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JANUARY/JANVIER

Month at a Glance

25.....School Council 6pm

29.....In-Service Day ~ No School

FEBRUARY/FEVRIER

Month at a Glance

5.....Croissant Friday

10.....3pm School Closure ~ NO AFCA

12.....Middle School Dance

15.....President's Day ~ SCHOOL CLOSED

19.....Croissant Friday

22--26...Winter Break ~ Optional Workshop

TEACHER IN-SERVICE DAY

No School Friday, Jan. 29th, 2010

There will be a teacher in-service/planning day on Friday, January 29th. School will be closed in order to include all teachers in this very important team planning day.

SUBWAY

There are 2 more order dates for this period. These dates are January 25th and February 1st. A new order form is attached to this week's communiqué for ordering. Order forms for the new period, which begins on February 8th, are due by Wednesday, January 27th. Please leave completed forms and payment in the box on the lobby table.

WINTER BREAK WORKSHOP

February 22-26, 2010

The letter outlining the winter break workshop is attached to the communiqué. Brochures will be available on the lobby table starting Monday, January 25th. Space is limited and the registration deadline is Friday, February 19th. If you are interested in signing your child(ren) up, please see the brochure for more details or contact afca@portlandfrenchschool.org

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5th GRADE FUNDRAISER

Save the Date and Enjoy the Magic!

Don't miss this night of food and fun - we promise it will be magically delicious! Get your tickets now and you'll make a spaghetti dinner with dessert and a fabulous magic show appear before your very eyes!! AND you'll make the PFS fifth grade class disappear and reappear in Toulouse, FRANCE! "Handsome Jack" ~ professional magician currently performing at the Magic Castle in Los Angeles ~ will be coming to PFS! **Wednesday, February 17th for Fathers and Daughters & Thursday, February 18th for Mothers and Sons. 6-8 pm.** Tickets are \$10 for kids and \$15 for adults. For more info contact Elizabeth at erouffy@comcast.net. This event has been a huge success in past years and is first come, first served ~ so get your tickets early! Tickets on sale now - please leave completed forms and payment in the box on the main table in the lobby! Thanks in advance from the 5th grade class!

MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE

Friday, Feb. 12th from 630-9pm at PFS Gym

Get ready to bust a move at the PFS Middle School Dance! All current Middle School PFS students can bring one friend. PFS alumni of these classes are also invited but they cannot bring a friend. Forms will be sent to your homes to be completed by your parents and they must be turned in by Wed., Feb. 10th at 4pm to Ms. Sharon. Guests must be listed on this form or they will not be allowed entry.

Come hip and come happy!

MORNING GREETERS

Thanks for being there everyday to greet the students.

Greeters for Jan. 25-29 are:

<u>Monday</u> `R. Wilner `T. John	<u>Tuesday</u> `B. Wilner `T. John	<u>Wednesday</u> `B. Wilner `T. John
<u>Thursday</u> `R. Wilner `L. Lee	<u>Friday</u> `In Service Day `School Closed	

Greeters for Feb. 1-5 are:

<u>Monday</u> `J. Connor `V. Stoyanova	<u>Tuesday</u> `S. Cocke `M. Novas	<u>Wednesday</u> `C. Margolin `J. Grehan
<u>Thursday</u> `A. Albright `M. Rush	<u>Friday</u> `A. Albright `M. Rush	

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2010 GALA & AUCTION

The Annual Gala and Auction is just around the corner! Very soon, you will see the lobby transformed into a Riviera paradise! There is still time for everyone to get involved and join the fun. We are still in need of items for the live and silent auctions, so don't be afraid to ask your friends, neighbors and local merchants for whatever they are willing to give and bring those items in to Bettina. Posters will be in the lobby with basket ideas and party sign ups if you need inspiration! Also look on the volunteer board next to the conference room for sign-up sheets for neighborhood procurement parties and other auction volunteer opportunities.

Invitations will be arriving at homes soon. However tickets for the event (\$85), the tuition raffle (\$50), and the Ile de Ré beach house raffle (\$25) are available starting next week for you to purchase and/or sell. At \$25 each, tickets for the Ile de Ré house are quite a bargain! Please contact Bettina if you are interested in selling raffle tickets: events@portlandfrenchschool.org.

To provide class participation incentive, this year we are offering rewards to the three classes (preschool, elementary, and middle school) with the highest percentage attendance at the event. The Auction dinner is a great opportunity to socialize with other parents in your class, and class tables are always a lot of fun. Be sure to indicate which class your child(ren) is (are) in when purchasing your tickets, and your name will be added to the class display in the lobby.

Let's make this our best year ever!

CAMPUS REMINDER

Several members of the PFS community have asked that the following be brought to everyone's attention. Please refrain from bringing your dog on campus unless it is a service dog and is wearing the appropriate identification or if your dog is visiting the campus for show and share. We have a few students who are afraid of dogs and it can be stressful for them when dogs are on campus especially during drop off and pick up times. Please feel free to contact the office if you have any questions or concerns.

Thanks for your cooperation