

# Porter Academy Weekly Newsletter

Wednesday March 29, 2017

## Quick Reminders:

- Contracts for the 2017-2018 school are due
- NO AFTERSCHOOL MARCH 31 (this includes Fast ForWord and iLs) - Everyone must be picked up between 3:10 and 3:30
- NO SCHOOL—April 3-7—Spring Break
- Registration for Summer Camp 2017 is now open.

## Message from Ms. Lynn

The weather is looking like it is going to cooperate for Spring Break. Enjoy next week making wonderful memories with your family and we look forward to seeing your children back refreshed and ready to learn on April 10.

## Social-Emotional Learning

Students in Upper School Blue and Green did an excellent job presenting their ideas on how to help combat chronic hunger in the U.S. I was impressed by the variations in their ideas, the level of cooperation within groups in agreeing on an idea, the level of critical thinking demonstrated by the audience's questions about their ideas, and the presenting group's ability to handle constructive criticism (via questions) of their ideas.

The Manatees reviewed the social-emotional tools they've learned so far and created toolkits to take home and explain each of these tools to their parents.

The Sea Turtles and Upper School Orange created stop lights as a metaphor for the steps to keeping calm: red = stop, yellow = Keep Calm, and green = think.

I'm proud of all of our students for engaging so well in these social-emotional lessons, and it makes me especially happy when I see them applying the skills outside of SEL class.



## Contracts

Please remember to turn in your contracts for the 2017-2018 school year. We are now opening enrollment to new students so we can no longer guarantee a space for current students who have not returned a contract.

## Facebook

If you do not already do so, please follow us on Facebook. Many more photos get posted on Facebook than fit into the newsletter.

## 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:

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