

Dates to Remember

Monday, January 19	<u>Holiday – No School</u> Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Tuesday, January 20	<u>Presidential Inauguration</u> In the Auditorium & Library 11:30 – 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 21	<u>School Council Meeting</u> Topic: Olá & the Portuguese Language Community 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Music Room
Friday, January 23	<u>5/6 Olá Portfolio Breakfast</u> 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
Fri., Sat., Sun., January 23 - 25	<u>The Music Man</u> King Open, Auditorium Jan. 23, 7:00 p.m. Jan. 24, 7:00 p.m. Jan. 25, 3:00 p.m.
Friday, January 30	<u>Martin Luther King Assembly</u> For students & Staff Auditorium, 1:15-2:25 p.m.
Friday, January 30	<u>KOED, gr. 3-6 Performance Assembly and Family Night</u> 5:00 p.m.
Friday, February 6	<u>Carnaval</u> 5:30 – 8:00 p.m., Cafeteria

The January 20th Inaugural

On Tuesday January 20th the King Open School will view the inaugural celebration for President Barack Obama.

The lunch menu has been changed. Pizza will be served on Tuesday from 10:30 – 1:00 p.m.

Inaugural viewing: K will be in the library and in room K4

Grades 1/2 will sit in back rows of the auditorium

Grades 3 through 8 may choose their seating accordingly

Viewing of the ceremony will be projected on large pull down screens so all will be able to see.

Dear King Open families and staff:

The annual Carnaval celebration is coming up on **Friday, February 6th from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.**, here at the King Open School.

We are looking for donations of raffle prizes. Possible prizes consist of new games, jewelry, restaurant certificates, toys, small home appliances, knick knacks etc. Please drop items off in the parent room next to the main office. Look for flyers about the Carnaval celebration coming home soon.

Thanks,
Neusa, Rosemary and Lena

King Open Cape Verde Peace Project

1. Please save all of your egg cartons for us! Leave them in Neusa's office (just past the lobby on the way to the cafeteria, on your left, before you get to the Teacher's Lounge). We will be teaching kids to play mancala, an African bean counting game, and will be making our own mancala games with egg cartons. THANK YOU.
2. **Kids in grades 5-8: please join us in the library after school on Friday January 23rd for a planning meeting.** At this meeting, we will make decorations for the lobby, learn mancala and make some of our own games and plan for upcoming fundraising events. Adults welcome too.
3. **Every Friday, starting on Friday January 30th,** please join us in the lobby at 8 AM for some "Fun in the Sun." We will turn the KO lobby into Cape Verde every Friday--come listen to music, dance, drum, play games, and celebrate Cape Verdean culture with us. Please bring pennies and unused pencils: we will have a Penny Drive and a Pencil Drive for the Cape Verdean school we are helping to build.

A MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL TIM

Dear King Open School Community,

MRS. MILDRED GROVES loving mother of King Open School Principal, Tim Groves died on Friday, January 9th 2009. Condolences can be sent to:

Timothy Groves
59 Rice Street,
Cambridge, Ma 02140

Donations can be sent to:
St. Monica/ St. James Episcopal Church
222 8th N.E.
Washington, DC 20002
Please mention Mrs. Mildred Groves

Funeral arrangements will be held on
Friday January 16, 2009.
Principal Tim will be back at King Open School on
Tuesday January 20th, 2009.

-- King Open Staff

Complete your FAFSA!

College Goal Sunday is a non-profit program that provides free information and assistance to Massachusetts families applying for financial assistance for higher education.

When: Sunday, January 25th 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

Where: Cambridge Rindge & Latin School
Main Cafeteria

GIRLS INDOOR SOCCER

For girls 3rd through 6th grades, we have lots of room in our Saturday soccer program. CYS Indoor Soccer, coached by high school players:

Saturday, January 17th - Feb 14th
Kennedy Longfellow, 158 Spring Street,
Cambridge, 02141

Please enter through doors off Fulkerson St.
parking lot in rear of school

1-2:15 pm 3rd & 4th grade GIRLS

2:15-3:30 pm 5th & 6th grade GIRLS

Cost is \$20 for all 6 Saturdays or pay \$5 each time a child plays.

Wear sneakers/indoor soccer shoes and shin guards!

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE email Janet Malenfant: badchild@comcast.net

KING OPEN KINDERGARTEN 2009 SIBLING SEARCH INFORMATION

Attention families of incoming Kindergarten students for the school year 2009 - 2010

You have sibling preference to enter the King Open School. You will not get the preference if you register after January 31st, 2009.

Please get a registration packet from family liaisons Neusa or Lena and **register between January 5th through January 31st 2009.**

Any questions please call Lena or Neusa at 617-349-6540 ext. 135 or ext.138.

PARENT COFFEE WITH PRINCIPAL TIM

Thursday, January 22 at 8:45AM in the Teachers' Room?

FAMILY NIGHT ON JANUARY 22ND

Join Gregory Maguire and Tim Basil Ering for a festive evening! Come celebrate the new book, *Our White House: Looking In, Looking*

Thursday, January 22 at 6:30 P.M.

Central Square Branch Library

Please register by calling

617-349-4409, TTY 617-349-4421.

A CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNOUNCEMENT

To prepare for our move the Library located at 359 Broadway (Longfellow School) will be closed after January 31st. All branch locations will remain open. The Central Square Branch will have extended hours starting February 2nd. Updates will be made available at every branch location.

Because of the closing and the need to use our Central Square program room for moving-related purposes, we will not be holding any new programs for the next few months. I look forward to sending you an announcement of our opening in the new building for your fall newsletters! We expect to welcome you to the beautifully renovated and expanded Main Library this autumn.

CHARLES R. SMITH JR. VISITING KO

The author and poet, Charles R. Smith Jr. will be visiting the King Open on Wednesday, April 15th. He will be presenting in the gym and all classrooms are welcome to attend. As the date approaches a more complete schedule will be provided to homeroom teachers. As most of you know, author visits are very expensive and Friends of King Open has offered to help fund raise. As part of this effort, students will be creating a poetry anthology to sell. If you would like your students to participate in the anthology, we are asking that you collect final drafts of the poems and give them to Jen Mason or Jen Kelly by March 12th. Please have students include their names and grade level on the poem. The final versions of the poems will be typed, so if the poems can be delivered electronically it will make the final compilation much less time consuming. Illustrations are also welcome; preference will be given to smaller, simple drawings in order to make printing manageable. If you would like to help with this project in any way or know of parents who might like to help, please let us know.
Jen Kelly, Jen Mason