

# Porter eUpdate

NOVEMBER 3, 2023



## UPCOMING DATES

- November 1-22..... PTO Honey Backed Ham Fundraiser ([for more information](#))
- November 2..... End of Quarter 1
- November 4..... Turn your clocks BACK 1 hour at midnight
- November 6..... **NO SCHOOL**, teacher workday
- November 7..... **NO SCHOOL**, teacher workday
- November 8..... MULTICULTURAL NIGHT (see information below)
- November 8..... Students can wear their CULTURAL COSTUMES to school.
- November 9..... PTO Meeting @ 7:00pm ([REGISTER](#) to attend via Zoom)
- November 10..... **NO SCHOOL** in honor of Veteran's Day
- November 14..... Porter PTO Gives Back, 3:45-5:45pm ([for more information](#))
- November 15..... REPORT CARDS, Elementary posted to ParentVue & Middle School mailed
- November 22-24..... **NO SCHOOL**, Thanksgiving Break



# Multicultural Night

## 2023



**Wednesday, November 8th @ 6:30-8:00pm**

We are looking forward to our many diverse families showcasing their home countries, giving us the opportunity to learn about their culture, dress, food, history, entertainment, and much more! Please consider signing up to support this event and share your culture with our families. Use the link below to sign up to participate and/or make donations for the event! **VOLUNTEER HOURS** are given for donations AND for participating!!

★ ★ STUDENTS can wear their **CULTURAL COSTUMES** to school on Wednesday, November 8th.

👉 [SIGN-UP FOR DONATIONS @ Multicultural Night](#)

👉 [SIGN-UP TO PARTICIPATE IN MULTICULTURAL NIGHT](#)

### PTO NEWS

[Click on here to go to the Porter PTO webpage.](#)

**REGISTER FOR**  
*Virtual*  
**PTO MEETING!**

#### **PTO Meeting**

Thursday, November 9, 2023 @ 7:00pm

The meeting will be a hybrid one, in person and via Zoom. Please [REGISTER](#) if you will be attending via zoom.

**PORTER & PTO**  
**GIVING**  
*back*

Tuesday,  
November  
14th

#### **Giving Back to the Community**

Tuesday, November 14, 2023 @ 3:45-5:45pm

The PTO is once again organizing Porter students to 'give back' to the community. This year's community service project is in support of the Dominion Center of Behavioral Health Services (DCBHS). The

DCBHS provides the highest quality psychiatric, psychological, and counseling services for individuals in Northern Virginia.

Students will be putting together activity bags and personal hygiene bags for patients. They also will be writing encouraging notes and cards. **Click on the picture for more information.**



### Honey Baked Goodness!

The Porter PTO is once again partnering with the Honey Baked Ham Company for their annual Honey Baked Ham fundraiser to continue raising funds to support PTO initiatives and school resources!

This is a great way to prepare ahead of time for upcoming family gatherings or give a gift of yummy goodness! **Click on the picture for more information.**

[NEED TO CONTACT THE PTO?](#) 

[DO YOU WANT TO ORDER SPIRITWEAR?](#) 

## QUARTER 1 PARENT SURVEY

Let us know how we are doing, what else would you like to see, and your general feedback with the school this first quarter.

## COUNSELORS' NOTES

PWCS acknowledges the extensive impact on students, families amidst ongoing global challenges. During times of crisis, the pain and adversity experienced by individuals and communities are profoundly distressing. We acknowledge that students may come across troublesome information on social media and other channels.

Our school-based mental health and health professionals stand ready to support students and families as we continue to navigate world events that impact many in different ways. Additionally, we encourage you to use THIS RESOURCE from the National Association of School Psychologists to guide and facilitate discussions surrounding the sensitive topics linked to world crises, which can evoke strong emotions.

If you believe that your student's response to global crises and violence is affecting their learning, please don't hesitate to reach out to any of Porter's support personnel:

Mrs. Meres, Director of School Counseling .....[meresll@pwc.edu](mailto:meresll@pwc.edu)

Mr. Lockamy, MS School Counselor .....[lockamaw@pwcs.edu](mailto:lockamaw@pwcs.edu)

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Mrs. Johnson, School Parent Liaison .....[johnsbl@pwcs.edu](mailto:johnsbl@pwcs.edu)



## PWCS FAMILY ENGAGEMENT SERIES

The PWCS Family Engagement Series provides families with resources that will assist with their student's success. Click to check out what sessions are upcoming.

### VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

**WE**   
**VOLUNTEERS**

The [MULTICULTURAL NIGHT](#) can still use VOLUNTEERS to participate in the evening. Share with us all about your homeland and culture!!

The [PTO's PORTER GIVES BACK](#) community service project still needs VOLUNTEERS for parents/guardians to help with the event on Tuesday, November 14th.

Be sure to always check the [PORTER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES](#) page for current volunteer needs.

The Parent/Guardian [CURRENT VOLUNTEER HOURS](#) (*found on the website*) have been updated as of October 31, 2023.

### REMINDERS

#### IMPACT AID FORMS

PWCS IMPACT AID forms...via [ParentVue](#) Please remember to complete your parent/guardian IMPACT AID form. The U.S. Department of Education provides funding to our school division based on Impact Aid survey data, which is used for general purposes benefitting all schools in our division.

#### END OF THE MARKING PERIOD

Report cards will be out on November 15th; via ParentVue for elementary students and via the USPS mail for middle school students.

#### VISION SCREENING

The Lions Club will be conducting vision screening on [Porter 3rd and 7th grade students](#) on Wednesday, November 8, 2023. If your student wears glasses or contacts, please make sure he/she brings them on the day of screening. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to Nurse James @ 703-580-6501 or [jamesrl@pwcs.edu](mailto:jamesrl@pwcs.edu).

#### HEALTHY TREATS FOR BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



Please remember that while we do permit parents/guardians to bring birthday treats for their student's birthday, we do ask that you limit what you bring to just a small individual treat for each student. They will eat these treats in the cafeteria during the scheduled class lunch time. Teachers and cafeteria staff do not have time to cut a cake, pass out gifts, napkins, paper plates, and/or drinks. Please also remember that goodie bags and balloons should be held back for home celebrations, not at school. Thank you!



**Mary G. Porter Traditional School**

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