



THE PIRATE PRESS

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A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Pirate Families,

I can't thank you enough for all of your hard work with our Boosterthon Fun Run! It was so wonderful to have so many families present for the Fun Run as well! We met our goal for pledges this year and we actually have received about 87% of our pledges. If you have any outstanding pledges, please get those turned in by this Friday!



Recently UCPS announced that Porter Ridge Elementary will be a School Choice elementary school for the 2019-2020 school year. Any school that is below 90% capacity is considered as School Choice. Union County parents can apply for their child to attend Porter Ridge Elementary—the window opens this Friday, February 8th. Here is the link: <https://ucpsncc.scriborder.com/>. If you know of any friends outside of our attendance area who would like to have their children attend Porter Ridge, please let them know of this wonderful opportunity to become part of our Pirate Family!

Last week all of our students participated in safety assemblies with myself and Officer Hill, our School Resource Officer. During these assemblies we reviewed school and bus rules as well as the UCPS Code of Conduct. We also emphasized the importance of telling an adult if they see or hear something that is unsafe for themselves or others.

As mentioned in our last newsletter, Kindergarten Registration for the 2019-2020 school year began on February 1! See the info below to learn more about Kindergarten registration or visit our district website at www.ucps.k12.nc.us. If you have neighbors, friends, or family who need to register their child for Kindergarten, please share the information below with them. We look forward to meeting our new Pirates during enrollment and at the Kindergarten Open Houses!

Sincerely,
Cheryl L. Lawrence, Principal

2019-2020 Kindergarten Registration

First Step for Enrolling Your Child

Student must be 5 years old on or before August 31, 2019,

Enrollment Packets can be picked up at Porter Ridge Elementary School located at 2843 Ridge Road, Indian Trail, NC 28079 from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM Monday through Friday beginning February 1.

Open House--2 Options:

Friday, March 22 10:00 AM
Thursday, March 28 5:00 PM

Please plan to attend one of these Open House dates to meet our Kindergarten Team and learn more about our school!

Guided Tours: If you are unable to attend one of our scheduled Open House dates, we also offer ongoing tours. Please call the school at 704-289-1965 to schedule a visit.

FEBRUARY

- 2/1 Kindergarten Registration Begins
- 2/6 Site Based Meeting-3:00
- 2/7 Early Release Day—students leave at 11;
Report Cards go home
- 2/8 Terrific Kids Breakfast;
- 2/11-15 Souper Bowl of Caring Coin Drive
- 2/19 Spirit Night @ Chik-fil-a-Indian Trail 4-8PM
- 2/22 Teacher Workday-No School for Students

MARCH

- 2/25-3/2 Jump Rope for Heart Campaign
- 3/6 Site Based Mtg. 3 PM
- 3/7 Early Release Day—Students leave at
11 AM
- 3/8 Spring and Class Pictures

NOTES FROM THE NURSE

We have had a marked increase in the number of flu cases at school in the past two weeks. Please make sure that your child is fever free for 24 hours before they return to school. This can help us keep



the spread of the flu to a minimum. Also, talk to your child about the importance of handwashing to help keep themselves healthy!

SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow us on Social Media to get MORE school and PTO info:

<https://www.facebook.com/PorterRidgeES.NC/>

Twitter: @Porter Ridge ESNC



EARLY RELEASE DAYS

Our next early release day is February 7th.

Once again, we will dismiss at 11:00 a.m. The remaining bank day is Mar. 7. Please mark your calendars!

Note: Even though early release days are half days, your child must be in school from 7:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. to be counted present for the day. Early dismissals on bank days will result in your child being marked absent for the day.

BUS RULES & BEHAVIOR

Please discuss proper bus behavior with your child. The bus rules and consequences are found in the Student Handbook in the front of the agenda.

Riding the bus is a privilege. When students misbehave on the bus and do not follow the rules, safety is an issue. Drivers cannot have their full attention on the road if they have to constantly address students for discipline issues. Students who have continuous misbehaviors will be in danger of being suspended from the school bus.

Our students can earn "Ready to Ride" bus tickets from the drivers. These tickets allow for the children to be recognized for good behavior on the bus.



SPOTLIGHT ON NEW STAFF

We have many new staff members this year! So, each month we will spotlight our new Pirates!

Introducing Mrs. Meaghan Leadem, Teacher Assistant

My name is Meaghan Leadem and I am so excited to be starting my first year as a teacher's assistant at Porter Ridge Elementary. My husband and I, along with our two children have been living in North Carolina for almost 4 years now. We are originally from Northeast Pennsylvania (Scranton) but have loved calling Union county home!



In my free time I love spending time with my family and finding new places to explore! I am thrilled to be a part of the Pirate community and am looking forward to a memorable first year!

UCPS Books and Brackets

Reading Competition

Coming soon for

3rd through 5th Grade Students!

Stay Tuned!

