

King Open P.I.G. Parent Information Guide 1-22-2010

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Dates to Remember

Fri, Sat, January 22-23	<u>The Phantom Tollboth</u> 7:00 p.m., K.O. Auditorium
Sunday, January 24	<u>The Phantom Tollboth</u> 3:00 p.m., K.O. Auditorium
Wednesday, January 27	<u>Parent Coffee with Principal Tim</u> 8:45-9:45 a.m., Teacher's Lounge
Thursday, January 28	<u>Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Assembly at 1:00 PM, Auditorium</u>
Friday, January 29	<u>KOED Family Game Night & Dinner 4:30-6:30 p.m.</u>
Saturday, January 30	<u>Parent/Staff Night Out</u> 7PM-12AM, Ryles Night Club
Thursday, February 4	<u>Room 214 Play, 6 – 8 p.m.</u> "A Midsummer Night's Dream"
Thursday, February 4	<u>Arts Committee Meeting</u> 7:00 p.m., King Open
Friday, February 5	<u>Carnaval</u> 5:30-8:00 p.m., Cafeteria
Wednesday, February 10	<u>KOED Family Workshop</u> Grandparents Raising Grandchildren 5:30 p.m., Media Center
Thursday, February 25	<u>Music Concert at King Open</u> Save the date-more details to come

Dear King Open Families & Staff

The annual Carnaval celebration is coming up soon!

When: Friday, February 5th

Time: 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Where: King Open Cafeteria

We are looking for donations of raffle prizes. Possible prizes consist of new games, jewelry, restaurant certificates, toys, gloves, hats, small home appliances, knick knacks etc.

Please drop items off in the parent room next to the main office.

Thank you,

Neusa, Rosemary and Lena

Just Around the Corner...

PARENT & STAFF NIGHT OUT!

**7:00 p.m.-Midnight
at Ryles Jazz Club**

Tickets will be on sale in the lobby every morning this week. Look for Lena or Neusa if you're running late, they have access to the ticket binder throughout the day...

OR

Mail a check made out to: Friends of King Open (\$16 per tix)

c/o Megan DeMott-Quigley
45 Fenno St.

Cambridge, MA 02138

***Donations very much appreciated!!!

Thanks,

The KO Outreach Cmte

Parents/Staff Night Out 7/8 Graders Available for Babysitting!

You really would like to go to the parent/teacher night out, but don't have a nice and affordable babysitter. Or, you barely ever go out, babysitters are too expensive and you wish you knew a middle school student who would just be the perfect match.

Here is your chance! A number of 7/8 graders are willing to babysit your child(ren) on January 30th and give the money earned to their Washington Trip fundraising. Lena and Neusa have a list of the 7/8 graders who are available that night. You can call or email them directly. 617-349-6540 ext.135/138. ejames@cpsd.us, ndacosta@cpsd.us.

Some students prefer or like to work as a pair. Do not hesitate to ask!

We prefer if you pay them with a check made to FOKO – Friends of King Open - but you can also pay them cash, in an envelope to the attention of FOKO. The suggested fee is \$5-8/hour. Please feel free to contact me should you have any question.

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"mailto:dsta"[stassart@alum.bu.edu](mailto:dsta@alum.bu.edu)
or 617-864-0221

Thanks and see you all on January 30th.
Dominique Stassart (Clio's mother)

A MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL TIM

Dear King Open Families,

At King Open we continue to learn from our students and families and from others connected to our community of the impact of the tragedy of the Haitian earthquake. Our family liaison Lena called each King Open family whose connections we know of to let them know we are here to support them and to learn of anything that they may need. Teachers and our counselors check in with students and contact parents when we see signs of worry.

Many of our families and staff with close connections to Haiti came to school for dinner this past Tuesday. I am very grateful for their trust in King Open as their community and as a source for sharing and support. Those of us staff who attended had the opportunity to hear first hand some of the challenges and loss and also to see the ways that families come together to support each other. For all of us, this time of tragedy may be a time to grow closer within the King Open community.

