

## Dates to Remember

<b>Monday, October 12</b>	<b><u>NO SCHOOL – Columbus Day</u></b>
<b>Wednesday, October 14</b>	<b><u>Picture Day</u></b>
<b>Thursday, October 15</b>	<b><u>Kindergarten Breakfast</u></b>
<b>Friday, October 16</b>	<b><u>Grades 1/2 Field Trip</u></b>
<b>Friday, October 16</b>	<b><u>Extended Day Family Night</u></b> 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
<b>Monday, October 19</b>	<b><u>First Parent Coffee with Principal Tim</u></b> 8:45 a.m., Teachers' Room
<b>Wednesday, October 21</b>	<b><u>Early Release Day</u></b> Dismissal at 12: 55 p.m.
<b>Wednesday, October 21</b>	<b><u>School Council Mtg., 6:30-8:30</u></b> Topic: Student Academic Achievement, Music Room
<b>Thursday, October 22</b>	<b><u>Kindergarten Info Night 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.</u></b> King School, 100 Putnam Ave.
<b>Saturday, October 24</b>	<b><u>Garden Work Day, 9:00-12:00</u></b>
<b>Wednesday, October 28</b>	<b><u>Kindergarten Info Night 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.</u></b> Fletcher/Maynard Academy
<b>Tuesday, December 1</b>	<b><u>King Open Open House</u></b> 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

### CORI FORMS

All adults who work in public schools in Massachusetts are required to complete and submit a CORI form. These forms are submitted to the Massachusetts Criminal History Systems board to be sure that there is nothing in our record that suggests we would not be safe to work with children. Adults who volunteer to chaperone field trips or work regularly in King Open classrooms also need to fill out a CORI form. Our Human Resource Chairperson sends the principal any information that would lead us to decline an adult's offer to volunteer. Volunteers at King Open may get these forms from their classroom teacher or the office. Please fill them out and return in person to Roxie, Regina or Tim in the office. When you present your CORI form to us, please also show us a picture ID. Thank you for your willingness to volunteer and take this extra step for the protection of our children.

### SIGNING IN AND OUT AT OFFICE

If you bring your child late to school or if you come early when your child needs an early dismissal, please be sure to sign your child in or out at the Main Office.

### **Main Library Grand Opening**

The community is invited to an Open House and Ribbon Cutting at our new Main Library building on Thursday, October 29 from 5-7:30 PM. The official ceremony will begin at 6:00. RSVP is required for the ceremony. Please call 617-349-4032. Library services will not be available that evening.

## A MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL TIM

Dear King Open Families,

This week we have hosted our Curriculum Evenings for grades 3/4 and 1/2. Thanks to the teachers who organized this sharing of our work with your children. Thanks also to the family members who were able to attend, ask questions, and get to know better the teachers and other parents. We hope that evenings such as these are part of strengthening our home-school partnership. We are a school that is ambitious for our children, both teachers and parents. I hope as well that as we get to all know each other well, we can enjoy each other and appreciate our common work.

I get to visit each classroom and spend time with many of your children at recess or in the lunchroom. It is a delight for me to see over time your children blossom. As with each year, there are a number of new students. From what I observe, newcomers are connecting well in this community, and their classmates are excited they are here. If there are new families in your child's classroom, please make it a point to get to know them.

It is also exciting to have new staff members. Some of our new teachers are: **Priya Janardhanan**(grades 5/6); **Latanya Moore**(school psychologist); **Samantha Goldman**(kindergarten self-contained class for students on the autism spectrum); **Michael Proctor**(grades 7/8 learning disabilities teacher); **Ingrid Gustafson** (technology teacher); and **Brenna Leveille**(part-time science teacher). **Margaret Sparks** and **Leslie Brunetta** are math support teacher and tutor, respectively. There are also several strong new teaching assistants and intern teachers. We are fortunate to have these new members join our talented staff.

--Principal Tim

## CALLING ALL PARENTS OF TEENS AND TWEENS

Come meet the Author of *The Good Teen*, Richard Lerner, Ph.d. and hear his groundbreaking research that reveals everything you think you know about teens is wrong. Teens are not problems to be fixed but resources to be developed.

**What:** A Workshop for Parents

**When:** Thursday, November 12, 2009

**Time:** 6:30PM to 8:00PM

**Where:** Cambridge Rindge and Latin School Freshman Campus 359 Broadway, Cambridge

For more information or to register contact:

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## PARENTING SPEAKER SERIES

The joys and challenges of parenting in today's times Hosted by Councillor Marjorie Decker, Chair of the City Council Civic Unity Committee.

The first of four parenting speaker series affords the opportunity to hear from Dr. Lisa Dobberteen, a pediatrician and co-author of "Love & Limits In and Out of Child Care: What Your Child Care Provider and Your Pediatrician Want You to Know". You will hear Dr. Dobberteen discuss current topics in pediatrics followed by a question and answer session to promote a lively discussion on the joys and challenges of modern parenting.

**Thursday, October 22**

**12 p.m. – 1:30 p.m., Sullivan Chamber, City Hall  
795 Mass Ave**

The second of the parenting speaker series will discuss a range of parenting issues related to media and pop culture from birth to the teenage years. Dr. Diane Levin, author of "So Sexy So Soon, The New Sexualized Childhood and What Parents Can Do to Protect Their Kids," will be talking about her research findings followed by a lively question and answer period on the joys and challenges of parenting in today's times.

**Thursday, October 29**

**12:00 pm – 1:00 pm, 2nd Floor Conference Room  
344 Broadway**

For more information please contact the Cambridge Public Health Department at 617-665-3852.

## FIRST PAC MEETING

**When: Wednesday, October 14, 6:00-7:30pm**

Kennedy Longfellow School Activity Room, 158 Spring St.

**Topic:** Getting to Know You; An Evening with Dr. Jeffrey Young, Superintendent; Dr. Aida Ramos, Director, Office of Special Education; Jean Spera, Assistant Director, Office of Special Education; and Leslie Wood, Ombudsperson. The welcome and introductions will begin at 6:00 p.m. question and answer period (see below) from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**Important: If you have questions for any of our guests, please email them to the list, or privately to Gloria or me by Friday, October 9. These will be compiled and shared with our speakers prior to the meeting. Need childcare? Please let us know the ages and number of children.**

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