

Dates to Remember

Saturday, November 14	<u>Cambridge Family Literacy Fun Day, 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.</u> Cambridge City Hall
Monday, November 16	<u>7th Grade Group 1 Trip to MIT</u> 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday, November 17	<u>Rooms 215 & 216 Trip to Old State House, All Day</u>
Wednesday, November 18	<u>School Council Meeting</u> Superintendent's Visit 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Library
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</u> <u>Thanksgiving Holiday</u>
Monday, November 30	<u>Author Sara Penny Packer's Visit to Grades 3/4</u> 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Tuesday, December 1	<u>King Open Open House</u> 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, December 2	<u>KO Peace Project Meeting</u> 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., Library
Thursday, December 3	<u>Grades 1/2 Social Studies Potluck, 6:00-7:30 p.m.</u>
Thursday, December 10	<u>All Grades 7/8 Trip to Court House, 9:00-1:00 p.m.</u>
Thursday, December 10	<u>Parent and Teacher Talent Show Fundraiser at King Open</u> 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

A BIG THANK YOU TO THE KING OPEN COMMUNITY

We just had one of the most successful Pasta e Basta events ever (and netted \$900 for Friends of King Open to support our classrooms and teachers).

There are too many people to thank but there are a few that need extra kudos Lena, Neusa, and Regina – they went above and beyond the call of staff – working hard from the afternoon though the end of the night (including cleaning tables and scrubbing pots!!!)

Roxie – for sitting all night at the front table – again above and beyond the call of staff The teachers and extended day staff who came and worked (I am not sure I even have all the names) – their work day ends but they still come through for our kids Megan DeMott-Quigley for pulling together the committees and the kid activities – this added the Basta back to the Pasta (pasta and more)

Tim Plenk – our Iggy's contact and great organizer

Iggy's Bread of the World – wonderful bread as always – please stop in their store (130 Fawcett St., Cambridge) and thank for all of their support of King Open

Our wonderful sauce makers, cookie bakers, shoppers, servers, kitchen crew and cleaners

The poor folks at 6:15 who had to wait so long for food – who knew so many people would show up and that the pasta water took so long to boil.

Through out the night, I thought of things to do better next year (make more pasta earlier!) – and then remembered that I won't be here. But the template for running the event is all written, I will add lessons learned from this year – and be ready to pass it off to the next volunteers. So if you enjoyed the evening – think about getting a friend or two and stepping up to run Pasta e Basta next year. This is really an easy event to run – all done by e-mail, phone and flyer up to the day of the event. And I am happy to stay on as consultant – and bring my family next year.

Jamie Sabino

A MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL TIM

Dear King Open Families,

On Tuesday evening we had a wonderful turn-out for Pasta y basta, King Open's annual fund-raising, community-building dinner. Many of you made sauce, baked cookies, cooked, served and cleaned up so that our large gathering could enjoy a meal together. Others organized student performances for the group or set up tables to show our CitySprouts garden program, our Beyond the 4th Wall theater program, our International Heifer Peace Project, and our Library/Literacy programs. King Open benefits greatly from staff, parents and student volunteer efforts to make such an event possible. To keep such events, we will need new and additional volunteers, as many families have children who will graduate this year. Please look for opportunities like Pasta y basta to become volunteer leaders at King Open. We all benefit.

We also had the frightening experience on Monday, just before school dismissal, of hearing reports of a gunshot a block away from the school. There were police present at that spot, and our crossing guard and also our school resource police officer were at the school, providing reassurance. We later found out that the police had been in contact with our School Security staff and had concluded that there was no longer any danger from the situation. Whenever there is an upsetting community event, we need to look at how we communicated and kept the situation safe for all. I wish that we had been able to communicate with families right away so that you would know what the circumstances were and how it was determined that there was no likely risk remaining. I will be reviewing our safety protocol with the District Security staff and Cambridge Police. Our best information is that the situation is under control. Like you, however, we find it very upsetting for the community to have such a dangerous situation, even if short-lived. I will let you know when I find out further information about ensuring safety in our community.

November is Adoption Month

Please join us in the King Open Library on Tuesday, November 24th 8:15 a.m. to share in the joy with adoptive families.

Lena and Jen

Ashley Bryan Comes Back to Cambridge!

Ashley Bryan is the beloved author and illustrator of over 35 books including *Beautiful Blackbird* and *Words to My Life's Song*. He has won three Coretta Scott King Book Awards, the Haggerty School Peace Prize and many other honors.

Thursday, December 10 at 6:30 P.M.

Main Library, 449 Broadway, Cambridge

For age 6 and up. Free. Pizza will be served. Registration is required. Please call 857-235-9844. Books available for purchase.

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)

7th ANNUAL KING OPEN PARENT & STAFF NIGHT OUT

Mark your 2010 calendars: the King Open Parent Staff Night Out will be on Sat. Jan. 30th, 2010, at Ryles Jazz Club in Inman Square, 7 pm – midnight. Tickets are \$16 each, which includes buffet dinner, cash bar and dancing. Only 120 tickets available...don't wait: we sell out every year!

Please consider buying extra tickets as a donation to the Friends of King Open (FOKO).

You can make out your Parent Staff Night Out check for any amount as a donation to FOKO, which in turn will give tickets to any parent or staff member who would like to come to the night out and needs a ticket. FOKO also keeps our school going in many important ways such as: *supporting classroom needs by giving each teacher money for supplies for special projects

*providing financial assistance for hallmark King Open overnight field trips, such as the 3-4 trip to Cape Cod and the 7-8 trip to NY/DC

*buying tech and other equipment for our classrooms and library - *funding Author Visits

The Night Out is a great way for parents to meet other parents outside of their child's classroom.

Because the evening is for KO parents and staff alike, we have a unique opportunity to get to know one another in a relaxed atmosphere outside of the school

This year, we have kept the ticket price the same, but we are asking everyone to please consider an extra donation to the Friends of King Open. Our children and staff depend on your generosity!

7th AND 8th GRADE GIRLS AND BOYS

If you are interested in try-out for the CRLS Girls and Boys Hockey Team please contact: Girls Coach: Kevin Mitrano: Kmitrano@cpsd.us

Boys Coach: Dave Fimiani: Djfimiani@hotmail.com

Try-Out-Monday, November 30th @ Simoni Rink

Boys Team: 4:00 PM

Girls Team: 5:00 PM

Please get all athletic forms on-line at www.cpsd.us

All forms must be into the athletic office by November 16th.