

Mary G. Porter Traditional School

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Kaitlyn Engelmeier-Foor, Principal

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Mr. Ridings' students:

In keeping with our ongoing commitment to communicate effectively with our school community, I am writing to inform you that Mr. Ridings has started his "Paternity Leave". We are excited to say he and Mrs. Ridings, Porter's Life Learners I teacher, welcomed their baby girl last Friday, August 30th.

We are very pleased to have Mrs. Brenda Taylor (aka Jones), a long-term Porter substitute, she'll be covering Mr. Riding's PE classes while he is on leave. The students are familiar with Mrs. Taylor; in fact, she was in the PE classes all last week. She is familiar with the classroom expectations, routines, and schedules. To ensure we are providing continuity in the curriculum for the classes, as well as supporting a smooth transition for your students, Mrs. Taylor will be continually collaborating with Mrs. Valdes, Porter's other PE teacher. They will be working closely to coordinate plans, so all instructional objectives are covered and met. We are confident in Mrs. Taylor's abilities to ensure our Porter students continue the same course of mastery of all curriculum objectives.

During this time, it is important for parents and students to monitor their progress on gradebook via [StudentVue](#) and [ParentVue](#). Students should also continue using the resources provided on Mr. Riding's Canvas pages.

If you have any questions and/or concerns, please feel free to reach out via phone at 703-580-6051 or via email at engelmkm@pwcs.edu.

Sincerely,

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