

# Angling Road School Family Newsletter

## Welcome to the week of September 22, 2008

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

*Angling Road School Store is open for business! All items in the School Store cost \$1.00 or less! The School Store is open from 8:45-8:55 a.m. each day! School store workers are Evan Andrews, Chelsie Eiden, Lyndsey Hollenbeck, Sameen Khurshid, Austin Killman, River Leversee, Morgan Janke-Wolff, David McNees, Paul Rozek, Maizie Snyder, Brook Thrasher. Teacher sponsor: Mrs. Schrock*

### CALENDAR DATES:

- September 18: 1<sup>st</sup> PTO Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Media Center  
September 23: 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will meet with Sherman Lake staff at 2:30 p.m.  
September 24: Student Count Day  
September 26: **ALL SCHOOL FUNDRAISER ROAD RALLY!** All students and staff will participate in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Angling Road Rally. Pledge forms were sent home with all children!

Scheduled walking times are:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade 9:15-10:00  
1<sup>st</sup> grade and a.m. Kindergarten 10:15-10:45  
4<sup>th</sup> grade 11:00-11:45  
5<sup>th</sup> grade 12:05-12:50  
Y-5 and p.m. Kindergarten 1:00-1:30  
2<sup>nd</sup> grade 1:45-2:30

Come and cheer us on!

- September 29-October 1<sup>st</sup>: 5<sup>th</sup> Graders and teachers at Sherman Lake Camp  
October 8: **WALK & ROLL TO SCHOOL DAY!**  
October 9: PTO Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Media Center  
October 11: **ANGLING ROAD CRAFT FAIR 9:00-4:00**  
October 14-30: MEAP testing with all 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> graders.  
October 17: **All School PIZZA NIGHT, 6:00-8:00 p.m.**  
October 28: **School Picture Retakes**

**FREE OR REDUCED BREAKFAST/LUNCH FAMILIES:** Parents/Guardians, if you feel your family may qualify for free or reduced meals at school, please be sure to complete a form by September 24<sup>th</sup>. If a family application is not on file by that date, students are charged breakfast and lunch charges. We have many families who qualified for free or reduced breakfast/lunches but they did not renew this year. **CALL THE OFFICE IMMEDIATELY SO WE CAN SEND A FORM HOME OR STOP BY TO COMPLETE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.** Office: 323-6000. Food charges begin on September 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Electronic Angling Road Newsletters:** Get the Angling Road School Newsletters by Email - just sign up by going to [www.portageps.org](http://www.portageps.org), then *elementary*, then *angling road*. We have about 425 newsletters going home each week electronically. If you do not have email access, we will send a paper copy of the Newsletter home with the youngest student in your family.

**STUDENT COUNT DAY is Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>** On this day, the official number of students school districts and schools receive funding for is determined. As with any school day, your child should be in school unless they are ill or have a family emergency. If your child is absent on Wednesday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, we will need written verification of their absence.

**STUDENT ABSENCES** must be called in to the school office. 323-6000 We have an answering machine and expect parents to call if your son/daughter is home due to illness, special appointments, and/or special circumstances. All students are expected to attend school each day and if absent, students must be accounted for. Please call 323-6000 in order to ensure your student's safety and Angling Road attendance policies.

**FOOD ALLERGIES AT ANGLING ROAD:** Severe food allergies are becoming more and more prevalent in children. Severe reaction can occur due to contact, inhalation and/or ingestion of the allergen. Reactions to specific foods can range from rashes & hives to anaphylaxis. Anaphylaxis is a reaction that leads to difficulty breathing, a drop in blood pressure and shock which are potentially fatal. **Over 150 deaths per year occur from food anaphylaxis, mostly from peanut and tree nut allergies.**

At Angling Road Elementary we have a number of children with life-threatening food allergies, particularly to peanuts and tree nuts. If exposed to peanuts/nuts these students may develop a life-threatening allergic reaction requiring immediate medical treatment. **The most important aspect of managing food allergies is avoidance and prevention.** To assist these students in being safe at school, we have developed specific procedures, including having students wash their hands regularly and the establishment of a "peanut free" table in the cafeteria. **We are also requesting parents/guardians avoid sending peanut or nut containing products to school with your children to eat in the cafeteria and/or classroom.** We appreciate your support of these procedures and understanding of the challenges these students and their families have in dealing with extreme food allergies. Thank you for your cooperation and feel free to contact Karen Witvoet with any questions you may have.

