

Dates to Remember

Tuesday, March 16	<u>7/8 Students v. Faculty Basketball Game</u> 6:00-8:00 p.m., King/Amigos Gym 100 Putnam Ave., Dinner food for sale
Wednesday, March 17	<u>NO SCHOOL - Evacuation Day</u>
Monday, March 22	<u>Grades 5/6 MCAS ELA Test</u>
Tuesday, March 23	<u>Grades 4 and 7 MCAS ELA Test</u> Writing Compositions
Tuesday, March 23	<u>8th Grade Trip to Biogen (Group 4)</u>
Tuesday, March 23	<u>School Council Meeting</u> Topic: Budget/Middle School Proposal 6:30-8:30 p.m., Music Room
Wednesday, March 24	<u>8th Grade Trip to Biogen (Group 2)</u>
Thursday, March 25	<u>Grades 5/6 Play - Room 215</u> Room 215 Proudly Presents: Divided Loyalties . Show starts at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium
Friday, March 26	<u>School and Extended Day Math Night and Dinner</u> 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 31	<u>Grades 5/6 Play - Room 216</u>
Thursday, April 1	<u>Lynn's Classes Women's History Oratories Evening Presentation</u> 6:30-8:30 PM, in the 7/8 classrooms
Wednesday, April 7	<u>Julie's Classes Women's History Oratories Evening Presentation</u> 6:30-8:30 PM, in the 7/8 classrooms
Tuesday, April 13	<u>Rooms 117, 118 & 123 Trip to Children's Museum</u>
Thursday, April 15	<u>Grades 5/6 Play - Room 212</u>
Tuesday, April 27	<u>8th Grade Trip to MIT</u> Science Showcase
Wednesday, April 28	<u>Science Breakfast</u> 9:00-10:15 a.m. in the Cafeteria

Summer Camp Information

Information about summer camps is available at King Open Family Liaison Office. (Parent Room)
A binder full of terrific camp ideas is available for you to browse through. Liaisons Lena and Neusa are there to help you find just the right program for your child.
Don't wait! Summer camps fill up fast.

7/8 Students v. Faculty Basketball Game

Come cheer for your favorite teacher of King Open Student at the 7/8 vs. the Staff Basketball Game with half time entertain provided by 3/4 students. Tuesday night, March 16th from 6:00 to 8:00 at the King/Amigos School 100 Putnam St. (enter through the back entrance). Sandwiches, drinks and snacks will be for sale before the game and at half time. We also have an amazing raffle this year featuring a Grand prize - two Red Sox tickets 3 rows behind the first base dug out. Entrance fee for the game is \$3.00 per person, \$10.00 per family. All proceeds go toward the 7/8 Washington trip.

Math Night and Dinner For King Open and Extended Day

Parents of students in Grades K - 6 are invited to join us on Friday evening, March 26th from 5:30 - 7:00. You will have an opportunity to learn about the math curriculum we use, try out games your child plays in math class, and understand how these games support math learning. Childcare will be provided from 5:30 - 6:30. Pizza dinner for families will be from 6:30 - 7:00. Please RSVP to Lena (617-349-6540 X 135 or ejames@cpsd.us) or Neusa (617-349-6540 X 138 or ndacosta@cpsd.us). We look forward to seeing you there.

A MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL TIM

Dear King Open Families,

I had a District commitment that prevented me from joining the Grades 1/2 Thursday morning, but I have heard how beautifully our students presented to families and staff their learning in our Origins curriculum. Thanks to the ongoing hard work and encouragement from our teachers who help each student gain the confidence to present.

A very different community event will be Tuesday evening's basketball game between our 7/8th graders and our staff. This yearly event is always a lot of fun and raises money for our 7/8th grade trip to Washington, DC in June. There are staff members who can keep up with our students, and then there are the rest of us who sparkle on the basketball court only once a year. Please come enjoy and support our community. The game will be at 6:30pm, at the King/Amigos School, 100 Putnam Ave., in the Riverside neighborhood of Cambridge.

