

Dates to Remember

Saturday, October 3	<u>CitySprouts School Garden Celebration-Graham & Parks</u> 44 Linnaean St. 11 a.m.-3:00 PM
Tuesday, October 6	<u>Grades 3/4 Curriculum Night</u> 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 8	<u>Grades 1/2 Curriculum Night</u> 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Monday, October 12	<u>NO SCHOOL – Columbus Day</u>
Wednesday, October 14	<u>Picture Day</u>
Thursday, October 15	<u>Kindergarten Breakfast</u>
Friday, October 16	<u>Grades 1/2 Field Trip</u>
Friday, October 16	<u>Extended Day Family Night</u> 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Monday, October 19	<u>First Parent Coffee with Principal Tim</u> 8:45 a.m., Teachers' Room
Wednesday, October 21	<u>School Council Mtg. 6:30-8:30</u>
Saturday, October 24	<u>Garden Work Day, 9:00-12:00</u>

Note About Late Bus

The late buses run from the 1st full week of October and end the last week of May. As in the past, late runs do not operate on Fridays. The bus has set stops, only stopping at stops with students names listed. Students missing their stop will not be brought back. This bus can take up to one hour and is not the same everyday. Therefore there is not set time to inform you to be at the stop. For the safety of students in grades JK-2nd we strongly request they are not allowed to ride the bus without being accompanied by an older sibling. For more information please contact Tina Fisher, Transportation Supervisor at 617-349-6862.

The School Garden Celebration (formerly the Harvest Festival) is back!

Come help us celebrate the school garden harvest and the expansion of the CitySprouts program to all 12 public K-8 schools in Cambridge!

Enjoy crafts, games, tasting and cooking activities, and tour the garden at Graham & Parks.

Saturday, October 3rd, 2009
11 am - 3 pm (rain or shine)
at the Graham & Parks School
44 Linnaean Street, Cambridge, MA

Francey Hart
CitySprouts Garden Coordinator
M. L. King and King Open Schools
Cambridge, MA
www.citysprouts.org

Information on arrangements for Jernaire Hall

Jernaire's wake and service will be:

Tuesday, October 6th 2009
Wake: 10 a.m. – 12 noon
Funeral: 12:00 noon

Mass. Ave. Baptist Church
146 Hampshire Street.
Cambridge, 02139

Located at the corner of Hampshire and Norfolk Street.

A MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL TIM

Dear King Open Families,

The results of last spring's MCAS tests for individual students will be mailed home to parents and guardians early next week. These results will be for students in last year's grades 3-8. I have included a letter in the mailing about my perspective on how we use information from these results to continue to support effective teaching and learning at King Open. We are very proud of all of our students and celebrate their learning; a test score can feel like a judgment that is overly dramatic, and we encourage families at their parent-teacher conferences to talk to the teacher to put a score in perspective.

Also attached to this P.I.G. are the latest guidelines for school communities to follow when any of us has flu symptoms, of any variety. They are different from last year's guidelines.

I have been touched this week by expressions of sadness, support and appreciation for parent Jenaire Hall. "Friends of King Open" has also received generous checks from many to help the family defray funeral expenses. This issue of P.I.G. contains information about her wake and funeral. There are a number of families who have told me that they will be attending the services with their children. I encourage parents to check in with your children to see how they may be responding to sadness of some of their classmates. It is always helpful for us to give our children the invitation to talk with us about what they are experiencing, and at this time at King Open, talking together may be particularly helpful. Please let us know if your child will be out of school for the funeral or if you think your older child may have the idea of attending, knowing that some peers will be.

--Principal Tim

KING OPEN FAMILY DIRECTORY

If you would like your family's contact information included in the 2009-2010 King Open Family Directory, and you have not already returned the paper directory form (and were not in last year's directory), please visit <http://tinyurl.com/kodir0910> and fill out the online form.

Questions, or to help proofread before publication, contact David Albert (albert@fas.harvard.edu, 617-441-3633).

MAYOR'S BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

Please join Mayor E. Denise Simmons, Vice Mayor Sam Seidel and School Committee member Nancy Tauber as they celebrate the work of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Middle School Youth and its recent report.

"Shared Youth, Shared Strategies"

What City Agencies, Schools and Community Partners Can Do Together to Improve Cambridge Middle School Youth Participation in Quality Out-of-School Time Programs

Monday, October 5th, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.

Mayor's Parlor, City Hall, 2nd floor

Come hear about the commission's findings and citywide proposals for enhancing out-of-school time opportunities for middle school youth and families across the city.

For more information,, please contact Victoria Harris at 617-349-4279.

COME CELEBRATE LATINO HERITAGE MONTH WITH MAYOR E. DENISE SIMMONS

Wednesday, October 7th, 2009

6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Sullivan Chamber
Cambridge City Hall

Guest Speaker: Juan Vega, Executive Director of Centro Latino & Concilio Hispano

Music by: Edwin Pabon

Food by: El Cafetal

For more information please contact Ms. Rosaleah Brown, Deputy Assistant to Mayor E. Denise Simmons at (617) 349-4321 or via e-mail at

rbrown@cambridqema.gov

NAVIGATING THE SOCIAL WEB

Presented by: Cambridge Community Television and Cambridge Educational Access.

What: A Workshop for Parents

When: Thursday, October 15th, 2009

Where: The Media Arts Studio, 454 Broadway

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

For more information or to register please contact:
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