

Angling Road School Family Newsletter

Welcome to the week of May 11, 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.

ELECTRONIC ANGLING ROAD NEWSLETTERS: Get the Angling Road Family Newsletter by email. Just sign up by going to www.portageps.org, then *Elementary*, then *Angling Road*. Fill in your name and email address and that's all there is to it!

CALENDAR DATES:

Angling Road 2008-2009 YEARBOOKS WILL BE HERE SOON! If you didn't order a Yearbook in advance, we will have a few extras in the office for \$20.00 each! We will keep you posted when Yearbooks arrive!

May 12: *1st, 2nd, 3rd Grade Musical, "An Aesop Adventure" 2:30-3:15 p.m. and 7:00-7:45 p.m.* Parents, feel free to join us at the 2:30 p.m. performance to video tape as it is usually less crowded. Grandparents & special guests are also welcome to attend the afternoon all-school performance!

May 14: **Final PTO Meeting of the school year! 7:00 p.m.** Anyone interested in a board position for the 2009-2010 school year, please call me before May 14th. Need more info, questions, call Karen at 323-6055. Thanks.

May 19: **5th Grade Spring Choir Concert, 7:00 p.m.**

May 26-29: **BOOK FAIR – Buy 1 get 1 Free Book Fair – details coming soon!**

May 28: **E2 Open House at the E2 Center**

June 5: **All School Field Day – End of school year celebration**

June 8: **Rain date for Field Day**

June 9: **CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY, 9:15 a.m.**

June 10: **5th GRADE TALENT SHOW, 2:15 P.M.**

Last day of school for Afternoon Young Fives and Kindergarten students

June 11: **1/2 day of school for students – Last Day '08-09 school year Morning Kindergartners attend.**

June 18: **Report Cards will be mailed out to all families**

ANGLING ROAD CARNIVAL WAS FABULOUS! *We can't thank our parents, students, families, and staff for all their hard work to make our annual CARNIVAL so terrific! I am sure all the children had a wonderful time and it was fun to see so many new families at our school! Thanks to our PTO and the many volunteers for making this a special day for all of us!*

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. 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. Enrollment questions, please give us a call!

Hey, do you want to be a WATCHDOG! *Calling all dads, grandpas, uncles and cousins! Our WatchDOGS program is growing and we need you! Please call Angling Road School to volunteer to be a WatchDOG next fall! Also, Here's a BIG SHOUT OUT to all the dads and grandpas that volunteered this year. Thanks so much for your dedication and commitment. Our program would not have been a success without you!*

ANGLING ROAD End of the Year Celebration – FIELD DAY will be June 5th. Field Day is our end of the year school event/party for all students. Ms. Split is organizing this fun day for all of us! Classes will participate by rotating to various activity stations throughout the day. We are currently scheduling room parents to help. Thanks to our PTO for their financial support. We will keep you posted as the day gets closer about any “volunteering needs” we may have. Rain date is Monday, June 8th.

Mark Kistler's 2009 Summer Art Camp will be June 22-26 at the Teachers Center. Register on-line today at www.draw3d.com or call 1-800-431-6829. Flyers are available in school office.

Parents/Guardians: Isn't the school year flying by? Just a couple things –

- We recently sent home MEAP Parent Reports with our 3rd, 4th, & 5th graders. If you have any questions or need clarification on anything, please call me at 323-6000.
- 2nd & 3rd graders took the Otis Lennon/Stanford Achievement Tests this winter. The results are not back yet but we will send them home with students as soon as we can.
- Dibels Testing (Reading Fluency), STAR Reading Comprehension testing and Writing Fluency testing will be completed during the week of May 18th. We use this data to study and show academic and performance growth in students during a school year. Data will be included in the final report card.
- End of year Report Cards will be sent home via the mail by Friday, June 19th.

TRANSPORTATION FORMS FOR 2009-2010

Calling All Parents: Do you want your student to ride the school bus next year? Do you want to save time and money and help the environment at the same time too? With the start of the 2009-2010 school year the Portage Public Schools will be requiring all parents requesting transportation to register their students for bus service.

Attached is a Transportation Request form for parents to complete if they are interested in having their students ride on Portage School buses next year. This form is also available on line at http://www.portageps.org/departments/transportation/requestform/transportation_requestform.pdf

As a reminder, parents will also be able to sign up online after May 1 at www.portageps.org; or may send e-mail to us at: transportation@portageps.org

Parents, please complete the Transportation Form and return the completed form to Angling Road School by June 5, 2009. Questions, call the Transportation Office at 323-5151.

From Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services, Linda Vail Buzas, MPA, Director, Health Officer

April 28, 2009

Dear Parents,

Over the past several days, we have heard much in the media about the H1N1 (swine flu). The CDC, along with MDCH, has been closely monitoring this outbreak. The swine flu poses a similar threat as the common seasonal flu, but potentially could become more serious. Influenza of any kind can be significant. Symptoms of swine flu include: cough, fever, fatigue, sore throat, chills, headaches, and body aches; and possibly diarrhea and vomiting. Anyone experiencing these symptoms should call a healthcare provider. Swine flu viruses are not transmitted by food and a person cannot get swine flu from eating pork products.

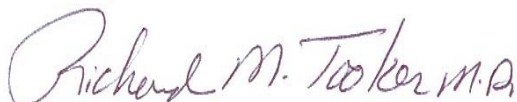
Representatives from area school districts and Kalamazoo County Health and Community Services have been working together over the last few years on strategies to deal with flu epidemics. We are doing all we can to make sure any type of flu does not spread through our schools. We are prepared to take appropriate action depending on the situation.

At this time, we are advising parents to follow basic guidelines for influenza prevention.

- If you or your child becomes ill, stay at home and limit contact with others to keep from spreading illness. If your child is ill, let the school secretary know what the symptoms are when you call to report the absence.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol cleaners are also effective, if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.

Kalamazoo County Health and Community Services Department has activated a hotline to provide information to the public at 269-373-5300. Our website is being updated as information becomes available. Information and a link to the Centers for Disease Control with the most up-to-date national information can be found at www.kalcounty.com/hcs.

Sincerely,



Director, Health Officer

Chief Medical Officer

