

Porter Academy Weekly Newsletter

Wednesday April 12, 2017

Quick Reminders:

- Contracts for the 2017-2018 school are due
- March Safari Minutes are due by Thursday morning (can email them directly to Hannah)
- Safari Bucks will be awarded this Friday
- Registration for Summer Camp 2017 is now open.

Message from Ms. Lynn

I hope everyone had a fun and relaxing Spring Break. We have heard some amazing stories from students of their adventures! While students had that Spring Break energy when they came back Monday, they have settled nicely back into their routines and are working hard. Some teachers are beginning their end-of-year testing, and I am excited to see the progress our students have made come through in their test results. Students are still participating in their regular class schedules even while teachers begin the testing process.

Please remember to turn in your contract for the 2017-2018 school year. Enrollment is open to new students so we can no longer guarantee a space for current students who have not returned a contract. Please contact Barbara Richard about any program questions and Pam with any financial questions. Any non-returning students, please contact Pam to settle your account.

If you have not yet contributed to the annual fund, please do so. We have had 100% participation from our Board of Directors, Staff, and Parents every year for nine consecutive years. We have already received 100% participation from staff and are nearing full participation from our Board of Directors. Parents, please stretch our 100% streak to a full decade! You can send in a check with your child, drop by to see Pam, or donate through Pay Pal (click "donate" button on our website). If using Pay Pal, you can click "add a message for sender" to indicate "Annual Fund donation".

"The only gift that is too small is no gift at all."

Spirit Day

We had another wonderful spirit day, in which students received "Super Citizen" awards, PE effort awards, homeroom challenge winner certificates, and their new umbrella challenge; notice the decorated umbrellas as you go through carpool over the next couple of weeks! Please see Facebook for more (and larger) photos from the celebration.



Important Dates

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

Summer Camp

June 12-16: Jurassic Park

June 19-23: Pete the Cat

June 26-30: Astronaut
Adventure

July 3-7 (no 4th): Wild
Wild West

July 10-14: Rainforest
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The Character
Education trait for
April is

Perseverance—

"I will do my best, even
when things get
tough."

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Party Animals Atlanta

Our students loved learning about, and petting, many different types of animals—from fuzzy to scaly. They saw an iguana, a monitor, a bearded dragon, a chinchilla, a rabbit, a kingsnake, a tortoise, a toad, and a cockroach (yes, they even pet the cockroach). All the students were engaged, respectful, and gentle with the animals. Please check Facebook for more photos—we had too many to fit in the newsletter.



Summer Camp

Testing shows that many students lose academic skills over Summer Break. Our goal with Porter Academy Summer Camp is to prevent that from happening while providing a fun summer day camp experience. ***Our program is appropriate for children Pre-Kindergarten through fourth grade***, and offers integrated cross-curricular thematic units. Academics are integrated into fun activities, as well as taught in a more formal small-group setting each day. Activities integrate reading and math with science, social studies, art, social skills, and cooperative games. Students also receive occupational therapy and music therapy twice a week. Our program is further enhanced by in-school enrichment activities provided by outside professionals such as a juggler, a magician, and Party Animals Atlanta. There are Morning Session (9:00-12:30) and Full Day options, with the morning focusing on academics. Students are completely immersed in one theme each week. The 2017 session dates and themes are:

- Week 1 June 12-16.....Jurassic Park
- Week 2 June 19-23.....Pete the Cat
- Week 3 June 26-30.....Astronaut Adventure
- Week 4 July 3-7 (not July 4).....Wild Wild West
- Week 5 July 10-14.....Rainforest Romp

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