

Porter Academy Weekly Newsletter

Wednesday March 22, 2017

Quick Reminders:

- Contracts for the 2017-2018 school are due
- NO SCHOOL—April 3-7—Spring Break
- Registration for Summer Camp 2017 is now open.

Message from Ms. Lynn

If you plan to return to Porter Academy next school year, please make sure you return your contract this week. Next week, we will begin sending contracts to new students. Once we open the door to new students, we will no longer be able to guarantee a space for current students who have not returned their contracts.

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 know some of your children are ready to move on to the next step in their education, and we wish them the best. For those of you who would benefit from more time with us, we hope to see those contracts coming in this week!

Social-Emotional Learning—Upper School Blue/Green

Last week during Social-Emotional Learning class, our students in Upper School Blue and Green worked as a class to analyze the problem of chronic hunger in the United States. They watched a short video about hunger in the U.S., and then we worked through the beginning of the problem solving steps (FIG TESPN) as a class. We identified the problem, the groups involved, the feelings of each group, the goals of each group, and came up with possible solutions that might achieve each group's goals. Then the class split into smaller groups and were asked to select one or two solutions that they agreed would likely be effective in accomplishing the group's goals (thinking from the perspective of people who had sufficient money and food and wanted to help those who did not). Once selecting a solution, they worked to come up with a plan of how to make it work. They will be presenting their solutions and plans to the class this Friday as well as reflecting on the experience of making a decision as a group. A couple of the groups had the



idea to choose solutions on which they could follow through in real life. Here's to hoping they will follow through and make a positive difference for someone in need. I am proud of the compassion and critical thinking they demonstrated in this process.

Important Dates

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 March is Responsibility:
"I will do what is right, even when I don't feel like it."

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Saint Patrick's Day and Safari Bucks Celebrations

St. Patrick's Day has always been a fun celebration at Porter Academy. This year, it coincided with Safari Bucks to make the day extra special! Students had fun dressing in green, building traps to try to catch leprechauns, participating in St. Patrick's Day activities (e.g., making Leprechaun Punch, making green putty), and cooking/trying traditional Irish foods.



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.