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Good afternoon Portland Highlanders,

It has been a wonderful week, seeing everyone back from spring break. We have continued to welcome back more teachers and students into the school building, and are excited to be hitting the home stretch, with the start of quarter 4. Grades will be posted today, and should be available to view in Aspen, by the time you receive this newsletter.

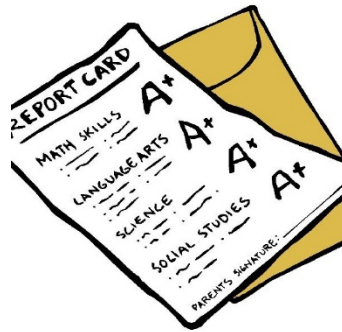
We are starting to gear up for our annual Smarter Balanced Assessments. These will be taking place between May 10 and May 27, and will culminate with a Field Day on May 28, to celebrate what I know will be our successful completion of these summative tests.. I am attaching more details about this year's SBAC testing to this newsletter. Please join the Portland Middle School Staff in encouraging your child to give his/her best effort on these assessments. I know that our students have been working incredibly hard this year, and am excited to see the progress that they have made.

-Chuck Hershon
Principal, Portland Middle School



Congratulations to our CAS (CT Association of Schools) Scholar Leader Award winners, Jordan Harley & Annabelle Maruschock!





REPORT CARDS are available on Aspen today! If you have any problems viewing them, please call Maritsa Ellam in the main office.

FROM THE NURSES OFFICE:

Parents! Seasonal allergies are upon us. Please know that if any child presents with symptoms in the below categories for COVID or "both" while in school, they will be sent home for either a Dr's note confirming allergies vs Covid, or a negative PCR test. Confirmed allergy symptoms will need to be under control with appropriate medication for return to school to prevent repeated dismissals. Please contact your pediatricians for guidance. We're sorry to say that we can't accept a parental report of allergies as a definite diagnosis for illness complaints in school, it **MUST** come from a licensed provider. There **HAVE** been cases of "allergies" that have ended up testing positive for Covid in the district. We're not out of this yet!