Another special event will be Math Night on Friday evening, March 26. This event is designed for parents in grades K-6. Teachers will have stations in the gym where they will lead us in games from our math curriculum. These games and online activities help students learn important math concepts, and as we learn to play, we will learn more about the process of how our children learn. We are scheduling Math Night at the same time that our Extended Day Program usually holds its monthly family night, and we hope that the timing will work both for families in Extended Day and for those coming from work or home. Please come at 5:30 for the games that teachers will lead. We will show a film to your children in the auditorium while you learn by doing the games, and then your children will join you for pizza in the cafeteria with the evening over by 7:00pm.

Another important initiative will be putting together a group of staff and parents who will help us look at job descriptions and help us hire the new teachers we will need in the Ola Program. Two of our excellent teachers, Cathy Murray and Graca Hammond, are retiring this year after many years of valuable service. We want to recruit and interview strong teachers in the next few weeks for the opportunity to find the strongest new teachers. We look forward to collaboration from staff and parents in Ola and in the larger school community as we share the responsibility for the education of all of our students. I will share a timetable with families within the next week or so.

24th Annual City Run/Walk Sunday, March 28th 2010

Proceeds to benefit Friends of Cambridge Athletics & The Andrea Harvey Memorial Fund
10:30 am, Fresh Pond Reservoir. For more information go to: <http://www.cambridgema.gov/DHSP2/cityrun.cfm>
The funds from this event will support the athletics programs at CRLS and also the Andrea Harvey Memorial Fund which gives scholarships to needy high school seniors and also supports domestic violence prevention programs.

SUMMER COMPASS APPLICATIONS

Summer Compass applications are being sent home today. Do check your child's backpack for this important information. **Applications are due back to teachers on Wednesday, March 24th.**

Questions: contact 617-349-6533.

READING FEVER AT KING OPEN

Fifty-five 5/6 students read up a storm!

Students across Massachusetts participate in the [Mass. Children's Book Award \(MCBA\) program](#) by reading 5 books from a list of 25. Then they vote for their favorites. **We had a party today and tallied the King Open votes. And the winner was...a tie! How to Steal a Dog, by Barbara O'Connor Simon Bloom, the Gravity Keeper, by Michael Reisman runner up: Found, by Margaret Peterson Haddix** (We'll have the state-wide results in April.)

A group of students was so caught up in the reading fever that they decided to create a reading list and book award program for 3/4 kids. I was very moved to witness this self-motivated community eager to spread the joy of reading. Victor Nunes, from Ms. Matos' class, read the MOST books - all twenty-five!

Ask any of them for a book recommendation - expect some heated opinions!

THE NORTH CAMBRIDGE FAMILY OPERA

Many King Open students will be performing in The North Cambridge Family Opera production of *SPRINGTIME FOR HAMAN* the weekends of March 20/21 and March 27/28 with Saturday shows at 2:30PM and 7PM, and Sunday shows at 1:30PM and 6PM. Tickets are \$5 for children and \$10 for adults. Performances take place at the Peabody School, 70 Rindge Ave. Cambridge. For directions, tickets and more information visit www.FamilyOpera.org KO students are in 4 of the 8 shows: March 20@ 2:30, March 21@ 1:30, March 27th @ 7:00 and March 28th at 6:00.

7TH ANNUAL URBAN WALK FOR HAITI

Saturday, March 27th 2010

Registration starts at 12pm

29 Mt. Auburn Street (St. Paul's Church)

The walk is a short and scenic route around the Charles River that is perfect for people of all ages. The event begins with a speech from a surprise guest from Partners In Health, Haitian performances, singing, dancing, food and a marketplace full of crafts and other Haitian goods.

For more information go to: <http://www.walkforhaiti.org>

"LET'S COOK"

Wednesday, April 7, 2010

Presented by: **The Title I Program**, Cambridge Public Schools, **School Health Program & Pathways to Family Success**, Cambridge Public Health Department
To be held at: Morse School, 40 Granite Street
5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Parents and Children Grades K - Grade 3. **Watch for flyers with further details and registration information. Advance registration required due to limited space.**