Several teachers, in conversation with their students, have engaged in projects to show their immediate concern, and as a whole school we are organizing a way to contribute to one of the strong medical operations in Haiti, Partners in Health. We will collect money and/or notes of support from students in envelopes as they walk into our Martin Luther King birthday assembly on January 28. As a school, we want to be part of the restoration of health and confidence in Haiti.

--Principal Tim

Family Biotech Nights!

This February come to Biogen Idec to learn with your child about biotechnology and the **Biogen Idec Community Lab**. Parents and their middle-school children (grades 6 through 8) will work together to perform a genetic test to determine if a patient can take a particular medicine. **No prior science experience is needed!** This is a great opportunity for you to learn with your child through a hands-on experience. In addition, you will learn about the many ways that Cambridge students can use the Community Lab throughout their academic career in Cambridge and about the many career opportunities in the biotech industry.

Free childcare will be provided on-site for younger siblings. The program will run from 6:30 to 8:30 PM on the following nights:

Tuesday, February 23rd

Wednesday, February 24th

Biogen Idec Community Lab located in our Bldg 8 in Kendall Square. **The program, parking, and a light dinner (sandwiches) are all FREE.**

Registration deadline is Monday, February 8th. Space is limited. Students must attend with a parent or guardian and be in 6th grade or above. **Sign up for one of the dates by emailing communitylab@biogenidec.com or by calling 617-679-2698.**

THE PHANTOM TOLLBOOTH

Many of our students, grades 3 and older, have been preparing all year for upcoming performances of "The Phantom Tollbooth." We are very excited to see this play in our auditorium. Friday, January 22 at 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 23rd at 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 24th at 3:00 p.m.

VISION & HEARING SCREENINGS

As part of the Cambridge School Health Program, the Public Health Department conducts annual vision and hearing screenings. These screenings tests will take place over the next few weeks. You will be notified by mail and/or phone if the screening results indicate that further evaluation is necessary. Please feel free to contact Linda Stone, Vision and Hearing Coordinator, Cambridge Health Alliance Public Health Department at 617-665-3845 if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you,
Nurse Bonnie

KING OPEN COLLECTING BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION FOR 7/8 TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

Please have your kids collect and bring in Boxtops for Education: These coupons can be found on the bottom of many products your family may be using: Kleenex, Cheerios, Ziploc bags, and hundreds of other food, kitchen, and bathroom products. Simply cut off the coupon from the packaging, and have your kids bring them into school. There will be a labeled orange collection box on the table in the front entrance to the school across from the office. This year's collection will help pay for all families to participate in the trip that the 7th & 8th Graders take to Washington, D.C. next June. Thanks!

-Gwen Speeth (mother of Sam in 7/8)

NORTH CAMBRIDGE FAMILY OPERA

North Cambridge Family Opera is looking for singers to participate in the Cambridge Science Festival. We will be celebrating the 400th anniversary of Galileo's first telescopic observations with-**Looking Up: Wonders of the Night Sky** This is a collection of songs by several composers about objects in the heavens ranging from auroras to planets, stars, and galaxies.

- Anyone age 5 and up can participate.

- Children age 5-11 require a participating adult.

Rehearsals will be on Tuesdays from 6-7:30pm at the Peabody School, 70 Rindge Ave. The first two rehearsals, 1/26 and 2/2, are "open". Give it a try and see if you'd like to join us. Performances will be on April 25 in the evening and on May 1 and May 2 in the afternoon. Questions? Call Carla at 617-661-0479 or e-mail festival10@FamilyOpera.org. And please forward this to anyone you think might be interested.

--Carla Procaskey (Rajani '08)

RSTA 8th GRADE TECH EXPO

When: Wednesday, January 27, 2010 at 6:00 PM

Where: Main Cafeteria at the Main Campus

Contact Dr. Mike Ananis, Director for more information at 617-349 RSTA (7782). This event is a great way to get to know all about the Rindge School of Technical Arts (RSTA). Tech Expo is for 8th graders who have an interest in the RSTA programs. Students are welcome.