

Road Runner CREW News

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Dear Angling Road Elementary School Family,

Welcome February! It's hard to believe that we are already at the end of our first semester! To celebrate, we will be sending home Report Cards on Monday, February 6th. Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held shortly after on February 21st or February 22nd. We encourage all families to attend and ask that you contact the office if have not received your confirmation slip.

As we prepare our 5th graders for the transition to North Middle School, we thank parents and families for being as involved as possible! One of the first opportunities to do this will be this Wednesday, February 1st, at 6:30 in North Middle School's cafeteria. At this meeting, Dr. Harris, Mr. Medd and other NMS Staff will share information about the wonderful opportunities that exist at North. On a recent visit to NMS, I had my "Junior Huskie Acclimation" and had the opportunity to tour, observe in classrooms and meet with Dr. Harris and Mr. Medd to learn more about the opportunities provided at North Middle School. I look forward to attending Wednesday's meeting and seeing all of our parents there!

As we look toward the end of the month, we look forward to experiencing the "African Folk Tales" presentation by the Washingtons. This entertaining and informative couple has been coming to Angling Road for years and is enjoyed by all! A special "thank you" goes to our fabulous PTO for bringing the Washingtons to Angling Road again this year!

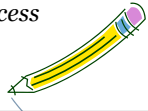
With Portage Pride,

Ms. Yankovich

Angling Road Principal



MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

February 1	5th Grade Parent Mtg 6:30 NMS Cafe	March 8	Kindergarten Parent Mtg 6:00 - 7:00 pm
February 9	PTO Meeting 7:00 pm	March 8	PTO Meeting 7:00 pm
February 16	HG & D Mtg 6:30-7:30 pm Admin Bldg.	March 20 & 22	Kindergarten Screenings 8:15 - 3:30 pm
February 18	K-Wings Family Fun Night 7:30 pm	March 29	Half Day School - 12:00 Dismissal
February 21	Evening Conferences		<u>PM KIND REPORTS @ 8:25 am</u>
February 22	Evening Conferences	March 30	NO SCHOOL - Spring Recess
February 24	NO SCHOOL		



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION:

Children who will be five years old on or before December 1, 2012, are eligible for kindergarten during the 2012-2013 school year. We would appreciate your assistance in estimating the number of kindergarten students who will attend Angling Road next school year. If you have a child who will be eligible to enroll in kindergarten during the 2012-2013 school year, please contact our school office at 323-6000 to register him/her. **Current Young Fives students do not need to register.** If you have a neighbor who has a child who will be five years old prior to December 1, 2012, please encourage them to contact our office. A Kindergarten Parent Informational Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 8, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. in the Angling Road School cafeteria. We will give parents further information about Kindergarten Screening including necessary paperwork for school registration as well as schedule times/dates for your child's kindergarten testing. **Kindergarten Screening will be held at Angling Road School, March 20 & March 22, 2012.** (The January Newsletter *incorrectly* stated that screenings would be held on **March 20 and 21**) If you have any questions, please call the office at 323-6000.

Portage North Middle School is inviting all ***5th grade parents only*** to an informational orientation on ***Wednesday February 1 at 6:30 p.m.*** This orientation will introduce parents to the curriculum provided at the middle school level and they will experience the sixth grade schedule that their students will have during the 2012-2013 school year.

Parents will also receive the Parent Orientation handbook outlining middle school learning, North Middle School's policies, elementary-to-middle school transition advice, and much more information that will be helpful to new middle schoolers and their parents. Again we reiterate that this is for parents only. Students will have an opportunity to receive information during their two scheduled visits later in the year. Mark your calendar and if you have any questions, you may contact North Middle School at 323-5700.

An informational meeting regarding the **HUMAN GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT CURRICULUM** has been tentatively scheduled for ***Thursday, February 16, 2012, at the Administration Building from 7:00-8:00 pm.*** This meeting is open to all parents who will have the opportunity to review the curriculum and ask questions.

Parents will always have the opportunity to review the curriculum at their child's school building. They may opt out for all instruction or just limited lessons. However, once they have opted out, they will have to opt back IN for future instruction in middle or high school.



