

Angling Road School Family Newsletter

Welcome to the week of February 22, 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.

Parents: If you have digital pictures of any school events, please email them to Anne Marie Fleming by March 5th for our 2009-2010 Yearbook. thepamperedgal@yahoo.com Thanks

February is Caring Month - Thank you for your generous canned food donations for Portage Community Center. As a school community we work diligently to show students how we can demonstrate CREW behaviors to others!

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

- February 23: NEXT BOX TOP COLLECTION DATE! Keep clipping!
February 23: We welcome Trustee Snyder, Trustee VanAntwerp, and Trustee Whyte, School Board Members to our building!
February 25: WACKY HAIR or HAT DAY sponsored by Student Council
February 26: **Mid-Winter Break – NO SCHOOL for Students/Staff**
March 3: All School Assembly with Von & Fran Washington, “A River to Cross.”
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 5: Aesthetic Education, 3rd & 4th graders, All Ears Theatre to see classic Brother Grimm folktales of “The Golden Bird” and “Jack and the Beanstalk.” 12:15 p.m.
March 8: Aesthetic Education, 3rd & 4th graders, Miller Auditorium, 10:00 a.m. **Ballet Folklorico de Mexico**
March 10: Spring Pictures
March 16: 1st 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 24: BOOKS & BREAKFAST 7:45 a.m. sponsored by Student Council
March 26: Spring Friday – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS & STAFF
March 29-April 2: SPRING BREAK - Back to School on April 5th!
April 30: 3rd Quarter Report Cards go home with all students

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. If you have a child or know of a neighborhood 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. Pre-Kindergarten Parent Informational Meeting will be Wednesday, March 3, 2010, 6:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. Parents will receive information about Kindergarten Screening, necessary paperwork for school registration and 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.

Protective Behavior Videos/DVDs will be shared in all classrooms during the period between March 11-24, 2010. 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

SUPERBOOKS are available! SUPERBOOKS include everything from restaurants to laundry services, movie rentals to golfing and much more. Coupons are good through March 2011. **All proceeds will buy grade level reading books!** **SUPERBOOKS are \$39.00 with checks payable to Angling Road.**

CREW & Cafeteria! We had a parent ask, "What is going on in the cafeteria?" In the cafeteria, we are working on CREW behaviors. Lunch time is a great time for kids to sit with their friends, enjoy lunch, and have a good time. Students look forward to recess and lunch times and we love that! But, we also know that when you get lots of children together, it can get loud, somewhat disruptive, and somewhat unsettling while trying to eat. Of course, if you have come to school to eat lunch with your son/daughter, you know what I mean! Some of the things we are working on with students include entering the cafeteria safely, taking turns having girls and boys enter the cafeteria separately, hanging up coats on hooks so kids can "find" their belongings when it is time to go, cleaning up their table space by throwing away their trash, helping to wipe up their spills, and, of course, talking with friends in a conversation voice. In January, we had a "Clean Table Challenge" between boys and girls and between classes. The students did a great job and most seemed to enjoy the challenge. As a CREW school, we are always looking for ways to share with children about what "caring" looks like in the cafeteria, ways they can show "responsibility" while eating lunch, how to maintain an "excellent attitude," how to enjoy new and old friendships during lunch time, and how we all benefit when we "work together" to come up with new ideas and positive ways to do things. Although we are trying to create a relaxing atmosphere in the cafeteria, it is a challenge that we continuously try to improve, change, and talk about – CREW Expectations in the cafeteria means...

Caring: Use only kind and necessary words, Hands and feet to yourself
R esponsible: Sanitize your hands, Clean up after yourself – Trash & Tray, Use Manners, Keep all food to yourself
E xcellent Attitude: Stay at your table, Keep feet under the table, Bottom on bench, Follow adult directions, Use 6 inch voices
W orking Together: Working Together to make the cafeteria a great place to be!

The Angling Road CREW is strong, hard working, & positive!

Students from every classroom are recognized throughout the day, week, and month for their excellent and positive learner behaviors demonstrated at school. Our students are consistently showing CREW behaviors in every part of their school life. Students receive CREW Cards from staff members when they are "caught" showing exceptional caring, responsibility, excellent attitudes, and how they work together to make our school best it can be. As a school, we are supporting all children with positive behavior support - it is amazing to see that when we look for the positive, we find it! Monthly we randomly choose four CREW cards from each classroom to give special attention to those students by announcing their names in school, taking their pictures for the CREW wall and giving CREW certificates to take home! In addition, one outstanding CREW student from each classroom is chosen monthly for a special lunch treat! Thank you for supporting CREW behaviors at home. Together with you, the Angling Road CREW is working hard to build a strong educational foundation for all kids!

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Thank you for attending Parent Teacher Conferences! We value this time with parents and appreciate all you do each day! A huge thank you for supporting the Book Fair too!