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Don Gaspar de Portola Elementary

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Character Pillar for the Month of December FAIRNESS

What's New!

- PTA meeting
December 12, 7:00-9:00pm, Library
- PTA Holiday Boutique
December 17-19
- PTA Holiday Festival
December 18, 6:00-8:00pm
- Winter break - NO SCHOOL
December 24-January 4

Upcoming Events

- Family Science Night
January 16, 6:00-7:30pm, MPR
- Martin Luther King holiday - NO SCHOOL
January 21
- School Site Council
January 22, 3:30-5:00, Library
- Staff development day - NO SCHOOL
January 25
- Orchestra concert
January 28, 7:30pm, Junction
- Band concert
January 29, 7:30pm, Junction
- PTA meeting
January 30, 7:00-9:00pm, Library

Please obey signs posted in drop-off areas and parking lots. Do not leave cars or children unattended in vehicles.

Dear Portola Families,

It's hard to believe that the end of the calendar year is already around the corner. The holiday season brings many family activities and opportunities for extended quality family time. This also means that families might consider extended vacations. If your child is doing well academically, you may request an Independent Studies Contract if you plan on being out of school for five days or more. Please remember that it's important for the children to be in school on a daily basis to maximize their learning.

I would also like to extend a cordial invitation for you to join us at our next PTA meeting. Superintendent Miller will be present to answer any questions you might have about possible future school closures. This is an important opportunity for Portola parents to be visible and voice any questions, concerns you might have about our school's future, as well as to share your opinion about your school. I look forward to seeing you there.

The third and last phase of our modernization project is due to be completed on December 14th. We will be moving into the new buildings on December 19th and 21st. The students will begin the New Year eating lunch in a new Multi-Purpose Room and enjoy a new science lab. The Parent Center will also be completed for your enjoyment and service.

Attendance Update (10/22-11/16/07)

Enrollment:	352 students
Days Absent:	228 days
Funding Lost:	\$8,664.00

Perfect Attendance Awards for November

For the month of November, there were 219 Portola students with no tardies and no absences. Congratulations to the students on the attached list for their dedication to being on time and coming to school every day. Congratulations to the parents of these students for their dedication and commitment to having their children at school every day and for teaching your children the life-long skill of being on time.

Wishing you and your families a safe and happy holiday season,

María Ramírez, Principal



PLEASE JOIN YOUR PTA!
YOUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!