Snow Day Announcements

In the event that the District must cancel school due to weather, there are several ways for you to stay informed. Prior to 6 a.m., the announcement will be on the **School Closing Hotline (323-6800)**, sent out via Twitter and Facebook, posted on the District's homepage (www.portageps.org), through the District and individual school electronic communication e-mail lists that people subscribe to, and also, of course, through the news media.

Stay Connected...Electronic Flyer Update

Portage Schools is trying to be more efficient in how it communicates news of student events and activities by community organizations. Instead of sending home thousands of flyers for every event or activity, the District has begun posting flyers from outside groups to a new web page. The flyer page, which contains links to each individual flyer, can be found on the District homepage at this address:

<http://www.portageps.org/departments/communications/flyers.aspx>

MISSING SOMETHING?



The Lost and Found is overflowing with mittens, hats, scarves, jackets, coats, boots, pants and shirts! We even have a towel or two and a bed sheet! PLEASE ask your children to check the Lost and Found carefully for any of their missing items. Lost and Found items will also be on display during conferences so that parents can do a little looking too!



SUPERBOOKS ARE HERE! Purchase your SuperBook today and start saving at your favorite, local retailers and restaurants. SuperBooks are \$39 and can be purchased in the school office. All sales benefit the Angling Road Reading Room. Help your school and help yourself!

Winter is Here! Students should be wearing coats, snow pants, boots, hats, and gloves while on the playground for recess. We will be going outside for recess every day as long as the wind chill is above zero. Please send your children to school with appropriate outdoor clothing.

A note about phone calls...if a student comes to the office not feeling well, we encourage them to lie down in the health room first. This often helps get them feeling better and back to class. If it does not or if a student insists upon talking to a parent, we will let them make a phone call from the office. Please do not interpret this as a message from the office that they SHOULD go home. If a student does not have a fever, is not actively "sick" or does not have a very runny nose, extreme cough or pink eyes, we encourage them to stay in class. We do our best to assess the situation but the final decision is yours, of course.

Please help us raise funds for Angling Road by continuing to send in Campbell's Labels, Box Tops and empty ink cartridges! We also participate in the Meijer Rewards program (#500490), the Target Take Charge of Education program and D & W Fresh Market (95902). Please ask about these programs the next time you visit Meijer, Target or D & W.



FUN EXTRA CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES!



	Contact Info	Notes
ATHLETICS		
Kid's Gym	269-323-7657 www.kidsgyminc.com or check us out on Facebook	<i>Kids Gym offers gymnastics for ages 1-18. We are open on Saturdays from 12:30—2:00 for ages 6-18, Lunch Bunches for age 3-5 and camps over breaks for ages 3 and up.</i>
	Juli Seiferlein 269 321-2177	Boys Middle School Lacrosse registration: Feb 6
Portage Northern Coaching Staff	323-6700 portage.registryinsight.com	Husky Youth Girls Volleyball Camps Coaching on Tuesdays and Thursdays/Games on Saturdays
The Courthouse Athletic Center	323-6700 www.ppscommed.org	Winter Basketball, & Volleyball Programs
CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS		
General Girl Scout Information	Michelle Jackson-Long 532-7041 mjlong@gshom.org	Please contact Michelle Jackson-Long for general information regarding Brownies or Girl Scouts.
Brownie/Girl Scouts	Jodi Newell 216-3214 Brownie Troop 80384 Juniors Troop 80322	Meet the 2nd and 4th Friday each month from 3:50—5:15 in the Activity Room at Angling Road.
Cub Scouts	Rick Green 615-4190 rickgreen442@gmail.com	Cub Scout Pack 289 is looking for all boys in 1st—5th grade to join the fun and excitement of Cub Scouts!
ARTS		
<i>Kid's Rule Cooking School</i>	Chef Channon 269 492-3440	Join us for fun, delicious cooking classes with local chefs!
Piano Performance		"Gilmore for Kids" piano performance. Thursday, April 19, 7:00-8:00 pm in the Portage Central High School auditorium.
Frostic School of Art @ WMU Saturday Morning Art "SMART"	http://www.wmich.edu/art/academics/arteducation/smart.php http://www.wmich.edu/conferencemanagement/SMART.php	Saturday Morning Art Class for 7-18 years old Begins February 4 9:00—11:00 am \$40 for 7 weeks—Adjacent to Miller Auditorium



