

## Dates to Remember

Thursday, February 4	<b><u>7<sup>th</sup> Grade/7/8 Olá Field Trip</u></b> 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 4	<b><u>Room 214 Play, 6 – 8 p.m.</u></b> "A Midsummer Night's Dream"
Thursday, February 4	<b><u>Arts Committee Meeting</u></b> 7:00 p.m., King Open
Friday, February 5	<b><u>Carnaval Celebration</u></b> 5:30-8:00 p.m., Cafeteria
Wednesday, February 10	<b><u>KOED Family Workshop</u></b> Grandparents Raising Grandchildren 5:30 p.m., Media Center
Wednesday, February 10	<b><u>8<sup>th</sup> Grade Astronomy Night</u></b> 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Mon, Feb. 15 - Fri, Feb. 19	<b><u>February Vacation</u></b>
Wednesday, February 24	<b><u>School Council Meeting</u></b> 6:30-8:30 p.m., Music Room
Thursday, February 25	<b><u>Music Concert at King Open</u></b> Save the date-more details to come
Wednesday, March 3	<b><u>Books For Bingo</u></b> 6:30-8:30 p.m., King Open Cafeteria (Snow Date: March 10 <sup>th</sup> )

### 8th Grade Astronomy Night Wednesday, February 10th

Time: 6-8pm  
Meet in the King Open Cafeteria.  
Dress warmly for stargazing through a local  
astronomers' telescope!

Thanks!  
~Donna

### Don't Forget... CARNAVAL!

**THIS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**5:30 – 8:00 p.m.**  
\$3 per person/\$10 per family of 4

This is a fun event for the entire family with music and a DJ & dancing, dinner and refreshments all included in tickets (sold at the door.)  
Face painting and the raffle/bazaar are \$1 each.

#### PLEASE EMAIL OR CALL SO WE KNOW HOW MUCH FOOD TO PREPARE!

Family Liaison Neusa DaCosta:  
[ndacosta@cpsd.us](mailto:ndacosta@cpsd.us) or 617-349-6540, x138

#### We still need donations for the raffle/bazaar table.

Items such as restaurant/retail gift certificates, new games, jewelry, toys, small electronics, knick-knacks, winter hats, mittens, etc.

Please drop these off ASAP in the Family Liaison office.

### 7/8 Washington Trip Fundraiser

**We need your ideas!**  
**We need more jobs!**

Every other year, in June, the King Open 7/8 graders go to Washington D.C. This year, each student has to raise \$35. So far, our job list has been scarce, we are 1/6 from our \$3,000 goal – watch our thermometer in the main lobby! We need more jobs, and even if you can't offer one, we welcome new ideas – besides pet sitting/walking and babysitting. 7/8 can organize, tutor, serve at a party, help with a birthday party, or help organize a closet. They are funny and silly, and can be very reliable. Got ideas? We are interested, even if you can't offer the job!  
Please email them to Dina  
[dmardell@verizon.net](mailto:dmardell@verizon.net).

**THANK YOU! Jamie, Dina and Dominique**

## A MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL TIM

Dear King Open Families,

This past Thursday we held our annual Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday assembly in the auditorium. Different groups of students sang, played instruments, spoke, and acted out scenes that remind us of the importance of Dr. King and his dream for all of us. Regina and Lena both spoke to us about the importance of carrying out this dream in our daily lives and for our future. Thanks also to all the teachers and students who brought to the assembly money and notes of support for us to share with people in Haiti. We will send the money to Partners in Health and identify a group in Haiti to receive our notes. Also, we were given equipment to video the assembly by Cambridge's local cable channel, CCTV. Thanks to staff member Dana Searcy and parent Tim Plenk for making the video. We will learn from CCTV when they will broadcast our assembly.

There are exciting events this week as well. On Thursday evening, Room 214 will perform Shakespeare's "Midsummer Night's Dream," the first in the series of 5/6 classroom plays for the school year. The following evening, we hold our Carnival celebration, a festive time of food, music, dance and costumes that highlight the rich Caribbean culture of so many King Open families and staff. I look forward to seeing many of you on these occasions and on so many others that you help us celebrate over the school year.

-- Principal Tim

### Dear KO Community:

Stay tuned for news of the KO Peace Project's upcoming all-school read-a-thon. Soon we will be announcing our kick-off in the lobby, where we will:

- \*Learn about the Heifer International project in rural Guatemala that we are supporting along with Heifer's emergency effort to help Haiti in the aftermath of the recent earthquake. Heifer is a non-profit dedicated to ending world hunger by providing communities with sustainable food sources rather than short-term relief.
- \*Sign up for the "Read-to-Food" read-a-thon. Readers are not required to get pledges, just to read, read, read! Pledge donations will be solicited from community groups and businesses. The more readers we get, the more we can raise for Heifer.
- \*Collect spare change to donate to our "Penny Drive" Coins weigh down wallets and collect dust but we can put them to good work for you to help families in need. The Peace Project is in its 3rd year of raising funds and awareness for humanitarian causes around the globe. We are a group of kids and adults and welcome your participation and support.

## HEALTHY SNACK IDEA OF THE WEEK

**Whole wheat pita chips with hummus**

**As a community, we can work together to promote health.**

**Send your child to school with a healthy snack and support the changes in school food service.**

*A message from the School Health Program, Cambridge Public Health Department*

**As needed, add a small frozen gel pack or frozen drink to keep foods from spoiling**

## CAMP INFORMATION NIGHT

I want to inform you of the date for this year's Camp Information Night.

The event will take place on Thursday, March 4th, 6:30 until 8:00 pm. CRLS MAIN CAFETERA.

Snow date is Thursday, March 11.

## CAMBRIDGE COMMUNITY TELEVISION AND CAMBRIDGE EDUCATIONAL ACCESS TELEVISION PRESENT:

**Learning to Guide Your Child Online:**

**Internet Safety & The Social Web**

This workshop is designed for parents looking for strategies to help their children stay safe while using the social web. This workshop will provide you with an opportunity to learn more about today's popular social network tools, including Twitter, Facebook and YouTube. Come share your stories with other parents in Cambridge and learn important Internet safety tips. Workshop Leaders: Matt Landry, Cambridge Educational Access, Colin Rhinesmith, Cambridge Community Television

**What: A Workshop for Parents**

**When: Thursday, February 4, 2010**

**Where: Media Arts Studio / CRLS**

**Time: 6:00-7:30PM**

**For More Information or to Register Contact Matt Landry - [mlandry@cpsd.us](mailto:mlandry@cpsd.us)**

## SCIENCE CLUB FOR GIRLS

Science club for Girls is back! Clubs start February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010. We have fun, get messy, and work with cool women in science. Join again now.

We meet each Tuesday afterschool from 3-4:15pm.

First day of clubs is February 9<sup>th</sup>. To join, get a form from the Main Office. Open to ALL Girls, Grades K-6.

For more information contact Kareen Wilkinson, Program Manager, at 617-549-2442.

## 18<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL "SKATEFEST"

Figure Skating Show

When: Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Time: 2:00 PM

Where: Bright Ice Rink, Harvard University

You and your family are invited to attend. You will enjoy a great performance!

Return flyer or call the main office to request tickets.