

## Dates to Remember

- Mon, Feb. 15 - Fri, Feb. 19** **February Vacation**
- Wednesday, February 24** **School Council Meeting**  
6:30-8:30 p.m., Music Room
- Wednesday, February 24** **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Astronomy Night**  
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- Thursday, February 25** **Spring Music Concert at K.O.**  
6:30 p.m., in the Auditorium
- Wednesday, March 3** **Books For Bingo**  
6:30-8:30 p.m., King Open Cafeteria  
(Snow Date: March 10<sup>th</sup>)
- Thursday, March 4** **1/2 Social Studies Gathering**  
9:00 – 10:45 a.m., in the Gym
- Thursday, March 4** **Summer Camp Information Night**  
6:30-8:00 p.m., CRLS Main Cafeteria
- Tuesday, March 16** **7/8 Staff vs. Student Basketball Game**
- Tuesday, March 23** **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to Biogen (Group 4)**
- Wednesday, March 24** **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to Biogen (Group 2)**

### Dear King Open Community,

The February School Council Meeting will focus on two topics critical to our community -- the budget and the superintendent's middle grades proposal. Please come and have an opportunity to receive updated information and share your views and concerns.

The meeting will take place February 24th from 6:30-8:30 in the music room.

Please note, the March meeting will change dates to **Tues. March 23** (also 6:30-8:30).

I hope to see you at both meetings! If you would like the minutes from the Jan. meeting I can send them to you directly, or check the school council web page: KO website: <http://kingopenschool.org> Click the 'School Council' tab. The password is lena.

Thanks!

Leah Rugen  
Co-chair, school council

**MCAS ELA, Reading and Writing Composition test will be administered between March 22 – April 12**  
**See the King Open's schedule below:**

March 22	23	24	25	26
Grade 5/6	<i>Writing Compositions</i> Grades 4 Grades 7	Grade 7/8	Grade 7/8	Grade 5/6
29	30	31	April 1	2
Grade 3/4			Grade 3/4	Holiday
5	6	7	8	9
Grade 5/6		*Writing Comp Makeup (4and 7)		

## A MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL TIM

Dear King Open Families,

I hope that your family has an enjoyable week, with more time together and a less hectic schedule. Even with a week's vacation, this is a busy time at school. Our Kindergarten classes have celebrated our 100th day in school, a day in which they enjoy working with different materials to develop a stronger sense of what the number "100" represents. Last night our grades 7/8 held a "Valentine's Dance." A student group planned the event, our Music Teacher Kathleen spun the platters, or rather lined up the iTunes, and Roxie, Neusa, April, Science student teacher Hillary and I enjoyed the scene; over sixty of our students attended. The week we return, there will be a student Music concert the evening of Thursday, Feb. 25, with students in grades 3/4 and 6/7 performing.

Also that week will be our monthly School Council meeting on Wednesday, February 24, 6:30-8:30pm in the Music Room. This month's agenda will include time for parents and staff to hear more about the Superintendent's budget proposals and their implications for King Open. The other big topic on the meeting agenda is the Superintendent's recommendation for Middle Grades, with some schools being asked to remain K-8 schools, some to become K-5 schools, and one school asked to convert itself into a middle school. What do we think is best for King Open? What do we think is best for our whole District? If these two topics sound as if they are too much for one meeting, they will be, so we will want to add a Parent Coffee, other meetings as necessary, and to keep the whole community informed with timely notes to parents and staff. I am looking forward to a break this week, as the next few weeks will be full of planning for the future.

I look forward to the next eighty days of our school year and all the learning and growing we will do together.

--Principal Tim

### King Open Winter into Spring Music Concert

Starring: King Open Students Grades 3/4 & 6/7  
and special Michael Jackson tribute by  
King Open afterschool students

**Thursday, February 25, 2010 @ 6:30 p.m.**  
King Open Auditorium

Song, Dance, Costumes, Percussion, Instruments, Solos

**A must see event!!!**

## FOLK TALE SLAM TO BENEFIT HAITI-FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AGED KIDS

Story: the world's longest running family entertainment + "the world's best ice cream" = sweet fun

### 10 tales from world folk tradition

"updated" February 17th at 10am and 2pm. **Two shows**

### Hosted by Stu Mendleson

10-11AM short shorts (3-5 minute tales) geared toward the 3 years and up to 6yrs.

& 2-3:30 PM @Toscanini's (5 minute tales) geared toward the 6 years and up folk

massmouth presents~ Folk Tale Story Slams at Toscaninis @ <http://www.tosci.com>

Your \$7 includes admission and a ticket for one ice cream and your donation to:

Heading Home - homeless families in Cambridge

@[www.headinghomeinc.org](http://www.headinghomeinc.org)

Partners in Health- health care and emergency relief in Haiti

@ <http://www.pih.org/>

Norah Dooley And Stu Mendlesohn

Norah Dooley, CELL: 617.460.3544, Storyteller, Author & Bricoleur \*

## 8th GRADE ASTRONOMY NIGHT

### Wednesday, February 10th

6-8pm. Meet in the King Open Cafeteria.

Dress warmly for stargazing through a local astronomers' telescope!

## REBIRTH OF THE KING OPEN GARDEN

Is the King Open garden a place you love? Do you have ideas about how you would like to see it changed?

CitySprouts is forming a group to plan and work on improvements to the garden. We will meet Wednesday, February 24 at 7pm in the King Open Library. If you like the garden, stop to look at it in the next week or so and think about how it could be improved. What could be changed to make it a place where more kids would love to spend time? Are there ways you like to see the garden used that it isn't now? If you have ideas about what you would like to see the garden become, come share them at the meeting February 24.

## TITLE I PRESENTS: BOOKS FOR BINGO

Wednesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30 - 8:00PM, King Open Cafeteria (Snow date: March 10<sup>th</sup>)

This event is for Kindergarten to Grade 4 and their families! Please register by calling 617-349-6492 or by emailing [msavilonis@cpsd.us](mailto:msavilonis@cpsd.us).

## SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL SUMMER RESOURCE/CAMP INFORMATION NIGHT

Thursday, March 4, 2010

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Cambridge Rindge and Latin High School

459 Broadway, Main Cafeteria (Snow Date: March 11<sup>th</sup>)

Come meet the representatives for Cambridge Community School camps and other private and public camps, including programs for children with disabilities.

Parking is available in the school garage. For additional information, call Roslyn Shoy at 617-349-6227.