

PORTER eUPDATE

January 17, 2025

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

January 20.....	NO SCHOOL, observance of Martin Luther King day
January 21-22.....	NO SCHOOL, Teacher Workdays
January 21.....	PTO ICE SKATING FUNDRAISER (<i>see info below</i>)
January 22.....	PTO Used Uniform Sale , 12-4:00pm (school cafeteria)
January 29.....	REPORT CARDS go home (MS mailed, Elem in ParentVue)
January 30.....	PTO TEXAS ROADHOUSE FAMILY NIGHT fundraiser (<i>see info below</i>)

SAVE THE DATES:

- ✦ February 4.....ANTI-BULLYING & KINDNESS WEEK (*see info below*)
- ✦ February 4.....FAMILY S.E.L. NIGHT, 6-7:30pm @ Porter
- ✦ February 5.....ELEMENTARY CHORUS CLUB starts back, Wednesdays, 3:45-4:45pm

CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK!



CONGRATULATIONS! to Porter 7th grader **EZANA TESFAYE** for his selection as a finalist in the 2024-25 MLK Oratorical Contest!! Ezana should be very proud of this accomplishment, because we

sure are!!

GOOD LUCK to Ezana as he competes in the finals tomorrow, January 18th!

PTO HOSTING USED UNIFORM SALE....January 22



The PTO is hosting a **USED UNIFORM SALE:**

Wednesday, January 22 @ 12noon - 4:00pm,

In the school cafeteria. Come out and stock up on Porter uniform items for a fraction of store costs. All clothing items are gently used and perfect for your student(s).

☆☆**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to help sort, set-up, and take-down.☆☆

MS BASKETBALL SCHEDULE UPDATE

Due to the recent weather, practice and game schedules have changed slightly. Please see the **UPDATED SCHEDULE** below:

Tue. – Jan. 21..... Practice 7-8pm

Wed. - Jan. 22..... **1st GAME..... 7:15-8:55pm**Event/Time changed**

Tue.- Jan. 28 Practice 7-8pm

Wed. – Jan. 29..... **2nd GAME 7-8:45pm**

★**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!!** ★ Coach Conner is looking for someone to **RECORD STATS** for each of the basketball games. If you are interested, please look at the schedule above and make sure you are available on the dates and times. Email Coach Connor with the dates you are available to volunteer and record the stats: Coach Connor email is conner7239@gmail.com.

★**4 TEAM MANAGERS WANTED**★ Coach Conner is looking for 4 middle school students to help manage our 4 basketball teams....and they'll get **VOLUNTEER HOURS** for it! Students can submit a Volunteer [Manager Position application](#) to the front office. Deadline is Friday, January 24th.

UPCOMING PTO EVENTS



The PTO has been busy planning....take a look at what is coming soon:

Ice Skate Spirit Event – PW Ice Center [VIEW FLYER](#)

Tuesday, January 21st @ 11:50a – 1:20p

Skip the line and prepay: <https://forms.gle/YXGUETxfbGUeqpD26>

Gently Used Uniform Sale ■ Wed., Jan. 22 @ 12noon - 4:00pm (Porter cafeteria)

Texas Roadhouse Spirit Night ■ Thurs., Jan. 30 @ 3:00-10:00pm ([see flyer](#))

☆☆New **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES** are now available on the PTO signup genius, as well.

1/21 - Ice Skate Fundraiser and Sorting for Used Uniform Sale

1/22 - Used Uniform Sale Set Up, Used Uniform Sale and Basketball game concessions

1/29 - Basketball game concessions

ANTI BULLY/KINDNESS WEEK

Keep yourself informed about everything related to Kindness this week!



WEEK OF FEBRUARY 3-7 2025

MONDAY

"TEAM UP AGAINST BULLYING!"

Wear your favorite team Jersey/Shirt



TUESDAY

"STAND UP, STAND OUT!"

Wear a Tie-Dye Shirt



WEDNESDAY

"STYLING WITH KINDNESS"

Red Carpet Day!
Look Good, Feel Good, Be Kind



THURSDAY

"BE A HERO!"

Wear your favorite Super Hero Shirt



FRIDAY

"WORK OUT PROBLEMS WITH KINDNESS"

Wear your favorite appropriate workout gear



PORTER FAMILY S.E.L. NIGHT...February 4th



Social Emotional Learning Night..."STAND UP TO BULLYING!"

Tuesday, 2/4/25 @ c 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Come out and learn about using coping skills and how to be an upstander to bullying! We will have lots of activities, games, arts and crafts, and goodies all related to the topic of ANTI-BULLYING! For more information, [VIEW THE FLYER.](#)

★VOLUNTEERS★ ARE NEEDED....use the link below to sign-up to volunteer for our SEL Night!

