

Thursday, December 20, 2007

Dear CPort Families:

Winter Break

The Winter Break begins at 2:25PM on Friday, December 21st. School resumes on Wednesday, January 2nd.

CPort School Directory

Please contact Carolyn Duffy (617 661-5666) or carolyn@furiousdesign.com or Mary Elizabeth Cranton (617-497-4104 or me@cranton.com) if you have not received the CPTO School Directory.

Connect-ED

Please make sure you update your phone number for Connect-ED. All official school and district messages will be directed to one phone number. Please make sure we have the right phone number. Contact Eileen for more information.

C-port Book Group

This discussion group is for parents, teachers and staff at Cambridgeport School. The group meets monthly in the Cambridgeport Family Room. Please join us for good conversation and snacks.

Our book selections and meeting dates for 2008 are as follows:

- Monday, **January 28**, at 7:00 PM - *Oryx and Crake* by Margaret Atwood
- Monday, **February 25**, at 7:00 PM - *The Omnivore's Dilemma* by M. Pollan
- Monday, **March 31**, at 7:00 PM - *Falling Man* by Don DeLillo
- Monday, **April 28**, at 7:00 PM - TBA
- Monday, **June 2**, at 7:00 PM -TBA

Lost and Found

The Lost and Found is located in the basement under the stairwell. Please visit the Lost and Found whenever you are in the building. The amount of clothing seems to be growing daily!

5/6 Teacher Transition

Tracey Gordon, 5/6 teacher, will take her family leave beginning January 2nd. Tracey will be working only 3 days per week until June. We would like to welcome Kerridwen Iselin Terk, who will be working in Tracey's classroom two-days a week. Kerri is a certified teacher with experience in Boston, Randolph and New Hampshire. Tracey and Kerri will be working closely together. We wish Tracey success as she continues her transition to motherhood.

Thursday, December 13th Our First Snow of the Season!

Thanks for all of your support during our first snow storm of the winter. The district is assessing dismissal and bus transportation during a heavy snowfall. We have a lot to learn!

Please know that while students were awaiting buses at school they were supervised by staff. Many teachers assisted with this "waiting" period. Wade, from Community Schools, provided activities for students. Teachers also shared their snacks with students. It was a collaborative school effort by everyone in the school.

The weather and traffic prevented the school from knowing exactly when the buses would arrive. Staff escorted students to the main streets to board their bus. At 3:15PM general Connect-Ed went out by the school and at 3:30PM the district also informed parents of bus delays.

All students arrived home safely... many later than expected. We have a lot to learn about this event and hope to improve our services in the future.

It would really be helpful if Connect-Ed messages could be sent to your cell phone or a phone number where you can always be available. This would really help with the communication process.

The schools and district are talking about ways to manage this situation more effectively in the event of a reoccurrence. I welcome you thoughts.

CPort Math Night January 16, 2008

On Wednesday, **January 16, 2008** at 6:00PM all families are invited to participate in our Math Night. This is an opportunity for K-5 families to participate in TERC Math activities. Our own Jill Hirschen, 3/4 teacher, will be part of the instructional team. Please plan on attending... encourage other parents to join you on this Math Adventure!

CPS Release of Student Information

Please make sure you complete the November 29th CPS Release of Student Information form. This form was sent home both through backpack express, the Google Group, and the US Mail. It is very important that all families complete the form for each child attending Cambridgeport. Please return all forms to the office.

Phone Calls During School Hours

Please remember that teachers will not be accepting phone calls during the school day (8:25AM to 2:25PM). Parents are asked to leave a voicemail or send an email to staff. Student learning becomes a priority during the school day!

Upcoming Events

Please mark your January calendars!

6:30PM	January 2 nd	School Council Meeting
6:00PM	January 8 th	Core Value Meeting
6:30PM	January 14 th	CPTO Meeting
6:00PM	January 16 th	Math Night
9:00AM	January 18 th	All School Concert
<i>NO SCHOOL</i>	January 21 st	Martin Luther King Day
	January 25 th	Quarter 3 Begins
6:00PM	January 29 th	Core Value Meeting
8:00AM	January 30 th	Coffee with the Principal

Final Thoughts...

As the Winter Solstice draws near, we wish all families a relaxing Winter Break. We hoped families enjoyed a Happy Hanukkah as they celebrated the Festival of Lights. We wish families a Merry Christmas as they celebrate the arrival of Santa Claus and the birth of Jesus. We wish families a happy Eid al-Adha as they celebrate the Festival of the Sacrifice and the end of the Hajj. We wish families a Happy Kwanza as they celebrate the family, community, and culture. We wish families a happy Makar Sankranti as they celebrate the end of the Winter Solstice and the harvest season. We wish the entire CPort community a Happy New Year. Please enjoy your family traditions and celebrations during the next two weeks.

May this New Year bring us peace within our families, community, and beyond!

Enjoy!

Caz Badynee