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Upcoming Events

January 22

7-11 Committee (School Closure Committee) at Allen School
7pm

January 25

PTA Board Mtg. 6:30pm

February 1

K-1 Movie Day

February 9

Due Date for new Driver Forms

February 16-19

Presidents' Day Holiday
NO SCHOOL

February 21

Board Meeting re School Closure, Allen School 7pm

February 27

Spring Photos

March 8

PTA Association Mtg. 7pm;
RSVP for childcare age 4

Happy New Year and Thank You!

I hope you all had a joyous New Year and are eager to be back at school! I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of our Portola community for your warm wishes and thoughtful gifts this holiday season. There have been a lot of changes and challenges this year, but it has been a pleasure to work with you all and your children.

Planning Around CAASPP Testing

Our CAASPP (statewide performance assessment) testing window will run from the end of April through the end of May. Be sure to contact your child's teacher for specific testing dates. Please schedule appointments around those dates to help ensure that your child tests under the best possible conditions.

Keyboarding

One easy way to help your student perform more confidently on the spring CAASPP tests is to help him/her become proficient with keyboarding skills. While keyboarding may not add to a student's content knowledge, being able to quickly and easily express thoughts via the keyboard can make testing go more quickly, with less anxiety, and allows students to focus on the content instead of being distracted by the required typing. Students practice some keyboarding at school, but it would be helpful to have your grade 3-5 student practice 2-3 times per week. At school we use the free web-based Typing Club: <https://www.typingclub.com/>

Kinder Registration

Registration of new students (including Kinder) begins January 16. You may pick up registration packets now in the office. Kinder tours may be scheduled by calling the office: 650-624-3175.

New Staff!

Please welcome new 3-5 music teacher, Cathy Holly and new Learning Center aide, Kristen Cummings. They started their new positions last week.