# Porter Academy Weekly Newsletter Wednesday February 22, 2017

## **Quick Reminders:**

- Contracts coming home with your children tomorrow
- Please help us get 100% show of support by giving to the annual fund—deadline for raffle entry is March 3rd
- Tomorrow is the last day for Pennies for Patients—please share some loose change during afternoon carpool
- Registration for Summer Camp 2017 is now open. You should have received a registration form earlier this week.

### Message from Ms. Lynn

We have had a wonderful year so far. I am so proud of the progress our students are making academically, developmentally, and socially-emotionally. They make it a joy to come to work each day!

While we still have lots of good time to continue that progress this school-year, it's also time to start thinking about next school-year. We need to get a sense of who plans to return, both so we know how many spaces we have available for families interested in joining the Porter community and so that we can ensure a smooth transition for any students planning to change schools.

Please contact Barbara Richard if you have questions about next year's program or to let us know that you are considering other school arrangements. Please contact Pam Higginbotham with any financial questions or concerns including tuition, funds from SB-10, or applying to receive an SSO scholarship.

We will be sending home contracts for the 2017-2018 school year with your child tomorrow. There are two copies—one for your records and the other to sign and return with your deposit.

We know some of our students are ready to move to the next level. We are very proud of them and will do our best to make their transition smooth and successful. We hope to see everyone else back year so we can continue the wonderful progress we're seeing this year.

### Spirit Day



Our next Spirit Day is coming up this Friday when all the students and staff will have fun wearing mis-matched clothing. We will have a full-school assembly to celebrate this month's character education trait, gratefulness, and acknowledging those students who went above and beyond this month as Super Citizens! Watching the students' excitement at being publicly acknowledged for being helpful, kind, and hard-working is one of my favorite experiences. I want every child to feel proud of themselves for having good character.

#### Important Dates

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".

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 evironment.