

Porter Academy Weekly Newsletter

Wednesday January 11, 2017

Quick Reminders:

- No School January 16 in observance of MLK Jr. Day

Message from Ms. Lynn

I am proud of all of our students for how well they have come back from break and gotten into the school routine (even with some snowy interruptions). They are working hard in all their classes and enjoying being back with their friends.

As many of you know, we hold an annual fund drive every year. This is the most important of our fundraisers because receiving 100% participation from parents, staff, and board members is vital to demonstrate internal support for our school. To keep tuition as low as possible, we actually count on 15% of our budget coming from money raised through the Annual Fund. This money supports the purchase of curriculum, testing materials, educational materials, and field trips that enable us to maintain a quality educational program.

This year, we have an exciting incentive for giving to the annual fund. For every \$250 you donate to the Annual Fund, you will receive one entry into a raffle to win a weeklong vacation at a Florida beach house. So not only will you be providing wonderful support for our school, but you'll have a chance at relaxing for a week with your family on a Florida beach!

If you have already donated at least \$250 to the annual fund (THANK YOU!), you will be automatically entered into the raffle. If you are unsure whether or not you have already donated, please contact Pam to find out (phigginbotham@porteracademy.org). To donate, you may send in a check, see Pam for a credit card transaction, or donate through Pay Pal (link on our website at www.porteracademy.org). Thank you for your support!

The Great Kindness Challenge

Please look in your child's binder (or see attached flyer) for information about The Great Kindness Challenge. This is a wonderful opportunity to help your child reflect upon how their behavior impacts those around them. Your child is challenged to complete every one of these acts of kindness by the end of February. Please check off each item as they complete it and return the flyer when complete. Those who complete every act of kindness on the flyer by the end of February will receive a goody bag reward, as well as a better understanding of the power of kindness. We will be checking in with them about their progress at the January Spirit Day (January 27) and encouraging them to continue their good deeds. Thank you for your support with this challenge!

Important Dates

Jan 16: No School—MLK Jr. Holiday

Feb 17-20: No School—Mid-Winter Break

Mar 3: End of 3rd 9 week period

Mar 10: Inclement Weather Day

Apr 3-7: No School—Spring Break

Apr 28: No School—Teacher Work Day

May 8-9: Lower School Conferences; No School for Lower School Students

May 10: Field Day

May 11: Upper School Conferences; No School for Upper School Students

May 25: Last Day of School; 1:00 Dismissal (No Afterschool)

May 25, 30, 31: Teacher Work Days

The Character Education trait for January is Patience:

“I will stay calm while I wait”