



# Potomac Lighthouse Public Charter School

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## POTOMAC POST



We prepare our students for college through a rigorous arts-infused program.

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### Uniforms

PLPCS school uniform consists of a light blue uniform shirt (pre-k - 4th grade) or a white uniform shirt (5-6<sup>th</sup> grade), navy blue bottoms, a navy blue sweater or PLPCS sweat shirt, solid navy blue, black, white, or brown socks, and solid BLACK shoes. Any shirts that are worn under a student's uniform must be solid white (please see attached).

### Winter NWEA Testing

This past week we have started the Winter NWEA assessment, for our scholars in grades Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup>. The NWEA is an adaptive test that provides our staff with valuable information on how we can best support your scholars' academic growth. The NWEA test questions are determined by the student's answer to the previous item. An incorrect answer prompts an easier follow-up question. Correct answers prompt the test questions to increase in difficulty. The resulting score reveals the student's unique academic level. During this three week window of testing please encourage your scholar to do their absolute best and provide them with adequate rest the night before. Please ensure that your scholar arrives to school on time.

### *Week One Testing Schedule*

Wednesday, January 18, 2012: K-1<sup>st</sup>

Thursday, January 19, 2012: K-2<sup>nd</sup>

Friday, January 20, 2012: K-2<sup>nd</sup>

### *Week Two Schedule*

Monday, January 23, 2012: 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup>

Tuesday, January 24, 2012: 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, January 25, 2012: 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>

Thursday, January 26, 2012: 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>

Friday, January 27, 2012: 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>

### Saturday SHINE Academy – Jan. 28, 2012

Parents beginning Saturday, January 28, 2012, PLPCS will begin Saturday SHINE Academy. SHINE will be an intensive 8-week program to prepare grades 3 through 6 for the upcoming DC-CAS. Teachers will provide support in both Mathematics and English Language Arts, focusing on testable DC and Common Core Standards and our scholars' academic weaknesses. We highly encourage all testing grade students to attend our SHINE Academy. Transportation **will be** provided; however, scholars will receive both breakfast and a snack during the four (4) hour Academy.

### Upcoming Events

January 28, 2012 – Saturday SHINE begins (3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>)

February 3, 2012 – Half Day (Conferences)

February 6, 2012 – No School (PD Day)



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## **School Closings & Inclement Weather**

In the event that the school decides to close the school or release early, parents should tune into **Fox Channel 5** or **WUSA Channel 9** for announcements regarding school closing, early releases or delayed openings. Our school closure information will be available on those stations.

## **Arrival and Dismissal**

Please be mindful of the flow of traffic during arrival and dismissal. We have a responsibility to ensure the safety of all of our scholars. We appreciate your cooperation and hope that you continue to pick your scholars up in the rear of the building, and to not park on Varnum Street as you wait for your scholar. Additionally, do not park in the back alley adjacent to across the street from the school. Families can double park in the rear of the building as they wait for their scholars. Repeated failure to comply with the traffic guidelines on Varnum Street will result the traffic authorities issuing you with a citation.

Warmest Regards,

Ramon Richardson  
Principal