

Porter Academy Weekly Newsletter

Wednesday May 3, 2017

Quick Reminders:

- Conferences next 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 enjoyed our final Spirit Day and assembly of the year! Both are new this school year, and I think it has been a wonderful way to celebrate our incredible students and teachers, have some extra fun, and send a clear message that we value character traits including respect, self-control, kindness, patience, gratefulness, responsibility, and perseverance. It made me feel joyful every time that a student got excited for being publicly acknowledged for being a good friend or working hard, and even happier that all the other students got so excited for them. All of our students are Super Citizens and should be very proud of themselves for being who they are!



Important Dates

May 5: Last Day of Fast ForWord

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 12: Yard Sale 2-6

May 13: Yard Sale 7-2

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

May 25, 30, 31: Teacher Work Days

The Character Education trait for April is Perseverance—

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

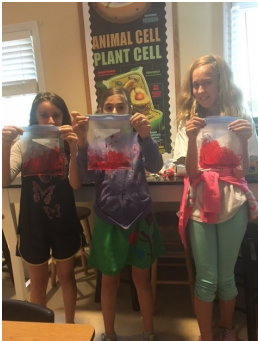
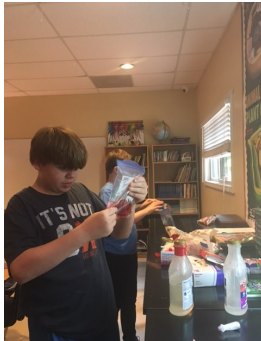
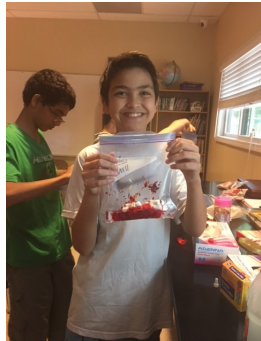
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Upper School Blue and Green—making blood

Upper School Blue and Green have been studying the components of blood: plasma, platelets, red blood cells, and white blood cells. Then they made blood out of candy, because relating things to candy always helps people remember! They had a lot of fun, and one of the students told me what each candy type represents in real blood, so it certainly helped them remember the information.



Year-End Performances

Please put it on your calendar so you can come see your children perform at our year-end performances. I am impressed, and often a bit teary, every year at how well all the students perform. We hope you can make it.

Lower School May 23 @ 9:30

Upper School May 24 @ 9:30

Congratulations Seth!

Seth succeeded in solving his Rubik Cube during snack last week. We are all very proud of him. That is not easy task! Congratulations Seth!



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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



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