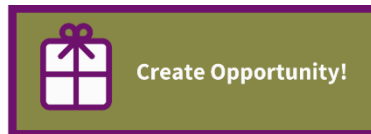




## Peter Paul eNews - July 2018

Summer Promise is well underway and the students are having a blast! Read below for updates on what we've been up to at Peter Paul. We are so grateful for everyone who volunteers, donates, and advocates for Peter Paul - YOU make it possible for Peter Paul to **Educate the Child, Engage the Family, and Empower the Community!**



## Stephanie and Michael Present at National Conference

At the end of June, Information Coordinator Michael Parsons and Director of Education Dr. Stephanie Bassett traveled to Portland, Oregon, to present before a national audience at the Northwest Evaluation Association's (NWEA) Fusion Conference.

NWEA is the creator of Measures of Academic Progress (MAP), the student assessment system utilized by Peter Paul. MAP is commonly adopted by school systems across the United States; however, Peter Paul is one of the only after school programs in the country to use the assessment. Because of the unique way that Peter Paul utilizes MAP, specifically in collaboration with Richmond Public Schools, NWEA invited Peter Paul to submit a second conference proposal (Stephanie and Executive Director Damon Jiggetts traveled to Florida last fall to present as well). Peter Paul remains the only after school program in the country to present at this conference.



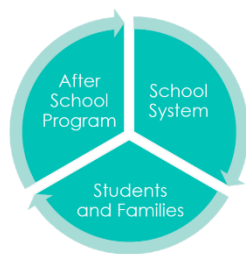
Their presentation, titled "Accelerate Your Impact: Forging MAP Partnerships with After School Partners," showed participants how they could *accelerate* their school system's impact by

harnessing and aligning the efforts of existing after school programs through a MAP data-sharing partnership. Peter Paul's after school program collaborates with the Richmond Public School system and uses MAP data to support students and remove some of the burden from public school teachers and administrators.

Stephanie shares, "I was excited about two things:

- To share how Peter Paul utilizes MAP data to support student academic progress. Being able to demonstrate how partnerships can be developed to support student progress can be a powerful tool.
- Learning new ways to support our students here at Peter Paul. For example, I can't wait to implement one strategy gained with multi-age groupings."

Of the experience, Michael says, "I was excited to share the work that Paul Paul and Richmond Public Schools has been engaged in together with school systems from all across the country. I hope that others can learn from our collaborative model and that more school systems begin to see after school programs as an important component of their students' education."



The collaborative model that both Stephanie and Michael mention is depicted here, which is a graphic that the two utilized during their presentation. Ultimately, we collaborate for the benefit of our **students**. We are grateful to NWEA for the opportunity to present Peter Paul's unique model on a national stage!

## Summer Promise is HOPPING!

If you have ever been to Peter Paul in the summertime, you know that Summer Promise is HOPPING! We love all of the incredible learning experiences, field trips, activities, reading, and fun for the students!

Again this summer, Peter Paul joins the Neighborhood Resource Center of Greater Fulton (NRC) for their incredible Jr. Iron Chef programming. Each week, the staff from NRC work with students from both of our programs on preparing healthy dishes. The program will conclude with a Jr. Iron Chef competition on Saturday, August 25, and we cannot wait! Just last week, Mr. Harvey and Mr. Rick (our awesome volunteer master gardeners) worked with the Peter Paul students to pick fresh produce from our garden to use in the Jr. Iron Chef cooking class on Friday!



Students have been reading "Charlotte's Web" this summer - the entire Peter Paul student body reads the same book. This one-book concept provides dialogue between students of different ages, engages volunteers as reading buddies, and allows teaching staff to be creative in bringing literacy to life through art projects and more. Peter Paul 2nd graders finished the book last week - as a finale, they created spider webs with crayon and water colors, picking one of the story's characters to write out character trait descriptions!



Staying active is also a key theme this summer! Thank you to all of the partners who make this possible, including First Tee, SwimRVA, VCU's Lobs & Lessons, Collegiate School, and the Metro Richmond Tennis Club.

Check out the Peter Paul Central team's trophy (left), which they won last week during a tournament with Metro Richmond Tennis Club! Thank you to Mr. Antony and Mr. Raspberry from the Metro Richmond Tennis Club for all of your coaching!

Every day is filled with a new experience and learning for all of our students - thank you so very much to all of the partners, staff, volunteers, and donors, who make INCREDIBLE things happen for our students during a critical time! Each day of Summer Promise, we combat summer learning loss and truly appreciate your dedication to make this happen!

## Parent News



We are so proud of one of our AWESOME parents who recently landed a new full-time job! Tanya Simms (pictured with her son, Sam) is the new Community Health Worker on behalf of the Institute for Public Health Innovation. She is supporting their RVABreathes program.

Tanya has been involved with Peter Paul for about three years in many ways -- as a parent, co-convenor on the 3rd-8th grade education action team, a facilitator for the *Strengthening Families* program (part of our Promise Family Network), and attending the Community Action Network team meetings.

We caught up with Tanya to see how she values her involvement with Peter Paul.

**Q:** What do you enjoy most about your involvement with Peter Paul?

**A:** I can't pick one. I enjoy it ALL!!!!

**Q:** Was there anything or anyone from Peter Paul helping you when you were applying for your new job?

**A:** Adrienne\* REALLY did more than enough to make sure this happened for me. She scanned and made copies of every piece of information I needed. She even took me to my screening. She rocks!

**Q:** How has being involved with Peter Paul been helpful for you/your family?

**A:** The overall Peter Paul experience is helpful for me and my family. Everything from the way you get greeted at the door to the way the bus drivers bring my babies home. It's family and it feels that way.

*\*Adrienne Cole Johnson, MSW, is Peter Paul's Director of Family Engagement (she really does rock!)*

## Volunteer this Summer

There's still time to volunteer this summer! 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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