Porter Academy Weekly Newsletter Wednesday September 7, 2016

Quick Reminders:

- Clay White Weeknight Warrior October 6-7— contact Lynn Schoeneck to sign up
- Add to your calendar: Fun Run on October 28th and Fall Festival on November 11
- Tuition is due for September
- Remember to order hot lunches from Smart Lunches (link on our website)

Message from Ms. Lynn

Throughout September, we will focus on respect: "I am important and so are you!". Each month, we will focus on a new trait as part of our character education program: Respect (September), Self-Control (October), Kindness (November-December), Patience (January), Gratefulness (February), Responsibility (March), and Perseverance (April). Wednesdays are journal writing day in Occupational Therapy, so today we all discussed and wrote about ways to show respect. Students were excited

to discuss character and they had wonderful ideas that led to beneficial discussions.





Porter Academy Parent Association (PPA)

The Fall Festival will be the first PPA event, and it is scheduled for November 11th. Please attend the <u>meeting October 3rd at 8:30am</u> if you are interested in helping (either in the brainstorming process, pre-event preparations, or at the event itself). We need all of your creative ideas to make it a fun day for all of us!

Parent Pipeline

Clay White is offering a Weeknight Warriors adventure specifically for Porter Academy students. STUDENTS MUST BE AT LEAST 9 YEARS OLD TO PARTICIPATE, there are 10 slots available, and the cost is \$200 (made payable to Clay White,LLC). Students will leave from the school Thursday, October 6th and return before carpool on Friday, October 7th. Everyone who has gone in the past has absolutely loved it! It is a wonderful experience that fosters a love of the outdoors, socialization,









and independence. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Important Dates

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 nineweek period

Oct 10: No School—Columbus Day

Oct 28: Fun Run

Nov 11: Fall Festival (1:30)

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

Nov 21-25: No School— Thanksgiving Holiday

Dec 15: 1:00 Dismissal

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Education trait for
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Classroom Spotlight

Upper School Orange went on a field trip to Kroger to purchase supplies for their classroom cooking activities. They each received a shopping list and a "wallet". On the shopping lists, things were listed by amount (e.g., 22 sticks of butter, 3 pounds of sugar), and the students had to figure out how many packages (and which size packaging) to pur-

chase in order to have enough of each ingredient. Each student checked out individually so they also had to figure out what bills to give the cashier based on the amount due as well as how much change to expect back. We'd like to send a big thank you to the wonderful cashiers at Kroger who were so patient and helpful in teaching our students math in the real world. Also a big thank you to our wonderful students who showed great discipline and manners as they stepped out into the community.

