

Porter Academy Weekly Newsletter

Wednesday October 26, 2016

Quick Reminders:

- Fun Run October 28— sponsor form attached if you need another copy
- Spirit Day October 31— Halloween themed—Lower School students may wear costumes (no masks or weapons); Upper School students may wear Halloween colors or non-violent 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
- Food Drive: Please remember to send in non-perishable foods in non-breakable containers for our food drive. We have collected 426 items so far, leaving 574 items before reaching our goal. Thank you!
- Please Support Porter Academy by 1) donating to the annual fund, and 2) participating in the SSO Tax Credit program. Email phigginbotham@porteracademy.org for more information about either. Thank you!
- We have a stomach bug going around school. Please watch your child for symptoms such as vomiting, fever or diarrhea, and keep them home until they have been symptom-free for at least 24 hours.

Message from Ms. Lynn

It has been so much fun this week as everyone gets in the spirit of Fall and Halloween. Check out the pictures further down in the newsletter and on Facebook. Each class did an



excellent job on their scarecrow; they all have so much personality! Thank you to the parents, teachers, and students who worked together to make this project extra fun.



Parent Pipeline—Fantastic Friday

We also had parents lead us in some wonderful Fantastic Friday activities last week! Our Manatees created faces and wrote their names on their pumpkins using stickers and then they turned into mummies! The Sea Turtles read the book The Little Old Lady Who Wasn't Afraid of Anything and created little scarecrows and enjoyed chocolate dipped apples and fruit. Our Belugas have been reading Bunicula. On Friday, they all wore their pajamas, popped some popcorn, and enjoyed watching the movie Bunicula. Then they enjoyed some outdoor games together. Our Sea Otters enjoyed Pumpkin Math, during which they used pumpkins and their seeds to study symmetry, perimeter, area, and practiced comparing and contrasting. Upper School enjoyed playing card games.



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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".

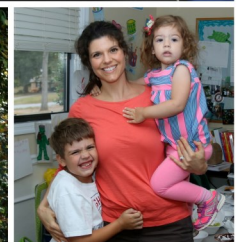
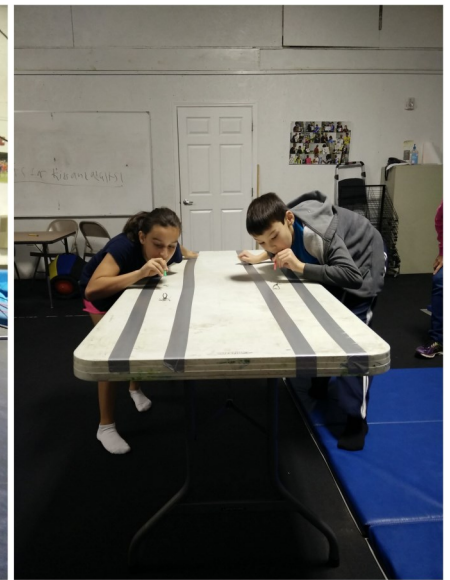
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Classroom Spotlight—Sea Turtles, Belugas, Sea Otters, & Upper School Yellow



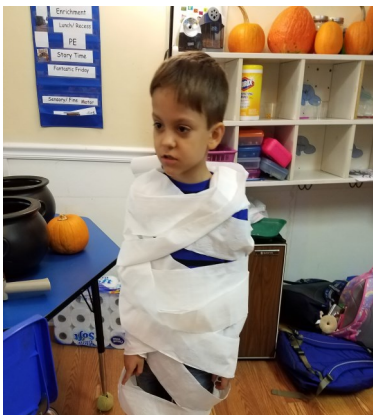
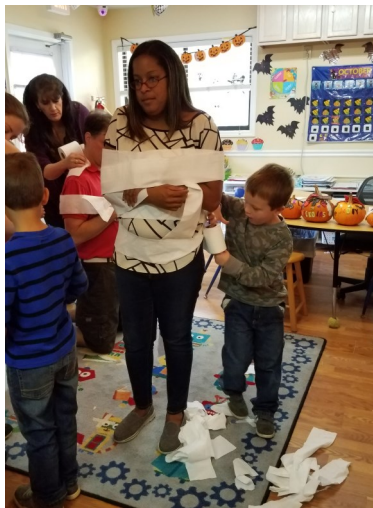
Porter Academy has participated in a poster contest sponsored by the US Department of Agriculture Forest Service and the National Garden Clubs for several years. Porter Academy has had winners in the past and students love hearing how they can help our forests. This year, the Sea Turtles, Belugas, Sea Otters, and Upper School Yellow are all participating in the program. Ms. Dixie, a representative from the Martin's Landing Garden Club, came to explain the poster contest and introduced Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl, the mascots. She had wonderful things to say about our students' character, saying they were so sweet, respectful, and engaged in the activity. Students have been working hard to create their own posters, and we are looking forward to seeing the finished products.



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A Ghostly Ghoul attended School

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THE GHOSTLY GHOUL ATTENDED SCHOOL
IT WAS ALL KIND OF COOL
HIS FIRST CLASS WAS MATH
HE THOUGHT THE TEACHERS NEEDED A BATH
HIS SECOND CLASS WAS READING
BUT HE KEPT DAYDREAMING
NEXT HE WENT TO LANGUAGE ARTS
HE PROVED THAT HE WAS VERY SMART
DECODING WAS A REAL FRIGHT
HE THOUGHT IT WOULD GO THROUGH THE NIGHT
HIS NEXT CLASS WAS PE
HE GOT STUNG BY A BEE
AFTER THAT HE WENT TO WRITING
THE NOUNS AND VERBS WERE FIGHTING
MS. JO HANDED OUT REDS
AND WE WERE FILLED WITH DREAD
IN SOCIAL STUDIES MRS. SCHULTZ TURNED INTO A MUMMY
SHE STARTED TO TEACH WITH A VENTRILOQUIST DUMMY
SUDDENLY THERE WAS A BIG BOOM!
MRS. SHALLCROSS FLEW OUT OF SCIENCE ON HER BROOM.
WE WERE GOING TO A HAUNTED HOUSE

WE PACKED A LUNCH TO FEED THE MOUSE

MS. RICHARD CAME TO TALK TO US

ABOUT THE SKELETON DRIVING THE BUS
THE SKELETON WAS DRIVING FAST
IT WAS A REAL BLAST
HE LAUNCHED THE BUS INTO THE AIR
MS. DEIRDRE LOST ALL HER HAIR
WE WERE ALMOST BACK TO THE SCHOOL
WHEN WE SAW MS. PORTER IN A POOL
MS. LYNN WAS FLOATING NEARBY
WE STOPPED TO SAY HI
MS. PAM TALKED TO THE GHOSTLY GHOUL
AND TOLD HIM WE SHOULD GO BACK TO SCHOOL
WE GOT BACK ON THE BUS
JUST LIKE SHE TOLD US
WE GOT BACK TO SCHOOL
AND GOT READY FOR CARPOOL
THE GHOSTLY GHOUL'S MOM
PICKED UP HER SON, TOM
HIS MOTHER ASKED HOW WAS YOUR STAY
HE SAID HE WOULD COME BACK NEXT HALLOWEEN DAY
WE ALL BEGAN TO SCREAM
HAPPY HALLOWEEN!