

Angling Road School Family Newsletter

Welcome to the week of March 2, 2009

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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/Guardians – A Quick Reminder: *If you are dropping off your children before 8:36 a.m., all children must wait at the main entrance door area. Students are NOT allowed to enter the building at the Kindergarten or Fifth Grade doors until the bell rings. THANKS!*

CALENDAR DATES:

- March 3:** SPRING PICTURES – Information was sent home last week Questions, call the office!
- March 4:** 5th Grades attend K-Wings Education Day Game
- March 6:** Kalamazoo Symphony Youth Concert – 4th & 5th grades
Attend! Did you see in the Kalamazoo Gazette that two former Angling Road students composed pieces that will be performed by the Kalamazoo Symphony! Congratulations to Neal Truitt's (2nd grader at AR) sister, *Stephanie Truitt (6th grader at NMS and Samm Johnson (12th grader at PNHS)* What an experience for our students to attend this special event!
- March 11:** "A Conversation about Drugs and Alcohol" Details below.
- March 12:** Kindergarten Parent Informational Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- March 12:** PTO Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Media Center
- March 20:** Angling Road 2008-2009 YEARBOOK Orders due!
- March 25:** ***Books and Breakfast, 7:45-8:30 a.m. Sponsored by Angling Road Student Council***
- March 25:** All School Performance with Von & Fran Washington, 10:00 a.m. "Lost in Kzoo."
- March 27:** **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS – Records Day for Staff**
- March 31, April 2nd** **KINDERGARTEN SCREENING AT ANGLING ROAD.**
- April 3:** Spring Friday – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS OR STAFF
- APRIL 6-10:** SPRING BREAK
- April 13:** School Resumes
- April 17:** 3rd Quarter Report Cards go home with students
- May 2:** ANGLING ROAD SCHOOL CARNIVAL Save the date for a great afternoon.

Congratulations to the following students for having their artwork displayed at the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts annual Young Artists of Kalamazoo County exhibition. The exhibit will be open February 21 - March 22. The opening reception is Sunday, February 22, 12:00-2:00. The exhibit is free and all are welcome! Students represented in the show are: Jacob Kavanaugh, Jason Koch, Courtney Bale, Alford Anderson, Paige Underwood, Cece Chapleau, Mallory Mattison, Makayla Smith, Aayush Mohanty, Nicholas Lesman, Megan Pryor, Macey Hebner, Alli Bammert, Hayden Taverna, Beyza Niefert, Keianna Holmes, Frank Xia, Briana Barnes, Cassie Campbell, Sarah Van Schoick, Ryan Gilmour, Kyler Quezada, Cortney Chow, Cameron Pietrzykowski, Riley Hoke, Laura Fales, Claire Arnold, Koty Erdos, David McNees, Daniel Kellberg, Delaney Landis, and Olivia Woods.

2008-2009 YEARBOOKS: Order forms were sent home last week. Please return with \$15.00 to your child's teacher. Please make checks out to Angling Road PTO.

OR, order online: www.SchoolPictures.com The deadline for orders is March 20th - after that date there is a \$5.00 late fee charged.

BOOKS & BREAKFAST - Sponsored by Angling Road Student Council -
Wednesday, March 25, 2009, 7:45 a.m. -8:30 a.m. Come to school early with your child and enjoy a few good books, donuts and juice! Please bring your favorite books from home (our media center will not be open during Books and Breakfast) and start the day off right! It's a great time to enjoy reading with your children! Donations gladly accepted by Student Council.

SUPERBOOKS are available from Mrs. Russel. Cost \$39.00. SUPERBOOKS include everything from restaurants to laundry services, movie rentals to golfing and much, much more. Coupons are good from March 2009-March 2010. **All proceeds will buy grade level reading books for kids!**

OUTDOOR RECESS: SNOW OR SPRING! It could be snowy or muddy or wet or dry! Yikes, Michigan weather is interesting! Thanks for sending your students prepared for the weather!

2009-2010 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION: Children who will be five years old on or before December 1, 2009 are eligible for kindergarten during the 2009-2010 school year. We would appreciate your assistance in estimating the number of kindergarten students who will attend Angling Road next school year. If you have a child who will be eligible to enroll in kindergarten during the 2009-2010 school year, please contact our school office at 323-6000 to register him/her. **Current Young Fives students do not need to register.** If you have a neighbor who has a child who will be five years old prior to December 1, 2009 please encourage them to contact our office. Pre-Kindergarten Parent Meeting will be Thursday, March 12, 2009, 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. We will give parents further information about Kindergarten Screening including necessary paperwork for school registration as well as schedule times/dates for your child's kindergarten testing. Kindergarten Screening will be held at Angling Road School, March 31 and April 2, 2009. Questions, call the office at 323-6000.

Protective Behavior Videos/DVDs will be shared in all classrooms during the period between March 11-26, 2009. Please call me if you would like to preview these instructional tapes prior to the above dates. (Kindergarten & 1st Grades--*What Tadoo*, Grades 2 & 3--*Yes, You Can Say No*, and Grades 4 & 5--*It's Okay to Tell*. Thank you, Karen Witvoet 323-6000.

Free PRESCHOOL The PREP Program is a state-funded preschool program designed for children who will be four (4) years old by December 1, 2009, or turning five (5) after December 1, 2009. The child must reside in the Portage Public School district, and meet grant guidelines which determine eligibility of a child. The program is free to eligible children and their families. An Open House will take place on Thursday, March 19 from 6-8pm and Friday March 20, from 10am-2pm in Room 116 of the Curious Kids Building located at 1010 W. Milham. At that time applications may be obtained for the 2009/2010 school year. If you have any questions please feel free to call Georgia Boyle or Heather Schillaci at 323-6711. *****The program and placement of families in the program is contingent upon the availability of funds provided by the Michigan Department of Education.*****

Student Safety: A Conversation about Drugs & Alcohol Parents: Do you have a concern about possible substance abuse use by your children or one of their friends? Are you interested in knowing what some of the latest trends are? Would you like information on where to go for help and what the Portage Public School system is doing to help students? Then please join us for a parent meeting at Central Middle School in the media center at 6:30 pm on Wednesday, March 11.

Assistant principal Denny Roehm (WMS) and Portage Police Detective Matt Wolfe will present some of the concerns regarding drugs and alcohol, what you can do at home and how to get more help if you know someone in trouble.

