Porter Academy Weekly Newsletter Wednesday October 5, 2016

Quick Reminders:

- Please email Hannah with Safari Minutes if you haven't sent them in yet
- No School Monday, October 10th (Columbus Day)
- Fun Run October 28 (NOT October 7th as initially stated) —look for sponsorship forms coming home soon
- October 11th will be individual student photo retakes (if requested or if absent on picture day)
- Oct 13-14: Bake Sale during carpool (\$0.50 items) items baked by students in Upper School Orange
- Zumbathon Saturday October 15, 2:30-5:00 at Just Fitness 4U in Marietta—flyer and raffle tickets coming soon

Message from Ms. Lynn

Spirit Day on Friday was amazing. The students really enjoyed the activities with their Porter Pals and we all enjoyed the full school Citizenship Assembly at the end of the day. Ms. Richard reviewed September's Character Education word (Respect) and presented Citizenship Awards to students who teachers had identified as doing something that made them a good citizen (e.g., helping a friend, cleaning up without being asked, using nice manners). Everyone cheered for each student called up and congratulated them on their good choices. I am so proud of all of our students for the kindness and respect they show to each other on a daily basis, and it just made my heart happy seeing the excitement and support I saw during September's assembly. I'm looking forward to our next Spirit Day (October 31).

Parent Pipeline—NFCC Food Drive

Upper School Blue, Green, and Yellow will be collaborating to hold a food drive to benefit North Fulton Community Charities (NFCC). They will begin collecting food on <u>October 11th and continue until November 18th.</u>

They have done the food drive for seven years. It's a great community service project and helps to teach our students to be thankful and recognize others in need. We have collected over 7000 items over the years.

As items are donated, Ms. Schultz' math classes will count the number of items and tally totals collected. Our goal is to collect 1000 items this year, and we will post our totals in the Upper School Blue classroom window so it can be seen during carpool.

There will be a flyer going home specifying items that are desperately needed. These items include toothpaste, toothbrushes, soaps. shampoos, pasta, dried beans, and baby items such as formula, cereal, wipes, diapers size 5 and 6, pull-ups (all sizes). Please do not send in any glass containers, used, open, or expired containers.

Please send in items with your child or drop them off in the front lobby at carpool.

Thank you for your support!

Important Dates

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

Dec 16-Jan 3: No School—Winter Break

Jan 3: Teacher Work Day

Jan 4: 1st day of second semester

Jan 16: No School—MLK Jr. Holiday

The Character
Education trait for
October is SelfControl: "I control
what I do and say".

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Spirit Day—Porter Pals and Citizenship Assembly