

THE PARKSIDE PTA NEWSLETTER

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OCTOBER 2017 – TOP NEWS

PTA BAKE SALE:

The October Bake Sale will take place at the Fall Festival on October 28th at King Middle School.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION:

Turn your Box Tops into your home room teacher during the week. Each class will compete for a special prize! We are including a collection sheet in the green folder and you can also download more sheets online at Collection Sheets.

(www.boxtops4education.com/about/collection-sheets) You may also bundle the BoxTops in groups of 50 (rubberband, ziploc bag, etc) to help with counting! All types of Box Tops are accepted (Box Tops, Bonus Box Tops, etc.) You can download a Box Top App to add more points for Parkside Box Tops Bonus App.

(www.boxtops4education.com/bonusapp) We collected almost \$500 during our last Box Tops drive! Let's TOP that this year!

COOL GIRLS INC:

Cool Girls Inc. is a local Atlanta area non-profit dedicated to the self-empowerment of girls and Parkside is one of the partner schools. The Girls Club program meets at Parkside every Thursday from 2:30PM to 5:00PM. www.thecoolgirls.org Contact Ashley Timmons for more information at 404.420.4362 or a.timmons@thecoolgirls.org

PARKSIDE T-SHIRTS:

Shirts will be on sale for \$10 at the next PTA meeting (Nov 9) and before school on our next Panda Pride Day (Oct 27). You may also purchase shirts on the main school website.

CHILDREN'S ART FUNDRAISER:

If you love the idea of turning your child's art into a keepsake, then our Square 1 art fundraiser is for you. Choose from dozens of items to customize with your child's artwork, from coffee mugs to jewelry. The best part is you'll help raise funds for our school. Look for order forms in order forms in TODAY's Green Folder (10/19). If you do not see one, please ask your child's teacher.

SQUARE 1 ART
IT STARTS WITH THE ART!

IMPORTANT DATES

OCT 19	Report Cards Issued
OCT 20	GO Team Meeting
OCT 28	Fall Festival at MLK Middle School
NOV 09	PTA Meeting ** Chili Night **

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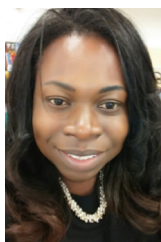


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#WeAreParkside

MEET OUR NEW TEACHERS:**Ms. Jordanie Carzo-Luberis (Pre-K)**

1. Where did you grow up and attend elementary school? I was originally born in the Island of Haiti, and emigrated to the United States. I grew up in the East Atlanta.

2. Who was your favorite elementary school teacher and why? One of the many educators that has had a strong impact in my life is Mrs. Cherrie Bonner (librarian) from H.O. Burgess Elementary. Mrs. Bonner was my everything and she is still an active mentor in my life.

3. What's one thing about you that people would be surprised by? I participated in an exchange program in Toulouse, France for about 6 months. I really enjoyed learning about the French culture and eating French bread and cheese was my everyday, "petit déjeuner."

4. What is the most important thing you hope students take with them from Parkside? Throughout the year the students will learn so many different skills and abilities. However, one of the most important things that I want them to remember is that life is all about having fun while you're learning and to learn about other's cultures and differences too.

Ms. Alerea Lofton (Kindergarten)

1. Who was your favorite elementary school teacher and why? My favorite elementary school teacher was Ms. O'hara. Ms. O'hara always had a smile on her face and was really funny. I always looked forward to seeing her at school.

2. What's one thing about you that people would be surprised to know? I have traveled to 7 countries in the last 2.5 years. I have had the opportunity to experience Mexico, Belize, Curacao, Italy, Portugal, Greece and Cuba.

3. What's the funniest thing you heard in our classroom this week? Students were asked to name a caring adult that they could report bullying to, if it were to happen to them. While most students named teachers in the school or their parents, one student said "I could tell my cat because I speak kitty".

4. What is the most important thing you hope students take with them from Parkside? I hope that students take a love of learning with them from Parkside.

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GO TEAM UPDATE:

In September, the GO Team unanimously approved Ms. Kearns and Ms. Moore for Parkside's open Teacher seats. The GO Team is now fully staffed!

We also meet with GO Teams throughout APS to share ideas and 'lessons learned' in order to boost our autonomy from the district. At this month's meeting on Oct 20th @ 4pm, we will vote on officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary) for the 2017-18 school year. We will also conduct a review of our Strategic Plan in order to identify areas for improvement and make revisions, as necessary.

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