

# Angling Road School Family Newsletter

## Welcome to the week of January 25, 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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**Parents:** *If you have digital pictures of any school events, we would like to include them in our 2009-2010 Angling Road School Yearbook. Please email them to Anne Marie Fleming - [thepamperedgal@yahoo.com](mailto:thepamperedgal@yahoo.com) by March 5. Thanks*

### **CALENDAR DATES:** Please call in Student Absences - 323-6000.

**January 22: ALL POPCORN SALE MONEY TODAY WILL GO TO THE HAITI RELIEF FUND! Thank you for your generous donations!**

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| January 29:       | NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS –Records Day for staff  |
| February 4:       | PTO Meeting, 7:00 p.m. Media Center  |
| February 5:       | MIS-MATCH Day, sponsored by Student Council – Be sure to wear clothes, socks, and shoes that don't match!  |
| February 9:       | <i>Girls On The Run</i> Shoe Fitting 1:55-2:50 p.m.  |
| February 10:      | Student Count Day  |
| February 10:      | “A River to Cross” Assembly with Von & Fran Washington, 10:00 a.m.   |
| February 12:      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report Cards will be sent home with all students.  |
| February 16:      | 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Meeting at North Middle School  |
| 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. |
| February 26:      | Mid-Winter Break – NO SCHOOL for Students/Staff  |
| March 3:          | Pre-Kindergarten Parent Informational Meeting 6:00 p.m. Cafeteria – This meeting is for parents/guardians of kindergartners for the 2010-2011 school year.       |
| March 10:         | Spring Pictures – details later!   |
| March 15-May 27:  | Girls on the Run Program   |
| March 16:         | 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Music Program, 6:30 p.m.   |
| March 16 & 18:    | Kindergarten Screening at Angling Road School  |
| March 18:         | GREAT SKATE NIGHT, 6:30-8:30 p.m.  |
| March 26:         | Spring Friday – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS & STAFF   |
| March 29-April 2: | SPRING BREAK - Back to School on April 3 <sup>rd</sup> !   |

**PARENTS/GUARDIANS/STUDENTS:** Come on along and join the **MAD SCIENCE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM** that will be starting soon at Angling Road School. MAD SCIENCE meets on Tuesdays, starting January 26-March 2<sup>nd</sup>. 3:45-5:00 p.m. in the Activity Room. If you would like to enroll, contact PCEC at 323-6700 or the website [www.ppscommmed.org](http://www.ppscommmed.org).

**PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES** are almost here! **You will be receiving your confirmed Parent Teacher Conference time/date by Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. We look forward to all of you coming to school to talk with your child's teacher about their progress in the 1<sup>st</sup> semester. Questions, call Deb Slager at 323-6000.**

### **Dr. Martin L. King Jr. Celebration & Day of Service –**

Angling Road students celebrated this special day by participating in a Day of Service, organized by our 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers. 5<sup>th</sup> graders completed Acts of Kindness throughout the day by helping classroom teachers, specials teachers, office staff, and each other by doing various chores and taking on many responsibilities. We applaud our 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers and students and say "Thank You" for helping create a greater sense of community & understanding of what doing Acts of Kindness really means. All classes celebrated the meaningful life and lasting accomplishments of Dr. King.

**Art News** Congratulations to Omar Thaj (4<sup>th</sup> grade) & Ashley Andrews (5<sup>th</sup> grade) who have been selected to represent Angling Road School in the Michigan Art Education Association Region 5 art exhibit at the Portage Library now through February 7. Please stop by the Portage Library to see this outstanding exhibit!

**DECEMBER BOX TOPS WINNERS:** The winning classrooms for December were 1st place Mrs. Bonine with 390 & 2nd place Mrs. Robinson with 280. We collected 2,581 Box Tops in December for a total of 15,493 for the school year so far. The next collection day will be Tuesday, February 2nd. Thank you for participating!

### **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.

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### ***Clearing the Air: The Dangers of Secondhand Smoke***

Most parents teach their children the dangers of cigarette smoking. But what many parents don't realize is secondhand smoke can be just as harmful to children as smoking itself.

Secondhand smoke is the combination of the smoke from a burning cigarette and the smoke exhaled from the smoker.

Randall Dyk, MD, a pediatrician at Bronson Rambling Road Pediatrics explained that children are especially vulnerable to secondhand smoke in part because their bodies are still growing and developing. "Children are also more at risk because they have less reserves in terms of their lungs and ears making them more susceptible to infections," said Dr. Dyk.

"For example, children get more ear infections because secondhand smoke causes an increase in the fluid in the middle ear," he explained.

Additionally, secondhand smoke exposure in school-aged children causes respiratory symptoms including coughing, wheezing, and breathlessness. "Lower respiratory infections like pneumonia and bronchitis can also occur," Dr. Dyk commented.

Exposure to secondhand smoke can cause more frequent and severe attacks for children with asthma.

"In many cases, these illnesses are avoidable. Instead parents end up missing work to take their child to the doctor and the child ends up on medication," said Dr. Dyk.

"Because of the known health risks to children, there is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke," cautioned Dr. Dyk.

Parents can take several steps to protect children from the risks of secondhand smoke.

Dr. Dyk urged parents to refrain from smoking in the house or car. "If you smoke, do so outside. Air cleaning systems will not remove the chemicals from secondhand smoke from your house or car," Dr. Dyk warned. "Smoke permeates all surfaces and materials." Because of this he advised changing your clothes before coming in contact with your children, especially when holding them.

"If your child goes to day care, seek a provider who is smoke-free," advised Dr. Dyk. He also recommended avoiding restaurants and public places that aren't smoke-free.

This article is provided by the Children's Hospital at Bronson, southwest Michigan's only children's hospital and Kohl's. For more information about children's health services, visit [bronsonhealth.com/children](http://bronsonhealth.com/children). To schedule an appointment with Dr. Dyk, call (269) 372-1000.

