

Angling Road School Family Newsletter

Welcome to the week of October 6, 2008

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Angling Road 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.

CALENDAR DATES: *Please return your Road Rally donations as soon as possible. We appreciate all students participating in our annual fundraiser. Thank you to all the parents who donated their times and efforts to us!*

- October 7: TROOP 289, 6:30 p.m. 1st Pack Meeting! Join the fun!
- October 8: WALK & ROLL TO SCHOOL DAY!
- October 9: PTO Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Media Center
- October 10: 1st Friday POPCORN Sale, \$0.25 during lunches
- October 14-30: MEAP testing with all 3rd, 4th, 5th graders.
- October 15: Destination Imagination – West Middle School Little Theater, 6:30 p.m. Details in this newsletter.
- October 17: PIZZA NIGHT- save the date! 6:00-8:30 p.m.
- October 28: School Picture Retakes
- October 29-November 12th: Kalamazoo Institute of Arts Art Reach Display “Legacy and Promise” will be on display in the media center. This is sponsored by Educations for the Arts.
- October 31: All School Halloween Parade, 2:15 p.m. Class parties after the parade.
- November 14-26: SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR AT ANGLING ROAD! The Book Fair will also be available during Parent/Teacher Conferences November 24 & 25. Details coming later.
- November 24: PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES from 5:00-8:00 p.m. (This is a regular day of school for all students.)
- November 25: ½ Day of School for students with dismissal at 11:57 a.m. PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES, 1:00-4:00 p.m., and 5:00-8:00 p.m.
- November 26: No School for students.
- November 27-28: Thanksgiving Recess

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.

Counselor's Corner ☺ We will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week October 23-31. This is an event to promote a drug free lifestyle. We have lots of activities planned for this week. **We are asking parents to donate a large, wide spool of red ribbon by Oct. 17th so we can decorate our campus. We are also looking for happy gardeners and landscapers to help us plant 100 red tulip bulbs on Oct. 24th. If you are interested in helping with this event please contact Mrs. Figueroa @ 323-6075 or cfigueroa@portageps.org.** Look for more information about Red Ribbon week activities in the Angling Road Newsletter. **Thanks to Mr. Rathburn for helping with our CREW bulletin board-**Our WatchDOGS program is up and running. Please contact Mrs. Figueroa to sign up to volunteer/questions.

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.

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) with 5th grade also 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. We would appreciate it if all students have a hearty breakfast, get plenty of rest, and come to school ready to go! Thanks! Questions, call the office.*

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. Mrs. Lauri Johnson, Kitchen Manager, keeps financial accounts for all students. Contact her at ljohnson@portageps.org 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. 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 school children 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!

FALL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES – Please return your Parent Teacher Conferences forms as soon as possible. If you would like to meet with additional staff members, including Mrs. Emerson, Mrs. Figueroa, Mrs. Minnard, Mrs. Russel, Ms. Split, and Mr. Zerban, please call the school office at 323-6000 to schedule conference appointments. If something unexpected comes up and you are unable to make your conference, please notify the teacher as soon as possible so your conference can be rescheduled.

CONFERENCES DATES:

Monday, November 24: 5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. Full Day of school for students

Tuesday, November 25: ½ day of school for students

1:00 P.M. – 4:00 and 5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.

Wednesday, November 26: No school for students

DESTINATION IMAGINATION -The E² staff is excited to be bringing Theresa Fougny, Director and Denise Cotter, Regional Director from Destination Imagination to share information about this unique enrichment program and discuss how parents can assist in bringing it to our school. Destination ImagiNation (www.idodi.com) teaches students the processes of Creative Problem Solving and teamwork in a fun, positive atmosphere. It is a community-based, non-profit, volunteer-driven educational organization which provides parent trainers with tools to encourage and develop these skills. Parents/PTO members interested in bringing Destination ImagiNation to our school, join us at 6:30 P.M., Wednesday, October 15th, West Middle School Little Theatre. RSVP: Portage Enrichment Center 323-5090.