**BREAKFAST/LUNCHESES/MILK/SNACKS: Breakfast costs are \$1.20, Lunch costs are \$1.80, and Milk costs are \$0.45. All adult lunches are \$2.75.** If you prefer to pay by check, please send checks on Mondays for several lunches, in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name, teacher's name, amount enclosed, & numbers of lunches/milks purchased. Mrs. Lauri Johnson, Kitchen Manager, keeps financial accounts for all students. Contact her at [ljohnson@portageps.org](mailto:ljohnson@portageps.org) with questions. Menus are sent home monthly.

**\*\*\*\*Parents/Guardians: Please note that microwaves are not available for student use. Please do not send food with your child that requires heating/microwaving.\*\*\*\***

**MEAP TESTING BEGINS SOON!** Beginning Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, all 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be taking the MEAP (Michigan Education Assessment Program) tests. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be taking Math and English Language Arts (Reading/Writing) and only 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be taking the Science MEAP. We expect MEAP testing to be concluded by October 23<sup>rd</sup> for most students. *Please do not schedule appointments for your students during these two weeks, if possible. We are only able to complete MEAP testing in a short time frame. Thank you, and call the office with questions.*

**MEDICATION DISTRIBUTION IN SCHOOL:** In order to administer medications at school, written consent and instruction from a licensed practitioner and a parent/guardian is required for any type of medication (prescribed AND over-the-counter) to be administered at school. Authorization/Consent must be given on a Portage Public Schools Medication Prescriber/Parent Authorization Form. All medication

must be brought to school in the original container with the child's name, drug & dosage, time & quantity to be given and physician's name and duration of treatment on the container's label. Angling Road staff will NOT provide any antiseptic ointments, lotions, or cough drops to students. We are only able to provide an adhesive bandage. Parents will be contacted as appropriate according to the injury.

**ALL DOORS ARE LOCKED (except the main office door) at 9:00 a.m. each day, & remain locked throughout the school day.** ALL PARENTS & VISITORS MUST REPORT TO THE OFFICE USING THE MAIN OFFICE DOOR, SIGN IN, AND RECEIVE A VISITORS BADGE. Thank you to parents who wait for their children at the main entrance area! We appreciate your cooperation! Thank you!

**TRANSPORTATION:** All students are expected to travel to and from school according to information provided to us on the Portage Transportation Forms. Any changes to a student's bus riding must be made 24 hours in advance either through a written request to the office and/or by phoning the transportation office at 323-5151. If a student has a note for a bus pass (to go home with a friend, go to Curious Kids) they must bring it to the office first thing in the morning. Questions, call 323-6000.

**COUNSELOR'S CORNER:** Do you own a Cricut machine? Mrs. Fig needs a parent volunteer to help with lettering for our new behavior incentive board for our front hall. This board will tie in with our CREW theme. If you would like to volunteer to help, call Mrs. Figueroa at 323-6075 or email her at [cfigueroa@portageps.org](mailto:cfigueroa@portageps.org). Thanks.

**Portage Community Center Offers Free Tutoring:** The Portage Community Center offers a free tutoring program to students in grades K-12. Students are able to have a one-on-one tutoring session with a volunteer tutor once a week. To enroll, contact Tia for elementary school tutoring or Ruth for middle and high school tutoring at the Portage Community Center (323.1942) to receive a tutoring packet. According to the PCC, the top three reasons for tutoring are: to help students complete homework assignments, improve study skills and test scores, and achieve higher grades.

**WALK & ROLL TO SCHOOL DAY IS OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup>:** Angling Road will be participating in the National Walk & Roll to School Day this school year! On Wednesday, October 8, 2008, hundreds of Michigan schoolchildren will be joined by parents and other community members and start their day with an early morning walk or bike ride to school. Walk & Roll to School Day is an international event sponsored by the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness, Health & Sports, Michigan Department of Community Health, and the Michigan Department of Transportation. On Walk & Roll to School Day, students have a special opportunity to celebrate the fun of walking and biking. **We are asking parents/guardians to mark October 8<sup>th</sup> on their calendar to accompany their child on a walk or bike ride to and from school. Have Fun!**

**FROM MR. ZERBAN & THE MUSIC ROOM:** Did you know we have 33 fifth graders in the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Choir? Amazing and fantastic! Can't wait to hear them!

**FROM THE ART ROOM:** Hi, my name is Tina Walter and I am an art education major at Western Michigan University. I am here at Angling Road working with Donna Emerson to complete my internship. I absolutely love making art with these wonderful kids and am thrilled to have the opportunity to be here this semester. Ms. Walter

**FROM PTO:**

- **ANGLING ROAD CRAFT FAIR:** Do you have a home based business with crafts, jewelry, special items to sell? Join us & be a part of 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Craft Fair. Please call Jody Roush (388-2286) for information. Cost is \$35.00 for a 12x8 booth or 30.00 for a 12x5 booth. Deadline is September 30, 2008. Craft Fair is October 11, 2008.

