

# Angling Road School Family Newsletter

Welcome to the week of November 10, 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.

**NOVEMBER MENUS HAVE BEEN SENT HOME. Please note that Chartwells Food Service has a weekly rotating meal choice of hamburgers, hot dogs, tacos, etc. The rotating meal choice is printed on the menus. HOTS DOGS ARE NO LONGER A DAILY CHOICE but are part of the weekly rotating meal choices. Lots of kids choose hot dogs each day so we wanted you to be aware of this change. Thanks.**

## CALENDAR DATES:

October 29-November 12<sup>th</sup>: 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 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

**FALL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES** – Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled.

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. Mrs. Conner will be available on Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>. We value talking with parents/guardians about your student's school success and ways we can work together to benefit your child during this school year.

**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.

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

**From Karen Witvoet - Thanks for returning Road Rally donations! If you have not sent your pledged donations to school yet, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you to everyone that helped make Road Rally a success. In my years at Angling Road School, I have never seen so**

much enthusiasm or support of our school. Thank you to all our fantastic students, staff, PTO, and families!

**From PTO:** PTO NEWS/MINUTES/PTO PAPER is now online! Just go to... [www.portageps.org/schools/elementary/Anq/organizations/pto.htm](http://www.portageps.org/schools/elementary/Anq/organizations/pto.htm)  
**ANGLING ROAD SCHOOL DIRECTORIES are here! Cost- \$2.00 each.**

**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. We also request deliveries of flowers or balloons not be made at school.* These deliveries to students are distracting 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. 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 free tutoring programs to students in grades K-12. Students are able to have one-on-one tutoring sessions with a volunteer tutor weekly. To enroll, contact Tia for elementary school tutoring or Ruth for middle and high school tutoring at the Portage Community Center (323.1942) & receive a tutoring packet.

**Request to Stay Indoors for Recess:** We believe that except on rare occasions, if a child is well enough to be in school, they are well enough to go outside and enjoy recess. In addition, an adult must always be present to supervise a child staying in for recess, which takes away from staff lunch times and office staff duties. Therefore, a note from a physician stating the child is to remain indoors for recess is required for a child to be individually supervised during recess time. Thank you for understanding and cooperating with this matter. Questions, call Karen Witvoet

**Portage Public Schools Notice of Non-discrimination:** PPS does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, age, sex, marital status or handicap in the admissions to, access to, participation in, benefits of, or employment in its programs or activities as provided by district policy and in compliance with Federal and State statutes. The employees below have been designated to coordinate the District's efforts to comply with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title IX, and Section 504/ADA. For further information contact your school counselor, your school principal, Title IX Coordinator & Employment Director, Vickie Herzberg, Section 504/Special Education Coordinator Laurie Montgomery. Any person may also contact the Assistant Secretary for Civil Right, U.S. Department of Education, regarding the District's compliance with the regulations implementing Title VI, Title IX, or Section 504/ADA.

