

Porter Academy Weekly Newsletter

Wednesday October 12, 2016

Quick Reminders:

- Oct 13-14: Bake Sale during afternoon 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 came home Friday. To be entered in the raffle, return your completed form by this Friday!
- Fun Run October 28—sponsorship forms came home yesterday
- Spirit Day October 31— Halloween themed—Lower School students may wear costumes (no masks); Upper School students may wear Halloween colors or Halloween themed t-shirts, but no costumes

Message from Ms. Lynn

In addition to our character education program, we are implementing a social-emotional learning program called Social Decision Making/Problem Solving Program, a program strongly supported by research. I will visit each classroom one time per week for 20-30 minutes to lead activities and discussions relating to social-emotional learning (Ms. Marian will be teaching OT classes during these times). Classroom teachers will then carry these concepts over to their day to day activities. I have worked with four classrooms so far, and the students responded very well. Many expressed excitement at the opportunity to share their thoughts and feelings while others expressed excitement about learning how to handle tricky social situations. They came up with great rules for “sharing circle” time. I presented the rules “Speaker Power” (only the person holding the Speaker Power Object may talk) and “Listening Position” (bodies still and quiet, eyes on the speaker), and the students came up with additional rules including “Include Everyone”, “Say Kind Things”, and “Respect Personal Space”. They did a great job respectfully listening to their classmates and sharing appropriately when it was their turn. I was proud of all of them and look forward to the progression of this program.

Parent Pipeline—NFCC Food Drive

The food drive run by Upper School Blue, Green, and Yellow has begun! Students walked around to all the classrooms and presented the project to the students and teachers, telling them the importance of giving and how they can help people who are less fortunate.

Please support their project by sending in items with your child. A flyer went 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. Thank you for your support!

Zumbathon—THIS SATURDAY from 2:30 to 5:30 at Just Fitness 4U Marietta

Support Upper School Orange by dancing with Ms. Corn and other wonderful Zumba instructors. Childcare is provided (and children are welcome to dance as well). It’s a lot of fun and helps us send Upper School Orange students on community-based field trips. The class has also been busy baking this week in preparation for their bake sale, which will take place during afternoon carpool tomorrow and Friday. Each baggie of treats is \$0.50. The Zumba flyer that came home Friday also contains raffle ticket purchase opportunities. Please complete and return this form with payment by Friday to enter the raffle.

Important Dates

Oct 28: Fun Run

Oct 31: Spirit Day

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

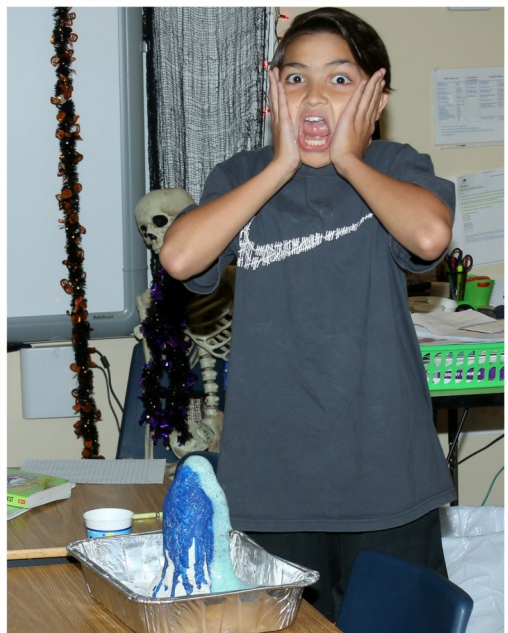
Jan 4: 1st day of second semester

Jan 16: No School—MLK Jr. Holiday

The Character Education trait for October is Self-Control: “I control what I do and say”.

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This week at Porter Academy

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.