

# Porter Academy Weekly Newsletter

Wednesday February 15, 2017

## Quick Reminders:

- **This Friday and Monday**—No School Feb 17-20 for Mid-Winter/President's Day Holiday
- Please give to the annual fund—deadline for raffle entry is March 3rd
- Please remember to bring some loose change to donate to Pennies for Patients during carpool (Monday through Thursday through Feb 23)

## Message from Ms. Lynn

Thank you to all of our parents for helping our teachers feel appreciated throughout the year, but especially this week! Every teacher at Porter Academy is here because they sincerely want to help children develop, learn, and feel good about themselves and their abilities. Teaching is not an easy job and it often takes a lot of perseverance and patience before seeing results. It is such a big help to hear from our students' families that you all appreciate the teachers' hard work and that you are seeing positive changes in your children. A kind word or kind note can brighten a teacher's day and energize them to continue their hard work. So thank you!

We still have not received a contribution to our annual fund from most of our families. While you're thinking about it, please write a check or go online and make whatever contribution works for your family. Remember that if you donate \$250+, you will be entered into the raffle to win a week's stay in a Florida beach house.

## Pennies for Patients

Students from Upper School Orange will be out at carpool collecting coins through February 23rd. They will be at morning carpool Mondays/Wednesdays and afternoon carpool Tuesdays/Thursdays. Please be patient and supportive of them as they practice their communication skills and money skills while helping those in need. See attached for more information.

## Summer Camp Registration



Registration for summer camp is now open. Our summer camp is appropriate for children pre-kindergarten through fourth grade (if you're unsure if it's appropriate for your child, please call Barbara Richard to discuss). The camp consists of five 1-week sessions, each with a different theme. Camp presents a fun environment, but also incorporates academic work to maintain gains made during the school year. Camp registration forms will be sent home on Tuesday so please keep an eye open for that. You may go to our website <http://www.porteracademy.org/supplemental-programs/summer-camp.aspx> for more information or to download the registration form or camp brochure.

## Important Dates

**Feb 17-20:** No School—Mid-Winter Break

**Feb 24:** Spirit Day—mismatched clothing

**Mar 1:** LS Fieldtrip

**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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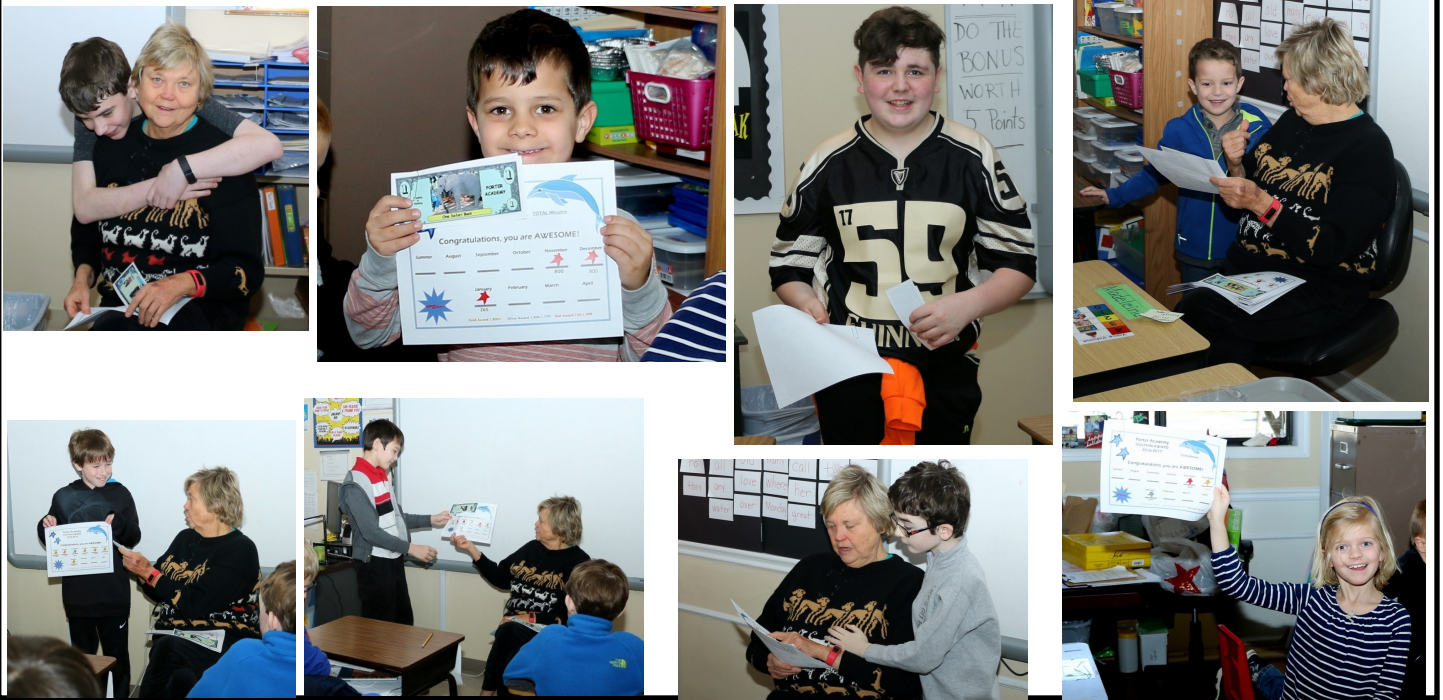
### School-wide visit from Officer Jones

Thank you to Officer Jones for taking time to visit with all of our classrooms to teach our students about his job as a narcotics officer, let them meet his dog who is trained to search for narcotics, and about the equipment he uses. The students even got the chance to try out his equipment!



### Safari Bucks

Students feel proud as Mrs. Porter acknowledges all their hard work at home that earned them Safari Bucks



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.