

PETERSBURG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Parent Bulletin August 26, 2010

ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT

Research shows that attendance plays an important role in a student's ability to reach his/her maximum educational potential. Therefore, Petersburg Elementary will again this year reward kindergarten through second grade students for their good attendance record through our Perfect Attendance Program. Students with perfect attendance during the month of September will receive a "Back to School" book bag tag as their reward. Each month a different tag will be given to students who achieve perfect attendance during the month. This program has been very popular with students in the past as they enjoy collecting the different tags throughout the year.

Whenever a child is absent, parents are required to contact the school by 8:20 a.m. **For your convenience, messages may be left on the answering machine by calling 632-7732 prior to 7:30 a.m.** When leaving a message, please leave the child's name, the name of the person calling, and the reason for the child's absence.

Parents are reminded that state mandated instructional minutes vary by grade level. Requirements for students in kindergarten and first grade are less than those established for students in grades 2 – 12 and that accounting software is used to determine student attendance. Anyone with questions regarding their child's attendance record may contact the school office.

OPEN HOUSE

Petersburg Elementary will hold an open house on Thursday, September 9th, from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. All students and their families are invited to meet their child's teacher and see their child's classroom.

SCHOOL PICTURES

Get your smiles ready! September 9th is school picture day. Information is being sent home with students today. Everyone will be photographed for school records.

MILES OF SMILES

Parents are reminded that Illinois law now requires all students in kindergarten, second, and sixth grades to have a dental exam. To be in compliance for the 2010-11 school year, exams must be completed within 18 months prior to the May 15th deadline. Applications for the Miles of Smiles Program were available during registration and are available in the school office. Families wanting their child(ren) to receive a dental exam through the Miles of Smiles Program must return the application form by Friday, September 3rd. **Parents who completed the form during registration do not need to fill out another form.**

STUDENT AND FAMILY ACCESS

Parents can stay informed about their student's progress with Family Access by Skyward, Inc. Family Access is a secure internet based website that allows you to easily keep track of nearly everything your student does while at school. Among other things, this new service will allow you to view your student's attendance (K-12th), grades (5th -12th), schedule (7th -12th), food service balance (K-12th), and emergency information (K-12th). Family Access is a free service and is available to all parents with children enrolled in the PORTA District.

In order to begin using Family Access, you need to register for a login and password. Please send an email to skyward@porta202.org with your name, student or students name(s), phone number, preferred login and password. Upon receipt of this information, you are authorizing PORTA CUSD #202 to setup your account.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jared Lynn at 632-3803 or by email at jlynn@porta202.org.

SCHOLASTIC SOFTWARE

Scholastic software order forms are being sent home with students today. Orders are due by September 9th. Please make checks payable to Scholastic. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Thomas by calling the school office.

IMPORTANT DATES

Sept. 6	Labor Day – No School
Sept. 7	PORTA Pre-K classes begin
Sept. 9	School Pictures / Open House 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Sept. 9 – 19	Annual Fundraiser
Sept. 17	Early Dismissal (11:25 a.m.) School Improvement Day / NO LUNCH SERVED

MENU – Week of August 30th

	<u>BREAKFAST</u>	<u>LUNCH</u>
Aug. 30	Cereal Toast Juice & Milk	Hot Dog on Bun Oven Potatoes, Applesauce, Rice Krispie Treat Milk
Aug. 31	Pancake Sausage Pattie Orange Juice & Milk	Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy, Bread w/ Margarine Mandarin Oranges Milk
Sept. 1	Cereal Toast Juice & Milk	Cubed Ham Green Beans, Corn Bread, Peaches Milk
Sept. 2	French Toast Sausage Pattie Orange Juice & Milk	Mini Beef Ravioli Peas, Cheese Bread, Pineapple Milk
Sept. 3	Cereal Toast Juice & Milk	Chicken Pattie on Bun Carrot Sticks, Baked Cheetos, Mixed Fruit Milk

DOLLARS FOR EDUCATION

Parents who shop in Springfield at County Market have an opportunity to have a percentage of their purchases donated back to Petersburg Elementary through the stores' funds for education programs. **To participate in the Max Dollars for Education Program, shoppers must register their Max Card**, then scan their Max Card every time they shop at County Market. It's easy to sign up. Cardholders may register online at www.FreshTraditions.com. Select a store location, and then return to the home page. Click the *Store News & Events* button and then choose the *Register My Max Card for Max \$ for Education* button to open the registration form. Fill it out, click *Submit* and you are done. Parents may also complete the form below and return it to the school office. Forms are also available at any County Market customer service desk. **Please note - in order to participate, you must register – even if you were registered last year.** Once the card is registered, all that's left is to shop a County Market and have the card scanned. The program began on August 23rd and runs through December 31, 2010.



Petersburg Elementary also collects General Mills Box Top logos, Campbell's soup labels, and Tyson A+ Project labels. Parents are asked to clip labels, logos, etc. from qualifying products and send them to school with their child. A list of qualifying products is available online at www.boxtops4education.com and www.labelsforeducation.com or may be obtained by contacting the school office.



The Campbell's program has changed slightly over the years. Front panel labels are no longer being accepted. Instead, parents are asked to clip and send the entire label. To kick-off this year's program, Campbell's is offering bonus points on many participating products. Check the Sunday edition of local newspapers for the opportunity to earn bonus points for our school. Your participation in these programs is greatly appreciated!

Shopper Registration Form – Max Dollars for Education:

Name (please print) _____ Date: ____/____/____

Max Card Number

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(Your number is below the bar code on the back of your card).

School Name: Petersburg Elementary School

School Number: 149

