

# Angling Road School Family Newsletter

## Welcome to the week of January 11, 2010

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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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### ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TIME CHANGES started JANUARY 4, 2010

Grades 1 - 5: 8:30 a.m. - 3:47 p.m.

Morning Kindergarten: 8:30 - 11:44 a.m.

Afternoon Young Fives & Kindergarten: 12:40-3:47 p.m.

**CALENDAR DATES:** SCHOOL DIRECTORIES are available for \$3.00.

**Please call in Student Absences - 323-6000 to report your student absent.**

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| January 12-15:    | Dibels Testing grades Kindergarten through Fifth   |
| January 29:       | NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS –Records Day for staff  |
| February 4:       | PTO Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Media Center  |
| February 10:      | Student Count Day  |
| February 10:      | “A River to Cross” Assembly with Von & Fran<br>Washington, 10:00 a.m.  |
| February 12:      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report Cards will be sent home with all<br>students.   |
| February 17 & 18: | Angling Road Parent Teacher Conferences, 5:00-8:00<br>p.m. Students/staff will have full school days with<br>conferences in the evening, similar to the fall schedule. |
| February 26:      | Mid-Winter Break – NO SCHOOL for Students/Staff  |
| March 3:          | Pre-Kindergarten Parent Informational Meeting 6:00<br>p.m. Cafeteria – This meeting is for parents/guardians<br>of kindergartners for the 2010-2011 school year.       |
| March 10:         | Spring Pictures – details later!   |
| March 16:         | 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Music Program, 6:30 p.m.   |
| March 16 & 18:    | Kindergarten Screening at Angling Road School  |

**PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES ARE COMING FEBRUARY 17 & 18, 5:00-8:00 P.M. each evening. Please return your conference form to school as soon as possible as the conference slots are filling up quickly. Conference Forms were due back to school on December 16, 2009. Questions, please call Deb Slager at 323-6000 for conference scheduling information.**

**SNOW – Students Need Outdoor Wear! Thank you and please label with your child's name!**

**DECEMBER BOX TOPS WINNERS:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place is Mrs. Bonine's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade with 390 Box Tops and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place is Mrs. Robinson's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade with 280 Box Tops. Thanks to our families and friends! Keep clipping!

***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.

**2010-2011 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION:**

Children who will be five years old on or before December 1, 2010 are eligible for kindergarten during the 2010-2011 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 2010-2011 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, 2010, please encourage them to contact our office. Pre-Kindergarten Parent Informational Meeting will be Wednesday, March 3, 2010, 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 16 & March 18, 2010. Questions, call the office at 323-6000.