

# Porter Academy Weekly Newsletter

## Wednesday August 31, 2016

### Quick Reminders:

- Safari Minutes from August are due tomorrow
- NO SCHOOL MONDAY—Labor Day Holiday
- Hot lunches from Smart Lunches have begun. We've heard rave reviews from the students eating these lunches. Please remember to place your order by clicking on the Smart Lunches link on our webpage. If your child has received Smart Lunches orders, please email Ms. Hannah (hcha@porteracademy.org) with any feedback you've heard at home.

### Message from Ms. Lynn

Our students loved receiving their Safari Bucks and certificates from Mrs. Porter! Safari Bucks are a great way to acknowledge the students' hard work at home and foster feelings of pride for their efforts! Keep up the good work. If you have not yet turned in Safari Minutes for August, please do that by tomorrow.



### Porter Academy Parent Association (PPA)

The Fall Festival will be the first PPA event, and it's always a lot of fun! Keep an eye open for details coming soon. Please let Barbara Richard know if you are interested in volunteering to help with the Fall Festival.

### Parent Pipeline

The Porter Academy policy regarding homework is DO NOT POWER STRUGGLE WITH YOUR CHILD OVER HOMEWORK. You can use Safari Bucks as a motivator, but if you find yourself in a power struggle with your child (or if your child is struggling with the content of the homework), then stop.

Let them bring the incomplete homework to their teacher and tell their teacher why it is incomplete. We want our students to learn to take responsibility for their own work, accept consequences for their choices (good and bad), and advocate for themselves as needed. Plus we want you to focus your attention and time on enjoying your child!

### Important Dates

**Sep 5:** No School—Labor Day

**Sep 19-20:** Lower School Conferences; NO SCHOOL for Lower School Students

**Sep 22-23:** Upper School Conferences; NO SCHOOL for Upper School Students

**Oct 7:** End of first nine-week period

**Oct 10:** No School—Columbus Day

**Nov 18:** Grandparent/Special Friend Celebration; 1:00 Dismissal

**Nov 21-25:** No School—Thanksgiving Holiday

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## Classroom Spotlight

Here is a glimpse of our students working and playing hard over the past couple of weeks! Like us on Facebook to see more photos of our students in action!



Porter Academy is dedicated to educating children by utilizing individualized programs that are appropriate to each student's development level and learning style. Your child can succeed in the right environment.