

Dates to Remember

Saturday, October 24	<u>Garden Work Day, 9:00-12:00</u>
Saturday, October 24	<u>International Day of Climate Action</u>
Wednesday, October 28	<u>Kindergarten Info Night 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.</u> Fletcher/Maynard Academy
Tuesday, November 10	<u>Pasta & Basta</u>
Thursday, November 12	<u>Dental Screening K-4</u>
Wednesday, November 18	<u>School Council Meeting</u> 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Music Room
Thursday, November 19	<u>Early Release Day</u> Dismissal, 12:55 p.m.
Thursday, November 19	<u>Dental Screening K-4</u>
Friday, November 20	<u>KOED Meal of Thanks</u> 5:00- 6:30 p.m., Cafeteria
Tuesday, November 24	<u>Rooms 117, 118 & 123 Trip to the Aquarium</u>
Tuesday, November 24	<u>Grades 3/4 Trip to Plimoth</u>
Wednesday, November 25	<u>Early Release Day, 12:55 p.m.</u> <u>Thanksgiving Holiday</u>
Thursday, Nov. 26, Fri. Nov. 27	<u>No School- Thanksgiving Holiday</u>
Tuesday, December 1	<u>King Open Open House</u> 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Cambridge Flu Clinics Postponed

As of Monday, 10/19/09, all currently scheduled Cambridge flu clinics have been postponed, due to delays in vaccine deliveries from the State. The State is distributing vaccine as they receive it, but demand is very high. For more information please contact Stacey King, Health Promotion and Marketing Manager at 617-665-3852.

KO Peace Project

Upcoming activities:

Friday October 30th, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. meeting in the KO library. We will make posters/collages to share info about the Peace Project with the rest of the school, plan our outreach to local institutions, plan a winter fundraising event.

Wednesday November 11th, 8:30ish - 3ish **FARM TRIP!**

There is no school that day for Veterans Day. We can take up to 13 kids to the Heifer Overlook Farm in Western Massachusetts, about an hour away. At the farm, we'll learn all about how Heifer works, farming, sustainability and projects that are helping communities in Latin America. The cost of the trip is \$7 per kid but if you cannot pay, you can still come, please just let us know. We will bring our own bag lunches.

You can check out this farm on the Heifer website.

We have room for 2 more kids. Please let us know ASAP if you want to come.

Wednesday December 2nd, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. meeting in the King Open library

Debbie, Janet, Alison

Dear 7/8 grade families:

It Is Volleyball Season!

Here are more information:

Practice will start at the beginning of November

Practice will be on Mondays and Wednesdays

3:00-4:30 p.m.

Games will be after school on Thursday. High school coach Kelly Leary will be in touch with families who will turn in the parent consent form. If your child didn't bring one home, ask him/her to ask the homeroom teacher.

Dominique (Clio's mom)

A MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL TIM

Dear King Open Families,

So far this year the King Open School Council has been meeting on priorities of Promoting Meaningful Parent-Teacher and Parent-Parent Involvement and Supporting Academic Excellence. We had a good meeting this week in which we shared data about King Open's MCAS performance and the importance of also gathering and analyzing data about our students' work in Reading, Writing and Math based on our day-to-day classroom learning. One observation we made at that meeting is how important meaningful parent-teacher connections are in helping us all support increased student achievement.

Also this week, King Open Staff met to review data about when students come to the office, why, and how well we are helping them return to their classes successfully. Our goal, of course, is to increase successful learning experiences for all of our classes and students. This topic too will involve us in ongoing plans for improvement.

At our next School Council meeting on Wednesday, November 18, Superintendent Jeff Young is planning to attend. We are planning now for that meeting, and one of the topics we want to be sure to have time to discuss is how the K-8 model is working at King Open. You may know that the School Committee has asked the Superintendent to make recommendations by this spring about the K-8 grade structure in Cambridge. With this topic a high priority for the Superintendent, the School Council wants to be sure that we have time to share with him on this, as well as other important topics. As always, parents and staff are encouraged to attend and participate in School Council meetings; our November meeting will give the Superintendent a chance to learn more about King Open.

