

# Porter Academy Weekly Newsletter

## Wednesday February 1, 2017

### Quick Reminders:

- No School Feb 17-20 for Mid-Winter/President's Day Holiday
- Please remember to donate what you can to our Annual Fund— For every \$250 donated by March 3rd, you will be entered into a raffle for a week at a Florida Beach House
- Safari Minutes are due today—please call or email them to Ms. Hannah (hcha@porteracademy.org)
- February tuition is due
- Pennies for Patients—Please see attached flyer

### Message from Ms. Lynn

Health Reminder: As I'm sure you know, there are a lot of germs being passed around the community recently (including strep throat and serious respiratory infections). Please help us keep our school community as healthy as possible by keeping your child home if they are experiencing any of the following symptoms (or have experienced them in the past 24 hours): fever, vomiting, diarrhea, severe cold, excessive runny nose with yellow or green discharge, severe sore throat or diagnosis of strep throat, undiagnosed rash, or head lice.

Annual Fund: If you have not yet donated to the Annual Fund, please do so. It's really important that we get 100% participation. Remember that for every \$250 donated (deadline for raffle entry is March 3), you will be entered into the raffle for a week's stay at a Florida beach house. You can send in a check with annual fund on the memo line, stop by to see Pam, or pay online by clicking the "donate" button on our website.

### Parent Pipeline

Mrs. Kershner alerted us to a wonderful opportunity for our students to attend a Sensory-Friendly concert by the Georgia Symphony. You can visit the website for more information and to purchase tickets: <http://georgiasymphony.org/sensory-friendly-concert/>

### Parent Pipeline—Frontier Baseball

Registration is open for Spring 2016 Frontier League Baseball. Frontier is Baseball for kids (boys or girls) with learning challenges such as ADHD, ADD, Apraxia, Speech Delays, Dyslexia, Auditory Processing Disorder and other executive or sensory challenges. Many of our students participate in the program and are happy with it. Evaluations are coming up on February 4th. Below are links to their new promotional video and registration:

- New promotional video: <https://vimeo.com/185678694>
- Registration <http://www.murpheycandler.org/>
- There is a flyer attached with additional information.

### Classroom Spotlight

Our Sea Otters and Sea Turtles did a great job creating their own dragon for a Chinese New Year parade! The whole school enjoyed watching the parade.



### Important Dates

**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 February is Gratefulness: "I appreciate what I have".



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## Spirit Day

We again celebrated our Super Citizens (and our favorite colors) on Spirit Day last Friday. The pure and kind character of each of our students and their positive interactions with each other work to make Porter Academy a wonderful place for us all. Also, thank you to all teachers and students for their wonderful work to create "I have a dream" doors. All of our students have inspirational dreams. Congratulations to Upper School Green for winning the "Most Motivational" award.



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.