



# Portage Path CLC

## Principal's Newsletter

September 2019

### Dear Portage Path Families,

It is my distinct pleasure to welcome you to Portage Path Community Learning Center! At Portage Path, we aim to give your child the foundations needed for successful “College and Career Readiness” and pave the way for a bright and successful future!

Portage Path takes great pride in creating an educational atmosphere where students can learn in a caring and creative environment. Together our staff encourages students to engage in a lifelong love of learning. As we focus on achievement, we will provide a variety of academic and educational experiences that promote student growth and learning throughout the year. During the upcoming school year, I encourage you to take an active role in your child’s learning. Parent involvement plays a critical role in our school’s success. Ways to support and increase your child’s academic success include:

- Make attendance a PRIORITY including limiting tardiness and absences
- Check Parent Portal regularly to stay informed of student progress
- Communicate often with your child’s homeroom teacher
- Read with your child at least 20 minutes a day
- Limit television and social media, encourage outside play
- Review the school day with your child

The staff and I are looking forward to an educationally rewarding school year with you and your children. I hope that you will visit and volunteer often.

With Portage Path Pride,

Kim Summers  
Portage Path CLC Principal

### 2019-20 Portage Path Teaching Staff:

Kindergarten:	Ms. Robinson & Ms. Moffit
First Grade:	Mrs. Nguyen & Mrs. Taylor-Clark
Second Grade:	Mrs. Morgan & Ms. Boville
Third Grade:	Mrs. Lockhart & Ms. Smith
Fourth Grade:	Mrs. Cutler & Mrs. Mason
Fifth Grade:	Mrs. Walker & Mrs. Jones
Special Ed:	Ms. Cutright & Ms. Capretta
French:	Ms. Chi Zhang
Art:	Ms. Flemmer
Music:	Ms. Childers
PE:	Mrs. Clark, Ms. Cook & Mrs. Grimes
LRC:	Mr. Hicks
Title I Tutors:	Ms. Davidson, Mrs. Kemple & Mr. Gill

### Student Dress Code Requirements:

APS dress code requirements plus the following:	Females	Males	Colors
Tops/Shirts Properly sized, tucking optional	Polo-style collared shirts/ button-up blouses with collars or turtlenecks	Polo-style shirts/dress shirts with collars or turtlenecks	Solid colors only
Sweaters/vests/hooded apparel must be worn over a collared shirt or blouse	Cardigans, pullover sweaters, vests, or hooded apparel (hoods down)	Cardigans, pullover sweaters, vests, or hooded apparel (hoods down)	Solid colors only
Bottoms/Pants No jeans, no denim pants or sweat suits, cargo pants are permitted	Uniform-style, classic-fit or corduroy pants, skirts, capris, skorts, jumpers and knee- length shorts	Uniform-style, classic-fit or corduroy pants and knee-length shorts	Navy blue, khaki or black
Shoes	Encouraged to wear plain shoes or athletic shoes	Encouraged to wear plain shoes or athletic shoes	Black, blue, brown or white
Belts No chain belts or belts with writing	If the slacks or pants have belt loops, students are encouraged to wear a belt	If the slacks or pants have belt loops, students are encouraged to wear a belt	Black, brown or navy

### IB PYP Candidate School

Portage Path is currently an IB PYP Candidate School. Our school is pursuing authorization as an IB World School. IB World Schools share a common philosophy- a commitment to high-quality, inquiry-based learning that develops international-mindedness and strong personal values, encouraging every student to take responsibility for their learning.

*\* Only schools authorized by the IB Organization can offer any of its four academic programmes: the Primary Years Programme (PYP), the Middle Years Programme (MYP), the Diploma Programme (DP), or the Career-related Programme (CP). Candidate status does not guarantee that authorization will be granted.*

### Dates to Remember:

August 29, 2019: First Day of School for Grades 1-5  
September 3, 2019: First Day of School for Kindergarten  
September 3, 2019: Open House (4:00pm-6:00pm)

### Title I School Information

Portage Path CLC is a Title I School which means we receive Title I funding to provide resources for our school, students and families. Our budget includes Title I funding for intervention personnel, family engagement activities and student resources.

***The Mission of Portage Path CLC is to empower students to become inquiring, compassionate, lifelong learners who demonstrate respect for all and take action to create a more peaceful world.***