



# Panda Press

## The Parkside PTA Newsletter

## January 2019

### WINTER AND SPRING EVENTS

#### **Prospective Parent Open House**

On Thursday, January 31, from 8:30 to 10 a.m., the administration and the PTA will host an open house to show families considering Parkside what a wonderful school we are. The event will feature school tours, presentations, and a Q & A. If you know families whose children will soon be starting kindergarten, please invite them and help spread the word!

#### **Family Dance**

This year's dance will be held on Friday, February 8 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. and will feature great music for all, along with pizza and a bake sale. This year's dance is FREE to all Parkside families, thanks to the fundraising efforts of the PTA and to our sponsors. Look out for a volunteer sign-up coming out soon; we'll need people to help with set-up, decorations, the bake sale, and more!

#### **Parkside Stride**

The 4th annual Parkside Stride is March 16, and participants can register for the 1-mile or

5K (3-mile) race. Students and faculty get special discounted rates via paper registration forms, which will be coming home next month. Not racing? We can still use your help, so please be on the lookout for volunteer sign-ups! For more information, contact Sarah Cannon at sarahwcannon@att.net or go to [runsignup.com/ParksideStride](https://runsignup.com/ParksideStride).

## **PTA NOMINATIONS**

Our PTA officers will be finishing their two-year terms at the end of this school year. The nominating period for new officers will run from February through the middle of March. A nominating committee will communicate with nominees and make sure that all are willing to serve to create the slate for elections which will take place at the school year's final PTA meeting in April. The positions are as follows:

### **President**

- Organizes and presides over PTA meetings
- Sets annual goals and priorities for PTA
- Oversees PTA financials and budget
- Supports other officers in their oversight of PTA committees

### **Vice President**

- Presides over PTA meetings in absence of the president
- Supports PTA president in working with school administration
- Oversees Events Committee and collaborates with Events Committee Chair

### **Secretary**

- Takes official minutes at PTA meetings
- Provides back up signature for PTA bank account
- Oversees the Communications Committee and collaborates with Communications Committee Chair to ensure PTA correspondence is widely communicated to school body

### **Teacher Liaison**

- Supports the (new) Grounds, Teacher Appreciation and Garden & Wellness Committees, collaborating with those chairs
- Oversees the Room Parent program

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### **Treasurer**

- Oversees PTA bank account and administers payments
- Generates monthly financial reports and presents reports at PTA meetings
- Conducts PTA financial audit and reports all required financial information to the Atlanta Council of PTAs
- Supports the Fundraising Committee and collaborates with the Fundraising Committee Chair

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

January 21 - NO SCHOOL, Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

January 25 - Panda Pride Day and Bake Sale

January 26 - Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl

January 31 - Prospective Parent Open House

February 8 - Family Dance

February 18 - 22 - NO SCHOOL , Winter Brea



### **FACULTY SPOTLIGHT Beth Wilborn, Media Specialist**

#### **Where did you grow up and attend elementary school? I**

grew up in Atlanta and attended Collier Heights Elementary school. I then moved to Teaneck, NJ where I continued at Lowell Elementary school.

#### **Who was your favorite elementary school teacher and**

**why?** My favorite teacher was Mrs. Hawkins from Collier Heights Elementary because she was kind, sweet and fair to all of her students.

#### **What's one thing about you that people would be surprised**

**to know?** I published my first book, "The Little Brown Turkey," three years ago. Prior to becoming a teacher and media specialist I was a travel agent for over 10 years.

#### **What is the most important thing you hope students take**

**with them from Parkside?** It takes all kinds of people to make up a world and each of us is special and has something unique to contribute. Always remember to treat people the way you want to be treated and never stop learning.

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