

Porter Academy Weekly Newsletter

Wednesday May 10, 2017

Quick Reminders:

- Conferences this week—see sidebar for details
- Yard Sale donations wanted—please bring donations to library before/after carpool—donations are tax deductible
- Yard Sale Friday May 12 from 2-6 and Saturday May 13 from 7-2
- Year end performances: Lower School May 23 @ 9:30, Upper School May 24 @ 9:30

Message from Ms. Lynn

I have enjoyed meeting with parents of our Lower School students this week to review their child's progress and brainstorm ways to continue helping their child learn and develop. I look forward to meeting with our Upper School parents over the next couple of days. I have heard a lot of wonderful feedback from parents about how much growth they've seen in their child and how happy they have been with their teachers this year. So kudos to all of our wonderful teachers who have worked so hard to help each student, and thank you to all of our parents for your wonderful support and kind words. It is important for us to hear that we're making a difference.

The students have been enjoying lots of special activities this week. On Friday, Mr. Ed came for a visit. Mr. Ed is a family friend of the Porters (and Schoenecks) who is blind and suffers from severe hearing loss. He comes to visit our students each year to deliver the message that we can each succeed if we work hard, despite obstacles we may have to overcome. The students asked Mr. Ed some great questions and had the opportunity to use his cane to find their way through a maze. Mr. Ed took a turn at the maze as well. Thank you to Mr. Ed for sharing his experiences and wisdom with our students.

Also on Friday, Mrs. Porter handed out the last Safari Bucks and certificates for the year. Congratulations to all of our students for their hard work this year, and a special congratulations to those who earned 7 gold stars, earning them an invitation to the 7 star luncheon at the end of the year (as well as a special student-designed t-shirt).

Today, we all enjoyed Field Day. The Upper School students (and a handful of Lower School students) enjoyed a full hour of soccer. The play was impressive and the players (and cheerers) had a lot of fun. The Lower School enjoyed face painting, water baseball, squirt battles, toilet toss, giant discs, bubbles, and bouncy balls.

Then we all cooled off with some delicious Kona Ice at the end of our day in the sun!

I'm sharing a glimpse of each activity in the newsletter, and I will post many more photos on Facebook over the next couple of days.

Thank you to parents, teachers, and students for making this such a wonderful week!

Important Dates

May 11: Upper School Conferences; No School for Upper School Students

May 12: Yard Sale 2-6

May 13: Yard Sale 7-2

May 23: 9:30—Lower School performance

May 24: 9:30—Upper School performance

May 25: Last Day of School; 1:00 Dismissal (No Afterschool)

May 25, 30, 31: Teacher Work Days

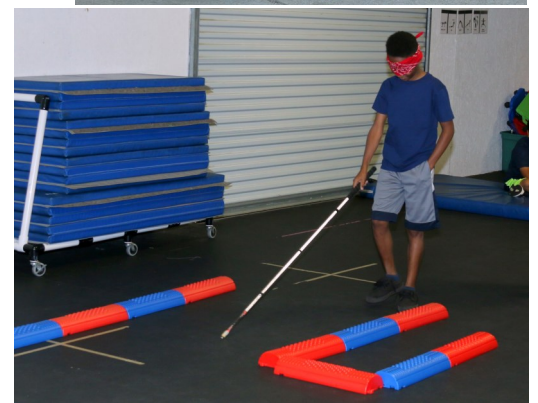
The Character Education trait for

May is Perseverance—

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

Porter Academy Weekly Newsletter

Wednesday May 10, 2017



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.

Porter Academy Weekly Newsletter

Wednesday May 10, 2017

Student Contracts

Please return your contract for 2017-2018 as soon as possible. If you have any questions regarding our program, please contact Barbara Richard (brichard@porteracademy.org). If you have any questions about finances, please contact Pam Higginbotham (phigginbotham@porteracademy.org). If you are planning on attending a different school next year, please let Barbara Richard know so we can do everything possible to facilitate a successful transition.

Annual Fund

Please help us reach 100% participation in our Annual Fund campaign! We cannot do it without you. Remember, your participation is more important than the amount you donate. We are applying for grants, and these groups want to see that we have full internal support as evidenced by 100% of families, staff, and board members donating something to the annual fund. You may donate by sending in a check with Annual Fund written on the memo line, stopping in to see Pam, or clicking the "donate" button on our website to donate through Pay Pal. You can specify "annual fund" by clicking the "add a message for sender" link on the Pay Pal donation page. Thank you for your support!

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



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.