Immediate Openings in the Afterschool Program at East End House:

The afterschool program at East End House serves children in Junior K through 5th grade. The School Age program is Nationally Accredited through the National Afterschool Association. The program offers snack, homework assistance, academic enrichment activities as well as special guest lectures, field trips and group activities. During school vacation weeks and summer months, programming runs from 7:30am to 5:30pm and provides breakfast, lunch and snack.

If you are interested in learning more about the afterschool program or enrolling your child, please contact Chrissy Souder at (617) 876-4444 or Chrissy@eastendhouse.org. East End House has been serving the community for over 132 years and is a non-profit, multi-service community center and social service agency committed to providing programs and services to strengthen family and community in East Cambridge, Cambridge and the Greater Boston area. East End House offers programs for seniors, volunteers, community outreach and education, teen programs, a computer technology center and an emergency food pantry in addition to various workshops and classes.

www.eastendhouse.org

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF CLIMATE ACTION

This Saturday, October 24th, join [350.org's](http://350.org) **International Day of Climate Action**,

the most widespread day of environmental action in the planet's history, with 4,000 actions across the globe, from one joining concerned citizens in Israel, Gaza, and Jordan, to coral reefs, to mountain tops. This event aims to let governments around the world know that citizens care about combating global warming, as we head towards the crucial UN Climate Negotiations in Copenhagen in December of 2009.

You can create your own action, or join one of the many in the area. Some King Open families will join the web photo at 1:00pm at Prospect Hill Park, Munroe Street in Somerville; others will meet at Cambridge City Hall.

For more information, go to www.350.org
- Gwen Speeth (mother of Sam in 7/8)

SPLASH

Do you want to take a class about...

- Design and Analysis of Roller Coasters
- Paradoxes of Democracy
- Fun with Fractals
- Aircraft Jet Engines
- How to Make a Pixar Movie
- The French Revolution
- Stage Fighting

...or any of 400 other awesome topics?

Then you should come to Splash! Splash offers a series of short classes and workshops like the ones listed above, and you can take up to 20 hours of classes. Splash takes place the weekend before Thanksgiving (11/21-11/22) at MIT. You can register for one Splash class at 8:00 PM on Tuesday, November 3, and for an unlimited number of classes beginning at 8:00 PM on Wednesday, November 4. You can find out more at <http://esp.mit.edu/learn/Splash/index.html>, or email us at splash@mit.edu.

ALL CITY DRAMA ANNOUNCES AUDITIONS FOR BOCON!

All City Drama Ensemble encourages CPS students in 7th and 8th grade who enjoy singing, acting, dancing and theater to audition for their production of Bocon! By Lisa Loomer.

Bocon! Is the humorous story of Miguel, a big-mouthed (Bocon!) Central American teen who flees the repressive military regime in his country for the US. Diverse students from all backgrounds are highly encouraged to audition. ACDE would like to encourage Spanish-speaking youth to audition. The play is in English, with Spanish language woven throughout. Familiarity with Spanish is helpful but not required. You will sign up for a 45-minute slot when you sign up for your audition. Rehearsals will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from December-April at the Kennedy Longfellow School. Production dates are: April 8th & 9th at the Kennedy Longfellow School. ACDE Director will visit CPS middle schools to provide information for interested students.

THERE ARE 3 WAYS TO SIGN UP FOR AN AUDITION:

Sign up with Ms. Osiecki when she visits your school, Email cambridgedrama@gmail.com, call Ms. Osiecki in the Performing Arts office, (617) 349-6786. ACDE is open to any CPS student in grades 7-8 free of charge. Questions? Call Alyssa Osiecki at (617) 349-6786 or email, cambridgedrama@gmail.com.