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094DACA728ABF5C52-53412020-selnight#/?](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094DACA728ABF5C52-53412020-selnight#/)

2nd/3rd GR COOKING CLUB STARTS SOON!



We are excited to offer another session of this after-school club to our ADVENTUROUS EATERS in 2nd and 3rd grade! As a reminder, for everyone's safety, we are limited to 12 students. If we receive more than 12 permission forms, participants will be selected from a lottery.

CLUB DATES: February 4, 11, 18, 25, March 4, 11

CLUB TIMES: Tuesdays, 3:45 -5:15pm

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR S.T.E.A.M. NIGHT



We are collecting **20oz. or 1 LITER CLEAR, PLASTIC BOTTLES** for a fun activity during our S.T.E.A.M. Night (in March). All bottles (EMPTY) can be dropped off in the front office. Thank you!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers
do not necessarily
have the time;
they just have the *heart.*



ALL current **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES** can be found on the "Volunteer Opportunities" page under the VOLUNTEER tab on the **Porter website.**

✓ DON'T FORGET ABOUT our fun volunteer opportunity!! **READING TO THE CLASSROOM.** In recognition of celebratory months, such as: Native American month, Black History month, National Library month, Military Appreciation month, etc... parents can read a book(s) to the classroom! Check out the dates & times: **READ TO THE CLASSROOM VOLUNTEERS.**

✓ **FRONT DESK GREETER 2.0**....Sitting in the front vestibule/foyer area to direct visitors to the front office, once they walk through the EVOLV screener. The monthly sign-ups can be found on the Porter website under the **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES** page.

✓ The **PTO VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP link** is continuously updated with new volunteer opportunities.

✓ **Front Office VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**...a **VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP** for any miscellaneous volunteer work we have for the front office.

✓ The **CAFETERIA** is **always available for volunteers**, any day between **11am - 1:45pm**. Just come into the front office, sign in, and get your 'volunteer' sticker. We do ask that you work at least 1 hour.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

PWC Public Library (13 and older)....**<https://www.pwcva.gov/department/library/volunteer-and-internship-opportunities>**

Sorter for ACTS Retail store: **<https://www.actspwc.org/volunteer#How>**

BE PREPARED FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER

CURRENT PARENT VOLUNTEER HOURS as of Dec. 19, 2024

PTO NEWS & RESOURCES

- PTO Page.....https://porter.pwcs.edu/our_school/pto/index
- PTO Volunteer sign-up.....<https://tinyurl.com/yc8n8u4w>
- PTO Membership....<https://forms.gle/KKMwWXaWcQfZxPuf7>
- PTO Calendar....https://porter.pwcs.edu/our_school/pto/index
- PTO Spirit Wear....<https://forms.gle/zekc3GRyQWrmow4E7>
- PTO Meeting Registration....<https://tinyurl.com/5yx85yp4>

PORTER PARENT RESOURCES

- [Porter Parent Tech Resources](#)
- [Porter Master Schedule for 2024-25](#)
- [Porter Uniform Policy](#)
- [Porter Beginning of the Year Forms](#)
- [Porter Carline Procedures](#)
- [Porter Cellphone Guidelines](#)
- [Porter Previous Porter eUpdates](#)

PWCS PARENT NEWS & RESOURCES

- [PWCS Code of Behavior](#)
- [PWCS Late Bus Status](#)
- [PWCS Mental Health Resources](#)

- [PWCS News](#)
- [PWCS ParentVUE](#)
- [PWCS School Calendar](#)
- [PWCS School Meals Information](#)
- [PWCS Staying Connected](#)
- [PWCS Tip Line](#)
- [PWCS Transportation Department](#)
- [PWCS-TV](#)

PWCS is excited to announce that the Virginia Department of Social Services in collaboration with the Virginia Department of Education has initiated **SNAP** in Schools outreach to students and families in Virginia. SNAP provides food benefits to eligible families to supplement their grocery budget so they can afford the nutritious food essential to health and well-being. To learn more or to apply for SNAP benefits, please visit the [CommonHelp website](#) or call (833) 552-5582.



PWCS recognizes that this time of year can be particularly challenging for many students. To ensure that every student has access to the support they need, we would like to remind parents that **free mental health telehealth services** are available to all PWCS students through Hazel Health – at no cost. Together, we can make a significant difference in the mental well-being of our students now and beyond.

Visit the [PWCS Hazel Health webpage](#) for more information.

PWCS PARENT LIBRARY CONTROLS

Gives parents the option to restrict access to specific titles in circulation in our school library.

PWCS FAMILY ENGAGEMENT SERIES



Michele Tluchowski

Michele is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters