



Eagle Nation



Pontiac Academy for Excellence Elementary School

A Note From Mr. Sedick

Hello and Happy 2010, Pontiac Academy for Excellence community! It is great to see everyone back safe and sound after a very deserving and restful break. I am very excited to begin the journey through a new decade here at the academy, and with two weeks rest under our belts, I am looking forward to getting back to concentrating on what matters most—YOUR STUDENT'S EDUCATION. With our school year picking up just as strong as we left off, there are a few things that I would like to remind you of as we open up the new year. First, I would like to remind all parents that our after school tutoring program is available to students in every grade level. If your child has not taken advantage of this wonderful opportunity yet this year, please contact his/her teacher for details

of day, time and location for after school tutoring. Second, next month we will be resuming our Weekend Warriors Saturday School for all students who are on the brink of meeting proficiency on the MEAP test in the areas of English Language Arts and Mathematics. This program will be for students in grades 3-5 who took the MEAP this past October, as well as for our 2nd grade students who are continuing their preparation for taking the MEAP for the first time in October of 2010. Please note that the initial rosters of students invited to Saturday School are selected by using achievement data not only on the MEAP, but on our Scantron Performance Series testing, as well. Please take a moment to

discuss the importance of doing your very best on any test while in school with your students, as these are how we mark and measure the progress of each and every child here at the Academy. Finally, I would like to remind all parents that there will be a number of monthly parent workshops taking place at Pontiac Academy for Excellence in the New Year. Finally, I would like to remind all parents that there will be a number of monthly parent workshops taking place at Pontiac Academy for Excellence in the New Year. These workshops, entitled *Teaching Our Youth* are very powerful and have an assortment of information pertaining to teaching students both at school and at home in the 21st Century. Please be on the lookout for information for these events!

SES Tutoring Services Coming to Elementary School

Due to a high volume of registration forms from the elementary community expressing interest in our Supplemental Educational Services Provider tutoring, this program will be made available to students in the elementary grades in the

upcoming weeks. This program is designed to provide additional tutoring to students on top of what our school currently offers at each grade level with a commitment of very small group sizes. Please keep your eyes peeled for more

information pertaining to this wonderful opportunity for our students!



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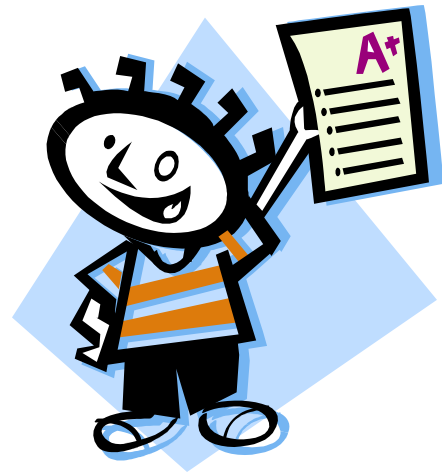
- **1/6**—Mobile Dentists at PAE
- **1/8**—Progress Reports Sent Home
- **1/15, 1/29**—No School for Students; Staff Development Days
- **1/19**—School Board Meeting
- **1/20**—Parent/Principal's Meeting
- **1/28**—Elementary Dress Down for \$1

End of Another Marking Period is Looming

Along with the start of a New Year comes the approaching end of another marking period here at Pontiac Academy for Excellence Elementary School. The final day of the marking period is Friday, January 29. Being that there is no school on this day due to staff development, the last day for students to turn in any work from this card marking will be on Tuesday, January 26, unless otherwise indicated by your child's classroom teacher. Please take some time to communicate with your child's teacher to check up on the progress and the status of your child's academic standing at the school before the

end of the marking period. In addition to this communication, each student will receive his/her monthly progress report on Friday, January 8. Please keep in mind that the purpose of these reports is to give our parents an update on where their students currently stands in each area that receives a grade on the end of the marking period report card. Again, the grades on these reports are a "heads up" in terms of where your child currently sits and what his/her areas needed work on before the end of the marking period are. Please make sure that your child is keeping up with his/her work before

the end of the second marking period.



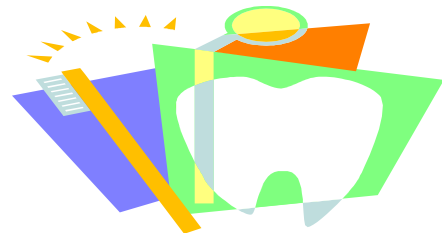
Mobile Dentist is Coming January 6!

For those parents who completed a Mobile Dentist registration form prior to the Winter Break, the dentist will be at our school on Wednesday, January 6 to conduct check-ups and teeth cleanings for Elementary students. Maintaining dental hygiene is a part of a healthy lifestyle, which Pontiac Academy for Excellence Elementary School promotes for all of our children. Research has shown that those students

who lead healthier lives, including regular trips to the dentist and doctor for check-ups, in addition to eating right and exercising, outperform those who don't in the classroom. Please make

sure that your child has not fallen behind in any of these areas so that he/she may have the greatest advantage possible for earning high grades in

Life is like a mirror, we get the best results when we smile at it.
~Author Unknown



P.A.E. in Need of Updated Contact Information

Over the last few weeks, we have received a lot of returned mail as well as messages of disconnected phone lines. If any of your contact information has changed since school began, we are asking that you please submit your current up-to-date information including address, working phone number, as well as emergency contacts to the either Mr. Butler or Mrs. Caraballo in the Elementary Office as soon as possible. In the event of an emergency, we will need to get into contact with you

quickly and updated information helps us to do this.



Winter's True Blast Coming

With the winter season now fully upon us, we are asking that all parents please make sure that your children are dressed appropriately for the cold weather. A number of coats, gloves and hats have filled our lost and found box recently. If your child has come home missing any of his/her items such as these, please see the Elementary Office for direction to the lost and found box.