

Angling Road School Family Newsletter

Welcome to the week of November 3, 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.

Parents-Please help! We are having a difficult time right now with week-end paint graffiti on the I-94 wall & paint ball fights! If you drive by school & see anything suspicious, please contact the Portage Police Department. (329-4567) Police are patrolling on a regular basis, especially on weekends. Thanks for helping us keep our school grounds safe for our children!

ANGLING ROAD SCHOOL DIRECTORIES are here! Cost- \$2.00 each.

CALENDAR DATES: *Thanks for returning Road Rally donations as soon as possible.*

October 31: *All School Halloween Parade, 2:15 p.m. Class parties after the parade!*

October 29-November 12th: Kalamazoo Institute of Arts - ArtReach Exhibit "Legacy and Promise" will be on display in the media center. This is sponsored by Educations for the Arts.

November 4: **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS – Records Day for Staff.**

November 13: PTO Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the Media Center

November 14-26: SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR AT ANGLING ROAD! The Book Fair will also be available during Parent/Teacher Conferences November 24 & 25. Check out this AR web site!

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/cptoolkit/publish/anglingroad>

November 19: FAMILY FUN NIGHT AT GREAT SKATE – 6:30-8:30 P.M.
\$4.50 PER PERSON INCLUDES SKATE RENTAL. Concession stand will be open. You can bring your own inline skates. Join the fun with other Angling Road families.

November 21: Report Cards will be sent home with all students.

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 and staff.

November 27-28: Thanksgiving Recess

From PTO: *We would like to thank everyone who helped at Pizza Night and made it another great night for the kids and their families! Thank you for helping and thank you for coming to support this family event!*

PTO NEWS/MINUTES/PTO PAPER is now online! Just go to...

www.portageps.org/schools/elementary/Ang/organizations/pto.htm

FALL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES – We are scheduling Parent Teacher Conferences. 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. We value talking with parents or guardians about your student’s school success and ways we can work together to benefit your child during this school year. **REMINDER: THERE IS NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH – THIS IS RECORDS DAY FOR ELEMENTARY STAFF.**
CONFERENCES DATES – Questions, call the office, 323-6000:

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

Tuesday, November 25: ½ day of school for students with dismissal at 11:57 a.m.

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

*Mrs. Conner, E2 teacher, will be here on Tuesday, November 25th for parents to stop by.

Wednesday, November 26: No school for students & staff.

ANGLING ROAD DECALS for your car windows - \$3.00 each! We are selling them from the office so stop by & pick one up! Wait until you see them-They are GREAT! Thanks to Jodie & Matt Corliss (Ryan & Jessica Beadle) & their business *Corliss Signs* for designing & making these for us - \$3.00 each.

Birthday Invites & Deliveries *The staff of Angling Road request that students **NOT** hand-out party invitations at school.* Disappointment students may feel about not being invited to a party causes a disruption to the educational environment. Invitations to parties should be made outside of the school environment. *We also request deliveries of flowers or balloons not be made at school.* These deliveries to students often turn into a distraction to the learning process. Consequently, balloons and flowers will not be delivered to classrooms and will remain in the office until the end of the school day for the student to pick up. Please note that flowers and/or balloons are not allowed on our school busses.

No Latex Balloons At Angling Road - It is estimated that between 8,800 and 53,000 Michigan school children could have or develop latex sensitivity. Allergic reactions to latex can range from mild to life-threatening. Angling Road currently has students who are allergic to latex. Because of this and the increased incidence in latex sensitivity, ***NO latex balloons are allowed in the school building.*** Non-latex gloves & Band-Aids are used in our health room. We use latex free materials in all science experiments.

Toys, Gameboys & Walkmans Students are not to bring toys, Game Boys, Walkmans or other electronic devices to school. These can be expensive and the school can not be responsible for items lost. Toys & games brought from home also create controversy in regards to who may touch or play with the item. We have invested in new playground equipment, balls, sidewalk chalk, etc. and indoor recess games for all students to use and share. Except for special “show and tell” times approved by the teacher, students are not to bring toys or electronic devices to school.

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.

20th Annual Portage Public Schools Fun Run, October 14, 2008 –

The following students from Angling Road ran in this year’s Fun Run: Sam Proos (7:40), Joey Proos (8:27), Will Kellam (6:55), Michael Orwin (6:11), Matt Molner (9:14), Alex Molner (7:02), Tyler Jessalunas (8:26)