

Angling Road School Family Newsletter

Welcome to the week of November 23, 2009

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Mission Statement: The teachers, staff, & parents of Angling Road School will educate our children to be confident, caring citizens, ready for the responsibilities & challenges of the future.

Electronic Angling Road Newsletters: Sign up by going to www.portageps.org, then *elementary*, then *angling road*. Fill in your name and email address and that's all there is to it!

A huge THANK YOU for attending PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES, supporting the BOOK FAIR and Junior Achievement ART ROCKS with art work from all students!

PARENTS/GUARDIANS: Our CREW Aquarium of CREW cards is already full! Our students are demonstrating amazing CREW behavior in the first nine weeks of school so for our 1st all school CREW REWARD, we are planning to show the movie, *UP* next week. The movie is a Disney Pixar movie and rated PG for some Peril and Action. Questions, call Karen Witvoet. Thank You!

CALENDAR DATES: SCHOOL DIRECTORIES are available for \$3.00.

November 25: NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS & STAFF

November 26-27: Thanksgiving Recess

November 30: Back to School!

November 30, December 1, December 2: Hearing and Vision Screening for all students

December 8: 5th Grade Choir Concert and 4th & 5th Grade Musical, *Dreamcatcher* 7:00 p.m. in the gym.

December 15: Aesthetic Education, 3rd & 4th Grade tour KIA Exhibit "Stories Without Words."

December 21-January 1: Winter Recess

January 4: Back to School and Happy New Year 2010!

IMPORTANT PARENT INFORMATION

- **District Budget Planning information is available – www.portageps.org** –
- **The PTO/Staff presentation available online - "Financial Challenges We Face Together" Presentation is Online.** The District is communicating with internal and external audiences with this presentation about the budget situation. Click here to view:
<http://www.portageps.org/departments/finance/FinancialStakeholders9Nov2009.ppt>
- **PTA Link for Parents to contact Legislatures on School Funding** – The Michigan PTA homepage has a summary of current activity on funding and links to find and contact your legislators. <http://michiganpta.org>

- **X-COUNTRY SKI EQUIPMENT** – *If you have any used children's cross-country ski equipment, please consider donating it to our school. Our 4th & 5th graders go skiing & additional x-country ski equipment is needed. Questions, call Sue Split 323-6028.*
- **Please call in Student Absences - 323-6000 to report your student absent.**
- **Box Tops News** - Keep clipping! To register - www.boxtops4education.com to see all the great offers online. Then go to www.thebigclip.com and enter Angling Road into the contest to win \$50,000! Let's get clipping! **School BoxTop Total to date - 10, 300!**
- **CAMPBELLS SOUP LABELS!** Please keep saving them! We are hoping to buy a Karaoke machine/microphone system for small assemblies, scout groups to use, and maybe Mrs. Witvoet singing karaoke – (just kidding!) Thank you!
- **5th Grade Community Service Project** – Note from an Angling Road neighbor - "Dear 5th Grade Teachers, I just wanted to thank you and the fifth grade students for all the leaf raking they did in our neighborhood last Friday. I heard many wonderful comments especially from two neighbors who live near the corner next to us. Thanks again for all your hard work! Best wishes, Anne and Phil Stohrer."

Portage Community Center at Holiday Time - Do you want to receive a holiday food basket this year? Or attend the Children's Holiday party? If you, or anyone you know, would like to receive a Holiday Food basket or attend the Children's Holiday Party (for children ages 2-5th grade) you must live within Portage Public School District or the City of Portage and income qualify. Call PCC at 323-1942 for income guideline information. You can also sign up Mon-Fri from 9-5 p.m. at 325 E. Centre-corner of Currier Drive. The deadline for Christmas Baskets is Dec 18th. The deadline for the Children's Holiday Party sign up is Dec 4th.

Discount Ski Ticket are available! Timber Ridge - For Adult/Child Pass costs \$14 and allows a lift ticket and/or ski rental to be purchased for \$14 any time during the season. No discounts on snowboards. **Bittersweet** - Child Card \$12, allows purchase of a lift ticket for \$13, ski rental \$11 and board rental \$13. Adult pass: \$10 which allows lift ticket \$18, ski or board rental \$16. Bittersweet's pass is good all day week days, after 3 on Sat., Sun. Holidays and winter break. To obtain either of this passes please email KathleenFett@SBCGlobal.net or call Kathleen at 207-7810 by November 30th deadline.

Thank you for support Holiday Sharing! Angling Road students & staff are thankful to our families for supporting many projects in our community in December. As a school, we collected over 600 CANNED & BOXED GOODS for Portage community Center. In the spirit of giving,

- ❖ **Young Fives, Kindergarten, 1st & 3rd Grades – Crayons4Kids Operation Scribble** – Students collect crayons, markers, and coloring books for Bronson & Borgess Hopspital. www.crayons4kids.com
- ❖ **2nd Grades – Kalamazoo Gospel Mission/Salvation Army** Students will raise \$ doing family chores to purchases hats, gloves, & socks for needy families.
- ❖ **4th Grades** – Adopt a Family through Portage Community Center
- ❖ **5th Grades** – Adopt a Family through Children & Family Services

Thank you for sharing your amazing children with us! We wish all of our Angling Road families a Happy Thanksgiving!