

Dates to Remember

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. Thanksgiving Holiday</u>
Thursday, Nov. 26, Fri. 27	<u>No School Thanksgiving Holiday</u>
Monday, November 30	<u>Author's Visit Sara Pennypacker Grades 3/4 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.</u>
Tuesday, December 1	<u>King Open Open House 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.</u>
Wednesday, December 2	<u>KO Peace Project Meeting 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Library</u>
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 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.</u>
Wednesday, December 16	<u>School Council Meeting 6:30-8:30 p.m. Music Room</u>

Beyond the 4th Wall

Expression Theater
Presents

Parent and Teacher Talent Show Fundraiser at King Open

Don't miss the show!

**Thursday, December 10th
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

Tickets \$5, \$20 for families of 4 or more.

All proceeds will go towards The Phantom Tollbooth production in January.

Call or email the studio for more information:
info@beyondthefourthwall.com
617-868-9900.

November is Adoption Month

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

Lena and Jen

A MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL TIM

Dear King Open Families,

We had a meaningful conversation with Superintendent Jeff Young at Wednesday evening's King Open School Council meeting. Central on our agenda was the opportunity for those present to reflect on and describe the K-8 school structure and how we see it working at King Open. The great majority of those who shared at the meeting, both parents, staff and student, shared how our K-8 model has had much success for positive student and family and staff learning experiences. There were also acknowledgements that King Open has not provided a successful education and experience for every student and that we need to challenge ourselves to do better.

The Superintendent thanked us for our sharing. He told us that his approach is not to promote a struggle about whether K-8 or middle school structures are better for Cambridge, but rather to recommend a plan that will best provide the attributes of quality education we all want for students, ages 11-14. He shared his conviction that CPS must provide equal access to high quality education for all of our students and that his recommendations will be based on this principle.

The District will mail a questionnaire to families this winter to gather information about their priorities for middle grades. They will also have a meeting with staff to give their input. In early spring the Superintendent will make his recommendations for middle grades to the School Committee. Then the School Committee will hold regular meetings to hear from the community. The School Committee plans to vote on these recommendations in the spring. No changes to the current K-8 structures would happen before September, 2011, and it may be that no sweeping changes will be recommended.

On another note, I hope that all of our families will have the opportunity to have meaningful time together over the Thanksgiving holiday. King Open Extended Day will hold its Meal of Thanks this afternoon/evening, and many of our families will be able to join in that special time.

-- Principal Tim

THE WAMPANOAG NATION SINGERS AND DANCERS

Friday, November 27, 2009

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Join Wampanoag Nation singers and dancers in celebration of the harvest season and American Indian culture. This narrated presentation featuring traditional clothing, music from handcrafted instruments, and social songs and dances will get everyone in the family up on their feet!

Explore, discover, experience...Celebrate! The John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum is pleased to present the morning performance for children listed above. [The Celebrate! series](#), appropriate for family audiences and children ages 5 and up, highlights America's rich cultural diversity through the arts. **All performances are free and begin at 10:30 a.m. in the Stephen Smith Center at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum, Columbia Point, Boston. In order to optimize your comfort and enjoyment, reservations are now required for all visitors to this free program.** Small children are seated on a carpeted floor with their caretakers.

To make a reservation, please call 617.514.1644 or e-mail JFKcelebrate@nara.gov and leave your name, the number in your party, and your contact information. Space is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

STRAIGHTLACED: HOW GENDER'S GOT US ALL TIED UP

Come see this award-winning film about gender messages and expectations.

Join other parents for refreshments and discussion.

Tuesday, December 8, 6:30 - 8:30 PM at the King Open School

(850 Cambridge St.). Free! All are welcome! Sponsored by Welcoming Schools Cambridge. For more information call 617-349-6727 or email

<mailto:mbrazo@cpsd.us>

CAMBRIDGE RINDGE & LATIN SCHOOL DRAMA COMPANY PRESENTS: Once Upon A Mattress

November 20th, 21st 7:00 p.m.

November 21st, 22nd 2:00 p.m.

Somerville Theatre, Davis Square. All tickets only \$5.00. For more information please call 617-349-6788. Special Children's Matinee, Saturday, November 21st, 2:00 p.m. Be part of the show, come in costume! Stay to meet the cast after the performance.