

Pembroke News

January 2014

Miss Andrea

Welcome back Pembroke families! I hope you had a wonderful Christmas holiday and extended winter break. We have a lot going on during the next few weeks as well as in the upcoming winter months. The kindergarteners and 1st/2nd graders have already taken a field trip the Cleveland Museum of Art where they investigated medieval art and, one of the highlights, the armor exhibit.

A great big THANK YOU for your generous support of our "Season of Giving." We were overwhelmed with your participation and thoughtfulness! Our adopted family was very, very grateful for your gifts. In fact, the mother said it was the best Christmas they ever had! Our "Giving Tree" hats, gloves, and mittens were delivered just in time for our cold snap! Thanks again for your support.

As you are aware, our 2014-2015 registration is underway. Registration is first come, first served. Classes are filling up fast, so be sure to turn in your registration as soon as possible to ensure you get the schedule you want.

If your child will be attending Kindergarten in the fall, please take note of our Kindergarten – 1st/2nd Grade Information Night on January 21st.

Tax season is upon us. If you need a statement for your income taxes please let us know.

As a final note, parent-teacher conferences are coming up at the end of the month. This will be an opportunity for preschool parents to discuss their child's progress as well as any concerns. Report cards will be coming out before conferences for our Day School students. Conference sign-up sheets will be posted next week.

We are looking forward to a great second half of the school year. As always, we will do our best to keep you informed. Please feel free to call or stop in the office if you have any questions.

Box Tops for Education

Keep bringing in those box tops!



Our winter collection drive runs through the end of February. We're sure you have noticed our new penguin display in the hallway. The students in all our classrooms helped make the adorable penguins! We will soon be adding snowflakes to help us keep track of each classroom's progress. If we could only find a way to keep our snow from falling off the wall!

The classroom that collects the most box tops for our winter drive will win a hot chocolate and cookie treat.

Open House - Jan. 21st, Feb. 6th & 22nd

Despite the chilly temps and the fact that it was our first day back after an extended winter break, our first open house of the year was well attended. We've already added some new families to our Pembroke community!

Our next open house is Tuesday, Jan. 21st, from 1-7 PM. If you know of anyone considering preschool for their child in the fall, please let them know about us! We encourage visitors to bring their children to our open houses.

We are holding two more open houses in February – Thursday, February 6th, from 1-7 PM and Saturday, February 22nd, from 9 AM-noon.

Kindergarten-1st/2nd Grade Information Night - Jan. 21st, 5:30 - 6:30 PM

In addition to our regular open house on Jan. 21st, we will be holding an Information Night for Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd Grade from 5:30 - 6:30 PM. This is an opportunity to meet our teachers and learn about our curriculum. Even if your child is not entering Kindergarten in the fall, we invite you to come learn more about Pembroke's Day School program.

Martin Luther King Day - Jan. 20th

Pembroke will be **CLOSED** on Monday, January 20th, in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

Please note that we are **OPEN** on Friday, January 17th, even though the Avon and Avon Lake Schools are closed for an in-service day.

Conferences - Jan. 30th - 31st

Parent-teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, Jan. 30th and Friday, Jan. 31st. These conferences are for parents only of **Preschoolers through 2nd Graders**. We will soon be posting sign-up sheets outside your child's classroom so you can sign up for a convenient time. If you need a special time for your conference, please arrange this with your child's teacher.

NOTE: There are **NO CLASSES** at Pembroke Jan. 30th and 31st.

Valentine's Day Parties - Feb. 13th-14th

Our Valentine's Day celebrations will take place Feb. 13th and 14th. We will be posting sign-up sheets outside your child's classroom in February if you would like to provide paper plates, napkins, stickers, treats, etc.

Students may bring Valentines for EVERYONE in their class, but please **do not** put names on the outside of the envelopes.

Snowpants, Boots, Gloves, and Hats

We make every effort to provide our students outdoor playtime on a daily basis, so please make sure you send your child to school with appropriate outerwear. Besides a warm winter coat, snowpants, boots, gloves and hats are a must!

Inclement Weather School Closing

Pembroke's school closing policy follows the Avon Lake Public Schools. If Avon Lake Public Schools are closed due to inclement weather, Pembroke will also be closed. There are many sources you can use to find out this information. Besides TV and the internet, we will post school closings on our Home Page by 7:00 AM at: www.pembrokekids.com. You can also call the school office (440-933-3782). We will change our main greeting by 7 AM.

Pembroke Tutoring

Pembroke offers one-to-one and group tutoring for pre-kindergarten through 8th grade. Each student's program is built around his/her personal needs. If you know of a friend or neighbor that could benefit from our services, please tell them about us. We offer tutoring focused on new legislation relating to the "Third Grade Reading Guarantee."

Before and After School Care

Do you have to leave for work before the school day begins or do you need a safe place for your child after school? Consider Pembroke's Before & After Care Program. Designed for students in kindergarten through 6th grade, we provide a safe, supportive environment guided by experienced teachers. Call the office for more information.

School Absences

We appreciate a phone call when your child is absent due to illness or other reasons. Please call the office as soon as you know your child will not be attending school – 440-933-3782.

Dates to Remember

- Jan. 20 MLK Day – NO SCHOOL
- Jan. 21 Open House, 1-7 PM
- Jan. 21 Kindergarten, 1-2 Grade Information Night, 5:30-6:30 PM
- Jan 24 K-2 Field Trip – MOCA
- Jan. 30 – Parent –Teacher Conferences
- Jan. 31 *****NO CLASSES*****
- Feb. 6 Open House, 1-7 PM
- Feb. 13-14 Valentine's Day Parties
- Feb. 17 President's Day – NO SCHOOL
- Feb. 19 Math Night, 5-6:30 PM
- Feb. 22 Open House, 9 AM-Noon

Keep up to date with school activities by checking our school calendar in the Parent section of our website: www.pembrokekids.com.

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