

# Peabody Elementary School Newsletter

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## Parent Portal

### Five Reasons to Sign-up

- Communicate with your child's teacher
- Check your child's grades
- Look up your child's attendance information
- Receive important updates
- View the cafeteria menu

## Upcoming Events

- 2/18-No School (Professional Development for Teachers)
- 2/21-No School (Presidents Day)
- 2/22-School will resume
- 2/25-Black History (Virtual Program)

## Meet Our SPED Teachers



### Mrs. Winters-SPED

Hello and Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! My name Mrs. Alicia Winters and I am the Self-Contained Cross Category Special Education Teacher here at Peabody Elementary. I am very excited to start our journey into this year and be back to in person learning! I have high expectations for my students and expect everyone to give their personal best. I look forward to working with students and families together and having a positive impact on the students I get to work with. About Me: I live at home with my husband, our two dogs, Willa and Luna, and our ONE year old daughter, Ava. I love to travel and go on vacation as much as possible. I enjoy swimming and reading. This is my 3rd year at Peabody and 3rd year with St. Louis Public School District.

### Mr. Petzoldt-SPED

Hello my name is Jordan Petzoldt, and I'm the new resource special education teacher here at Peabody Elementary. I am split between Peabody and Bryan Hill. I am born and raised in Cape Girardeau, MO which is about 2 hours south of St. Louis. I graduated from high school in 2010. I decided to go to a vocational school after high school to become an automotive mechanic. I loved the job, but I was just not fast enough. I then decided to go to college to pursue a career as a teacher. I had a long journey to become a teacher but I am finally here!! I am in my last semester, which is student teaching. So, in May I will have my second bachelor's degree and a teaching certificate. My plans for the future is to go to the University of Kansas to get my master's degree in special education. Then once I am done with my master's, I will be pursuing my PhD in special education. I am so excited for this year. I can't wait to see my students grow. If you ever need to get into contact with me, you can send me an email at [jpetzoldt5139@slps.org](mailto:jpetzoldt5139@slps.org), [jpetzoldt1991@gmail.com](mailto:jpetzoldt1991@gmail.com), or you can even call/text me at 573-270-2729. Thank you so much and I look forward to a great rest of the year.

## Yes, Peabody Is Still A Uniform School

### Uniform Policy

All students must adhere to the following guidelines:

- ✓ All students are to wear uniforms Monday-Friday.
- ✓ Tops are blue or white only.
- ✓ Bottoms are khaki or blue only.

If your child does not have a uniform, please reach out to Nurse Jen, Ms. Patterson, or Mr. Hammond at (314) 241-1533 ASAP.

## Parents: Absences Add Up!

- School Attendance Is Serious
- How many absences are too many?  
Chronic absence is defined as 18 days a year—or just 2 days a month.
- Missing about 18 days of the school year in kindergarten can lower achievement in 1st grade and, for some students, through 5th grade.
- At your leisure, please visit the link below on How Parents Can Make A Difference At Home:

<https://attendanceworks.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/TakingActiononAttendance-1.pdf>

## Celebrating Black History

### \$25 Gift Card

to the first parent that can name these three black inventors.

Return the attached answer sheet to Mr. Hammond (ASAP).

