

Angling Road School Family Newsletter

Welcome to the week of January 4, 2010

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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.

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TIME CHANGES STARTING JANUARY 4, 2010

Grades 1 - 5: 8:30 a.m. - 3:47 p.m.

Morning Kindergarten: 8:30 - 11:44 a.m.

Afternoon Young Fives & Kindergarten: 12:4-3:47 p.m.

CALENDAR DATES: SCHOOL DIRECTORIES are available for \$3.00.
Please call in Student Absences - 323-6000 to report your student absent.

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| January 4: | Back to School and Happy New Year 2010! |
| January 6: | All School Assemblies, 9:00 & 10:00 a.m. "Math Magic" |
| January 7: | PTO Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Media Center |
| January 12-15: | Dibels Testing grades Kindergarten – Fifth |
| January 29: | NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS –Records Day for staff |
| February 12: | 2 nd Quarter Report Cards will be sent home with all students. |
| February 17 & 18: | Angling Road Parent Teacher Conferences, 5:00-8:00 p.m. Students/staff will have full school days with conferences in the evening, similar to the fall schedule. |
| February 26: | Mid-Winter Break – NO SCHOOL for Students/Staff |

Art Rocks! And so do you! Angling Road's Junior Achievement group, ***Art Rocks!***, extends its sincere appreciation to everyone for supporting our November craft sale. We made \$480! Proceeds will be used to buy supplies for the art room and for indoor recess. Congratulations to all the students who participated! You rock!

SNOW – Students Need Outdoor Wear! Thank you and please label with your child's name!

Severe Weather & Closing School During The Day

When severe weather causes school to be closed during the school day, please remember the following procedures:

- Radio stations are notified first in order to alert parents that school closing is imminent. They also carry news in the evening concerning the following school day.
- If you have access to a computer, school closing information is posted on the Portage Public Schools website at <http://www.portageps.org>. Television stations are another good source of information as they normally scroll school closing information at the bottom of the television screen.
- When school is dismissed early, secondary students are dismissed first so they are home when younger siblings arrive. *Elementary student buses do not arrive at school for a minimum of 1 to 2 hours after the initial school closing has been announced.*
- Students who walk to school may be dismissed before the buses arrive in order to allow them to arrive home prior to conditions worsening.
- Please **DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL!** We are unable to deliver last minute messages at these times of emergency dismissals. **PLEASE INSURE YOUR EARLY DISMISSAL /EMERGENCY DISMISSAL FORM IS UP-TO DATE.**
- Please be certain that you review with your child where s/he is to go in case school closes on days when there is a possibility of severe weather.

New Math Program Update

Early math literacy is critical to success at the next level and, ultimately, for post-secondary educational opportunities. This year Portage Public Schools implemented a new elementary mathematics curriculum publishing company, *Scott Foresman*. As you know, whenever we are learning new skills in a different context, there is an adjustment period. Teachers have been reflecting on the success of the implementation, as well as areas that students are struggling with relative to the new learning expectations and materials. We are very pleased with the success of our implementation and our students' reactions to the new learning context. Questions give me a call or contact your child's teacher.

***BOX TOP NEWS – NEXT BOX TOP COLLECTION DATE is TUESDAY, JANUARY 5TH!** Keep clipping! **November Winners: 2nd Place, Mrs. Doren's AM class with 321 Box Tops and 1st Place Trophy Winner, Mrs. Robinson's class with 340 Box Tops So far we have collected 12, 912 Box Tops School Wide which = \$1,291.20. Thank you!**

***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!

Happy New Year 2010! Off we go into a busy time of year for curriculum content and student learning!