, would you please consider a gift before June 30 to help us finish our fiscal year strong?

Again, thank you so much to all of our supporters - YOU make it possible for Peter Paul to **Educate the Child, Engage the Family, and Empower the Community!**

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KaBOOM!: That's a Wrap

Building a playground is no small feat! Through the magic of great planning, volunteer power, and some serious elbow grease, Peter Paul and 200+ volunteers managed to build a play space in just one day!

Because of an incredible partnership with KaBOOM! and The CarMax Foundation, Peter Paul now has a wonderful

playground next to our Center at 1708 N. 22nd Street. Leading up to Build Day, weekly planning calls with KaBOOM!, CarMax, and Peter Paul parents, staff, and volunteers ensured that all of the critical elements for the big day were thought out and in place. We are also most grateful to the incredibly skilled group of volunteers who came out to put their skills to use for a "Prep Day" the Tuesday before Build Day, which also set the stage for success.

On Thursday, June 7, more than 200 volunteers from our community and CarMax joined us bright and early! The army of helpers was broken up into teams, each tasked with different projects ranging from assembling the playground to building a giant Jenga set. The teams worked so hard that they finished ahead of schedule!



In just five hours:

- 200+ volunteers gathered and organized into teams
- 137 cubic yards of mulch was shoveled and spread
- 3 pallets of 80 lb bags of cement were mixed, hauled, and put in place
- An INCREDIBLE playground was built!



We are so amazed by the outcome of this project! Our playground is beautiful and our students are thrilled to have a new safe space to play (the smile in the picture to the left says it all!). We are most grateful to all of the individuals, businesses, and groups for the part they played - volunteering to build, donating in-kind supplies and food, serving on the planning committee, and to our students and parents who dreamed of this beautiful play space!

To see awesome photos from Prep and Build Days, [please click here](#).

Celebrating Gwen

If you have met Gwen Corley Creighton, you likely feel the same way about her as we do here at Peter Paul. She is a person of great integrity, good humor, positive spirit, and authentic care for others and her work. Simply put, you enjoy spending time with her.

For nearly the last 10 years, Gwen has led Richmond Promise Neighborhood (RPN). In 2014, RPN became a part of Peter Paul and since then we have had the great honor of calling Gwen our colleague. Her commitment and energy to her work made an incredible impact in the East End. Most of all, her work has built relationships – relationships that are the true impetus of change.



Gwen often coaches on the importance of the three C's: competence, confidence, and connections. Through her work as the Director of RPN, Gwen truly embodied and put into practice the three C's. She shares her own competence, confidence, and connections with every person she interacts with, strengthening those around her.

At the end of June, Gwen will move on from her role with Richmond Promise Neighborhood at Peter Paul. She does not like to think of it as retirement, but simply as the next chapter in her very full and joyful life. While we will miss seeing Gwen on a daily basis, we are thrilled for her next adventures. Please join us in celebrating Gwen during her last days at Peter Paul for all that she has done and continues to do for this great city and its residents.

Getting Ready for Summer Promise!



Summer Promise at Peter Paul begins TOMORROW! We are so excited to welcome the students for a summer of fun and learning! Nearly 400 students applied for this summer's program; as of late last week, 260 students were assigned to a classroom. Parents and students attended orientations last Wednesday and Thursday to meet with staff individually and finish the enrollment process (see picture at left of Peter Paul teacher Ms. Thomas enrolling a family). Yesterday and today, teachers and program assistants are in professional development to prepare for the summer and set-up their classrooms.

We are thrilled to operate again this summer at nearby Fairfield Court Elementary School as well as at our Central location!

Volunteer this Summer!

Summer is here! We have many wonderful opportunities for volunteers to spend time with Peter Paul and our students during Summer Promise 2018. A full list of volunteer needs is available on our website; [please click here](#) to view them. Below is a sample of just a few!

- Reading Buddies
- Garden Volunteers
- Clare's Camp Counselors
- Jr. Iron Chef Volunteers



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