

Porter Academy Weekly Newsletter

Wednesday February 8, 2017

Quick Reminders:

- No School Feb 17-20 for Mid-Winter/President's Day Holiday
- Lower School field trip on March 1—look for information in planners this week
- Teacher Appreciation Week Feb 13-16—you should have received an email with details this afternoon
- Spirit Day will be February 24—wear mismatched clothing!
- 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 for 2 1/2 weeks)

Message from Ms. Lynn

Annual Fund: Thank you to those of you who have donated to the Annual Fund. We have received donations from about 20% of our parents so far. If you have not yet donated, remember the March 3 deadline for being entered into the raffle for a week's vacation at a Florida beach house (one entry for every \$250 donated). You can donate online by clicking on the "donate" button on our website (<http://www.porteracademy.org>), sending in a check with your child with "annual fund" on the memo line, or stop by to see Pam. Please contribute what you can. It's very important that we reach 100% participation.

Germ Season: Please help us maintain a healthy environment by keeping your child at 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. Thank you!

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.

Parent Pipeline

Christy Kennedy, an Occupational Therapist who specializes in Sensory Processing, has multiple opportunities coming up for parents and children. For parents (and teachers), she offers a series of educational classes including "beginning overview", "sensory diet", "How Does Your Engine Run?", and "Creating and Using a Playroom". This series of classes begins March 30th. For children, registration is open for her sensory-social camps that run from June 12-16 (ages 4-6) and June 19-23 (ages 7-9). Please find two attachments with more information about each.

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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Classroom Spotlight—Manatees



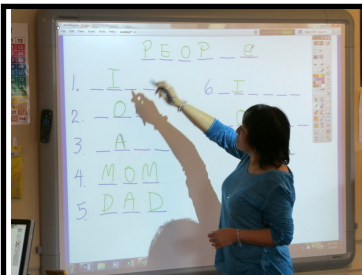
The Manatees have been learning about different continents. When studying Asia, they created Japanese Cherry Blossom art-work. While learning about Europe, they discussed Monet and made their own water lilies artwork. Currently, they are zooming in on the United States of America, becoming familiar with American symbols and presidents.



Some glimpses at other excitement from our week...



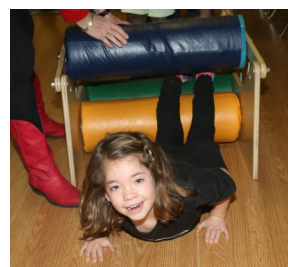
Superbowl Fun on Friday



Sign Language Games



Role playing possible solutions to feeling left out of a conversation during Social-Emotional Learning class



Left: Enjoying a morning squish at the end of S'cool Moves

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.