

Dates to Remember

Wednesday, December 16	<u>School Council Meeting</u> 6:30-8:30 p.m., Music Room
Friday, December 18	<u>Gr. 5/6 Portfolio Breakfast</u> 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.
Wednesday, December 16	<u>Gr. 5/6 Guest Author</u> <u>Chris Abouzeid, 11-noon</u>
Tuesday, December 22	<u>Gr. 3/4 Meeting of Two</u> <u>Cultures, 9-10:30 a.m.</u>
Thursday, December 24 through Friday, January 1, 2010	<u>NO SCHOOL-Winter Break</u>
Thursday, January 21	<u>MCAS Information Night at</u> <u>King Open School</u>
Saturday, January 30	<u>Parent/Staff Night Out</u> 7PM-12AM, Ryles Night Club

Winter Weather Note

Families may find out if winter weather has affected the daily operations of the Cambridge Public Schools by tuning into one of the four major television stations (WHDH-7, WBZ4, WCVB Channel 5, or WFXT 25), the four major radio stations (WBZ, WRKO, WODS, WBUR), calling Linkline, the CPS Telephone Information Service (617 349 6513) or visiting the CPS website at HYPERLINK "http://www.cpsd.us"www.cpsd.us

Note From Principal Tim

I would like to share the sad news that Tim Costello, father of fourth grader Pia Costello in Room 113, passed away on December 4. He had struggled for several months with a serious illness. When I asked, his wife Suzanne Rasmussen told me that a memorial service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to: VNA Care Network & Hospice, Development Office, 5 Federal Street, Danvers, MA 01923-3687. As a community, we need to hold Pia, Suzanne and their extended family and friends in our hearts.

Positive Discipline

KOED Parent Support Group

When: Wednesday, December 16th

Time: 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

"Positive Discipline and Children"

- **Facilitated by the Families First Organization**
- **Child care and dinner provided**

7/8 JOB BANK

King Open Families -- If you have jobs we have workers!

Help the 7/8 students earn money for their Washington D.C. trip. Students are ready, willing and able to do many of the below jobs – and the money will go to their goal of each raising money to support the trip.

- Baby-sitting
- Lawn or yard care
- Snow shoveling
- Providing baked goods (cookies, cakes etc.)
- Dog walking or vacation pet care
- Washing cars for neighbors
- Tutoring on using computers or the internet
- Serving and cleaning at a house party
- Odd jobs- moving furniture, wrapping presents, organizing a closet....

So if you have a job - contact Dina Mardell, job bank coordinator, at dmardell@verizon.net

A MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL TIM

Dear King Open Families,

Last week I joined our Kindergarten students, teachers and families for a breakfast and celebration of their learning about "Nature and the City." I watched students in Kathy's 5/6 class practicing their lines for Shakespeare's "Mid-Summer Night's Dream," and listened to Shaun read with her class a biography of Phyllis Wheatley as part of the study of the American Revolution. I greeted one of Ariel's students in the hallway and exchanged high fives with him; I remember earlier in the year when his teachers sometimes needed to hold him in their embrace to help him transition from one activity to another. I watched Deirdre for grade three and Aida in grade two working with their students and others in the grade for lessons in Math Investigations. I listened to students in Lynn's 7/8 Humanities discuss Frederick Douglass's speech, "The Meaning of July 4th for the Negro?"

We all know that the most important part of our children's school experience is the quality of teaching and learning. As principal, I am grateful to be part of a school where I can see every day students engaged in learning activities meaningful and rich.

-- Principal Tim

CRLS ANNUAL WINTER MUSIC CONCERT

When: Thursday, December 17th 2009

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Where: Morse School Auditorium, 40 Granite St. Cambridge
For more information please call 617-349-6788.

Featuring the CRLS:

Concert Band, Beginning Jazz Ensemble, World Jazz Ensemble and Drum Line

\$3.00 Admission

EAST END HOUSE PRE-SCHOOL NOW ENROLLING

The Pre-school program at East End House has immediate openings for children ages 2.9-5 years old.

The program operates Monday through Friday from 7:30am-5:30pm year round.

Example of a daily schedule:

7:30-9:00-Arrival

9:00-9:30-Breakfast

9:30-12:00-Arts, Crafts, Science and Literacy Activities, Indoor/Outdoor Play

12:00-Healthy and Nutritious Lunch

1:00-3:00-Quiet Time, Rest/Nap

3:00-Afternoon Snack

3:30-5:30- Arts, Crafts, Science and Literacy Activities, Indoor/Outdoor Play

For more information or to enroll your child please contact Camille Platt at Camille@eastendhouse.org (617) 876-4444

EAST END HOUSE AFTERSCHOOL NOW ENROLLING

The Afterschool program at East End House has immediate openings for children in Pre-K through 5th grade. Children who attend Kennedy-Longfellow and King Open schools are picked up directly at their classrooms. Children from other schools are greeted by a staff member at the Bus Stop in front of East End House.

The program operates Monday through Friday from 2:00-6:00 and 7:30-5:30 during school vacations and summer programs.

Example of a daily schedule:

2:00-3:30-Arrival, Snack and Elective activities

3:30-4:30-Homework, Reading and Quiet Games

4:30-5:30-Enrichment Activities

5:30-6:00-Free Time

The School Age Program has three major themes for the year:

Fall: Life Sciences

Winter: Media and Technology

Spring: Environmental Science

For more information or to enroll your child please contact Chrissy Souder at Chrissy@eastendhouse.org (617) 876-4444

TITLE I FAMILY GAME NIGHT

When: Tuesday, December 15th

Time: 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Where: Fletcher Maynard Academy

The Holidays Are Here!

**Want to give a teacher a special gift?
Donate a book to the library in her/his name!**

1. Visit the King Open Library Wish List:
www.indiebound.org/users/jrmason/wishlist
2. Purchase a book online, or print the list and take it to your favorite bookstore. The wish list is linked to local bookstores.
3. Bring the book to the KO library, or have it shipped to:

King Open School Library
850 Cambridge Street
Cambridge, MA 02141

4. Jen Mason will put a bookplate in the book to show that you donated the book to honor your teacher!

Questions? Contact Jen Mason at 617-349-6542 or jmason@cpsd.us

Visit the KO library on the web:
kingopenlibrary.edublogs.org