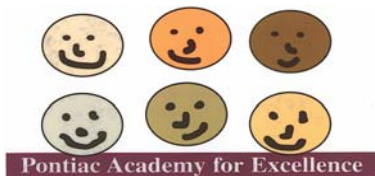


# Pontiac Academy For Excellence Elementary School



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Dear Pontiac Academy for Excellence Elementary School Parents,

Happy November, everyone! I can't believe that the leaves are already falling, and the temperature is dropping. It seems like we just reopened our doors to our students for the new school year and here we are, already with our MEAP and Stanford 9 testing behind us. As we approach the month of November, there are a number of items that I would like to share with you.

As the days go on, the temperatures continues to drop and the weather gets a little less "friendly", I am asking that you please check your children as they leave your care in the morning for coats, hats, and gloves, as needed to accommodate for the weather. Please discuss the importance of wearing these items anytime the children are outside of the school, but especially during our after school pickup in the parking lot, as the proper use of these garments may prevent many illnesses.

Second, in the month of November, all teachers who readjusted their homework schedules during the MEAP testing will be back on their normal schedules. Parents should be anticipating students bringing home homework packets at the beginning of the week, or homework assignments AT LEAST every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evening. It is up to the classroom teacher to assign homework on the other nights of the week, though it is not a requirement of the school. I am asking that you take a moment on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays to ask your student(s) what they have for homework, as the answer should never be "Nothing." If you find that this is the case, please contact your child's teacher.

Next, there will be half days of school for students on Thursday, November 13, and Friday, November 14, as we will be conducting our first parent/teacher conferences of the year. It is imperative that this communication is allowed to take place between our teachers and parents, so that our students may be as successful as possible. Please contact your student(s) teacher(s) for more information regarding signing up for a scheduled time to meet on either of these days.

Also, I want to take this opportunity to invite all elementary parents to our annual Thanksgiving dinner, to be held on Wednesday, November 26. As part of our No Parent Left Behind initiative, we are requesting your attendance at this event, if possible, as it will be a wonderful way to strengthen the partnership and bond between our staff and parents.

I would like to point out that some of the dates that had been posted on a multi-month calendar that recently went out, have been changed in November. Please review the calendar on the back of this letter to see the updated times of these events. Thank you.

I did want to remind all parents that there will be NO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2008, as it is a professional development day for the staff.

Finally, I would like to notify you that the school will be mailing out a notice titled "A Look Ahead", which will feature the dates of a variety of events that will take place through the month of December

Thank you for your continued support,

Tony Sedick  
Elementary Principal