

Angling Road School Family Newsletter

Welcome to the week of September 29, 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, Maisie Snyder, Brooke Thrasher. Teacher sponsor: Mrs. Schrock

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

CALENDAR DATES:

September 26: ALL SCHOOL FUNDRAISER ROAD RALLY! All students and staff will participate in the 2nd Annual Angling Road Rally. Please send in your pledges and collected donations to Angling Road School! What a great time for all of us! And, yes, the only Fundraiser for the year! Thanks for your generosity to our school!

Scheduled walking times are: 3rd grade 9:15-10:00, 1st grade and a.m. Kindergarten 10:15-10:45, 4th grade 11:00-11:45, 5th grade 12:05-12:50, Y-5 and p.m. Kindergarten 1:00-1:30, 2nd grade 1:45-2:30. Come & cheer us on! September 29-October 1st: 5th Graders and teachers at Sherman Lake Camp.

Busses leave on Monday at 9:00 a.m. and return on Wednesday at 11:45 a.m.

October 8: WALK & ROLL TO SCHOOL DAY!

October 9: PTO Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Media Center

October 11: ANGLING ROAD CRAFT FAIR has been cancelled for this year.

October 14-30: MEAP testing with all 3rd, 4th, 5th graders.

October 17: PIZZA NIGHT- save the date! 6:00-8:30 p.m.

October 28: School Picture Retakes

Electronic Angling Road Newsletters: Get the Angling Road School Newsletters by Email - just sign up by going to www.portageps.org, then *elementary*, then *angling road*. If you do not have email access, we will send a paper copy of the Newsletter home with your student.

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.

MEAP TESTING BEGINS SOON! Beginning Tuesday, October 14th, all 3rd, 4th, & 5th graders will be taking the MEAP (Michigan Education Assessment Program) tests. 3rd, 4th, & 5th graders will be taking Math and English Language Arts (Reading/Writing) and only 5th grade will be taking the Science MEAP. We expect MEAP testing to be concluded by October 23rd 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.

BREAKFAST/LUNCHES/MILK/SNACKS: Breakfast costs are \$1.20, Lunch costs are \$1.80, and Milk costs are \$0.45. All adult lunches are \$2.75. Mrs. Lauri Johnson, Kitchen Manager, keeps financial accounts for all students. Contact her at ljohnson@portageps.org with questions. **Parents/Guardians:** **Please note that microwaves are not available for student use. Please do not send food with your child that requires heating/microwaving. Thank you.**

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. **Please avoid sending peanuts/peanut snacks for your son/daughter to eat in the classroom during snack times.** 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.

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.

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 8TH: 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 8th on their calendar to accompany their child on a walk or bike ride to and from school. Have Fun!**

GOT PLEDGES?

Times almost up! Just a few more days left to ask family and friends to sponsor you for our **2nd Annual Angling Road Rally!** Please turn in your completed pledge forms to your teacher as soon as you can. **Road Rally Day is Friday, September 26th. All students will participate with their classmates and teachers!**

Parents, please make sure the students wear tennis shoes. If you have an Angling Road shirt or a white, blue or red shirt, please wear it! Blue, white and red are our school colors-Let your school spirit shine at the **ANGLING ROAD RALLY!**

Please note that this is our **ONLY** fundraiser for the school year. We look forward to raising around **\$15,000.00** to support Angling Road assemblies, enrichment, Sherman Lake Camp, field trips, and so much more for all students! All of us together make a big impact! Thank you for your support!

Walking times on Friday:

3rd Grade: 9:15-10:00

1ST Grade & Kindergarten: 10:15-10:45

4th Grade: 11:00-11:45

5th Grade: 12:05-12:50

Young Fives and Kindergarten: 1:00-1:30

2nd Grade: 1:45-2:30

