

Porter Academy Weekly Newsletter

Wednesday October 19, 2016

Quick Reminders:

- Fun Run October 28
- 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
- November 11: Fall Festival starts at 1:30
- November 18: Grandparent/Special Friend Day celebration starts at 11:00 and ends at 1:00 dismissal

Message from Ms. Lynn

Thanks to some hard-working parents and grandparents, we have benefited from a golf tournament fundraiser in past years. This has by far been our biggest fundraiser, raising around \$50,000 each year. Unfortunately, the family who played the biggest role in the planning, resources, and implementation of this fundraiser is unable to continue this wonderful tradition.

Since we do rely on these extra funds, we need to come up with other ways to bring a similar amount of money to our school, most likely through a handful of smaller fundraisers spread throughout the year. If you have ideas for fundraisers and/or are willing to donate your time to help with fundraisers, **please join us on October 26th at 8:30** to start the brainstorming/planning process.

We do have two fundraisers already in place: Fun Run and Annual Fund, and they are both going on now. Please help us make these successful!

Fun Run: You should have received a Sponsorship form last week (it's also attached if you need another copy). This is a great chance for your child to be involved in supporting their own school. Please help your child figure out what to say and practice saying it so they feel prepared and comfortable asking others to donate to their school. They will feel so proud that they are making a difference.

Annual Fund. This is ongoing throughout the year. Our goal is to get 100% participation from parents, staff, and board members totaling \$10,000. You can donate by credit card by clicking our "donate" button on our webpage, stopping in to see Pam, or sending in a check with your child with Annual Fund on the subject line.

SSO: This is a great opportunity because you can provide student scholarship funds without costing you any money. The Georgia Private School Tax Credit law allows eligible private citizens and corporations to receive tax credits for donations to a Georgia Student Scholarship Organizations (SSO), which then give the money to students at the designated school. Tax credit means that the amount contributed will be deducted from state taxes owed (or refunded if you paid state taxes throughout the year). The SSO tax credit form is attached. Please go to our website for more information: <https://sites.google.com/a/porteracademy.org/porteracademy/home/support-porter-academy/ss0>

Parent Pipeline—Fall Festival November 11

Fall Festival is coming up on November 11th, and we need volunteers to make it run smoothly. Please click on the link to sign up through Sign-Up Genius. Thank you for your support!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c48a8ae22a2ff2-porter>

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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Classroom Spotlight—Sea Turtles



Over the past few weeks, The Sea Turtles have discussed diversity. They discussed what was similar and different about their skin, eyes, hair, etc. They read the book “We Are All Alike, We Are All Different”. They discussed each student’s abilities and interests, followed by a discussion about what was similar and what was different about people’s abilities and interests. They discussed various religions and their symbols from around the world. One student shared about his Jewish traditions and brought in apples dipped in honey, a

Jewish tradition during Rosh Hashanah. They also discussed families; what makes a group a family and how they are similar and different from each other. The students enjoyed discussing similarities and differences and demonstrated great respect for others regardless of their differences.

Classroom Spotlight—Manatees



The Manatees have been studying seasons, weather, and the water cycle. Yesterday, they discussed tornadoes. They read a book about tornadoes, discussed what they are like (scary, dangerous), and made tornadoes in jars by mixing water, food coloring, glitter, soap, and vinegar and swirling it around in a circular motion. The students were all happy, engaged, and learning!

NFCC Food Drive



Thank you to everyone who has sent in items for the Food Drive benefiting North Fulton Community Charities. We have collected 221 items so far, leaving 779 before reaching our goal of 1000 items. The most needed 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!

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Thank you for supporting our Zumbathon!



Clay White's Weeknight Warriors



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.