

Angling Road School Family Newsletter

Welcome to the week of December 14, 2009

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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.

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CALENDAR DATES: SCHOOL DIRECTORIES are available for \$3.00.
Please call in Student Absences - 323-6000 to report your student absent.

December 15: Aesthetic Education, 3rd & 4th Grade tour KIA Exhibit
"Stories Without Words."

December 15: Hearing and Vision Retesting

December 15, 16, 17: Holiday Shopping sponsored by Angling Road PTO –
Details have been sent home with all students – each classroom will "shop" at a scheduled time for their families. Thanks to Mrs. Ingersoll & our PTO for organizing this special event for children!

December 21-January 1: Winter Recess

January 4: Back to School and Happy New Year 2010!

January 6: All School Assemblies, 9:00 & 10:00 a.m. "Math Magic"

January 7: PTO Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Media Center

February 17 & 18: Angling Road Parent Teacher Conferences, 5:00-8:00 p.m. Students/staff will have full school days with conferences in the evening, similar to the fall schedule.

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. 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 your understanding and cooperation with this matter.

Dress for the Weather & Label Student Outerwear! Winter weather has arrived and students need to dress for it! Children should be wearing winter jackets, snow pants, boots, hats and gloves or mittens to school. PLEASE WRITE STUDENT NAMES INSIDE COATS, GLOVES AND BOOTS. We have many students with look-alike clothing and a multitude of items that end up in Lost and Found. *Note: If the actual temperature (not predicted) at recess time is below zero or -15 degrees wind chill we will have indoor recess.* Please have children come to school dressed with the anticipation of spending a thirty-minute recess outside.

Severe Weather & Closing School During The Day

When severe weather causes school to be closed during the school day, please remember the following procedures:

- Radio stations are notified first in order to alert parents that school closing is imminent. They also carry news in the evening concerning the following school day.

- If you have access to a computer, school closing information is posted on the Portage Public Schools website at <http://www.portageps.org>. Television stations are another good source of information as they normally scroll school closing information at the bottom of the television screen.
- When school is dismissed early, secondary students are dismissed first so they are home when younger siblings arrive. *Elementary student buses do not arrive at school for a minimum of 1 to 2 hours after the initial school closing has been announced.*
- Students who walk to school may be dismissed before the buses arrive in order to allow them to arrive home prior to conditions worsening.
- **Please DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL! We are unable to deliver last minute messages at these times of emergency dismissals. PLEASE INSURE YOUR EARLY DISMISSAL /EMERGENCY DISMISSAL FORM IS UP-TO DATE.**
- Please be certain that you review with your child where s/he is to go in case school closes on days when there is a possibility of severe weather.

New Math Program Update

Early math literacy is critical to success at the next level and, ultimately, for post-secondary educational opportunities. This year Portage Public Schools implemented a new elementary mathematics curriculum publishing company, *Scott Foresman*. As you know, whenever we are learning new skills in a different context, there is an adjustment period. Teachers have been reflecting on the success of the implementation, as well as areas that students are struggling with relative to the new learning expectations and materials. We are very pleased with the success of our implementation and our students' reactions to the new learning context. Questions, give me a call or contact your child's teacher.

***BOX TOP NEWS – NEXT BOX TOP COLLECTION DATE WILL BE TUESDAY, JANUARY 5TH!** Keep clipping! **November Winners: 2nd Place, Mrs. Doren's AM class with 321 Box Tops and 1st Place Trophy Winner, Mrs. Robinson's class with 340 Box Tops So far we have collected 12, 912 Box Tops School Wide which = \$1,291.20. Thank you!**

***CAMPBELLS SOUP LABELS** Please keep saving them! We are hoping to buy a karaoke machine/microphone system for small assemblies, scout groups to use, and maybe Mrs. Witvoet singing karaoke – (just kidding!) Thank you!

Thank you for supporting Holiday Sharing! Angling Road students & staff are thankful to our families for supporting many projects in our community in December. As a school, we collected over 600 CANNED & BOXED GOODS for Portage community Center. In the spirit of giving,

❖ **Young Fives, Kindergarten, 1st & 3rd Grades – Crayons4Kids Operation Scribble** – Students collect crayons, markers, and coloring books for Bronson & Borgess Hospital.

www.crayons4kids.com

❖ **2nd Grades – Portage Community Center-** Students will raise \$ doing family chores to purchase hats, gloves, & socks for needy families.

❖ **4th Grades** – Adopt a Family through Portage Community Center

❖ **5th Grades** – Adopt a Family through Children & Family Services

We look forward to delivery of our Holiday Sharing to various agencies/hospitals during the week of December 14th.

Winter Break: December 21st – January 1st

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2010

BACK TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2010!