

Dates to Remember

Tuesday, April 13	<u>Rooms 117, 118 & 123 Trip to Children's Museum</u>
Tuesday, April 13	<u>Math Round Table With School Committee -City Hall, 6-8 p.m.</u>
Thursday, April 15	<u>Grades 5/6 Play – Room 212</u>
Friday, April 16	<u>Grades 3/4 Colonial Breakfast</u> 8:30 – 9:45 a.m.
Friday, April 16	<u>Kindergarten Art Gallery Breakfast, 8:30-9:15 a.m.</u>
Mon. April 19-Fri. April 23	<u>SCHOOL VACATION-April Vacation</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
Wednesday, April 28	<u>School Council Meeting</u> 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Music Room Topic: Academic Excellence
Friday, April 30	<u>KOED Family Night</u> 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 12	<u>Early Release Day</u> Dismissal at 12:55 p.m.
Thursday, May 13	<u>Teacher Appreciation Luncheon</u>
Sunday, May 16	<u>King Open Grades 7/8 Car Wash</u> 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 1	<u>Power Lunch End of the Year Celebration – Grades 1/2 and 3</u> 9:00 – 10:00 a.m., Cafeteria
Wed. June 2-Thur. June 3	<u>Grades 3/4 Trip to Cape Cod</u>
Wed. June 9-Fri. June 11	<u>7/8 Trip to Washington, DC</u>
Tuesday, June 15	<u>Kindergarten Trip to Danehy Park</u> 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (rain date: Wednesday, June 16)
Thursday, June 17	<u>Grades 1/2 Trip to Castle Island</u>
Thursday, June 17	<u>8th Grade Graduation</u> 3:00 p.m., King Open Auditorium
Wednesday, June 23	<u>Last Day of School</u>

It's Raffle time Again!

\$ 1 a ticket or 6 tickets for \$5
Tickets and money will be collected in the King Open Office.
Drawing will be on Friday, April 16th at 5:00 p.m. at the Extended Day Assembly.
Raffling off a beautiful doll made by Theresa Smith (grandmother of Emma Benzan Smith).
Also to be raffled off are hand made hats and other new items.

Lost and Found

The Lost and Found boxes are located in the Cafeteria. If your child has lost a clothing item please check the boxes in the cafeteria by Wednesday, April 14. Items not retrieved will be disposed of.

Note From Extended Day

Hi everyone I have 2 items I want to update everyone on:
1) Extended Day will be open for full day care - 8am to 5:30pm - during April Break. We will be closed on Monday April 19th for Patriot's Day.
2) Next week one of our Extended Day parents, Quinton Zondervan, will be facilitating a brief informational meeting on the Cambridge Climate Emergency Congress. The meeting will be on Thursday April 15th from 5:30 to 6 in the music room.

K. O. Science Breakfast

The King Open Science Breakfast will be held on Wednesday, April 28th from 9-10:15am in the Cafeteria. It is just one of many exciting events happening around the city as part of the Cambridge Science Festival.
For more information about the festival: <http://cambridgesciencefestival.org>

A MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL TIM

Dear King Open Families,

As I read over this week's edition of our P.I.G. newsletter, I see how many special events are listed for the last few months of school. We have many important and exciting learning events ahead, and I am grateful for the work our students and teachers are doing to make these possible. I am also grateful for the many ways that you families support both your children and our classrooms. Many parents are helping with fundraising, and also with volunteering to help with Crafts at grades 3/4, facilitating our Grades 7/8 Women's Oratory, helping with our grades 5/6 class plays, chaperoning field trips and supporting our K and 1/2 classrooms. Most importantly, you help your children come to school rested, prepared and excited about their learning.

These last two weeks many students in grades 7/8 had the opportunity to present their research on important women in United States history. Boys and girls write a speech as if they were that woman herself, talking as she would speak in her own voice, and including facts from her life and from her time in U.S. history. Women as diverse as Sojourner Truth, Susan B. Anthony, Ida B. Wells, Mother Jones, and Annie Oakley come to King Open and speak to classrooms full of students and family members. I am very proud of our students; they too are excited about how effectively they present.

Families, please help us keep these learning traditions alive. This spring and next fall, as we look for parents who can serve on King Open Committees such as "Friends of King Open," our Arts Committee, our Garden Committee, Outreach Committee, Families of Black Children, see if you are able to join these efforts. And keep up your good work in sending us every day your wonderful children.

-- Principal Tim

Union Baptist Church Lighthouse Enrichment After-school Program

MATH AND SCIENCE SUMMER EXPLORER CAMP

Enjoy this summer with Science and Math Explorations, fun projects and field trips. For children ages 6-13.

Date: July 5 – September 3, 2010

Time: Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Location: 16 Cherry Street Cambridge, MA

Registration is limited. For more information please call 617-864-6600.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MATH ROUNDTABLE

I am excited that the **School Committee MATH roundtable on high level math instruction**, originally proposed two years ago, and scheduled for exactly one year ago, is finally scheduled! It's all happening next **Tuesday at City Hall - April 13 from 6-8 pm**. If you have questions or concerns about this topic, feel free to email them to me (or any other School Committee member).

Patty Nolan

8th grade mom, and School Committee member

MATH DAY AT THE MIT

A group of local mathematicians – middle school, college, and PhD students as well as professionals - are organizing a multi generational fun Math Day at the MIT museum, on April 10, 10-2. With the flyer below – see attachment-, the admission is FREE.

Among the organizers is former KO parent, and founder of the Girl Science Club, Beth O'Sullivan. Beth is an amazing Math thinker and educator. She will be assisted by some KO and former KO students. Please fwd this email and flyer to whichever child and grown-up you know and might be interested.

This is a great opportunity to discover the MIT museum, an interactive museum in Central Square.

Best,

Dominique (mother of Clio and Eleni Macrakis)

TWELFTH ANNUAL CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY/CAMBRIDGE TREE PROJECT POETRY CONTEST

Poets, please include your name, grade, school, phone number and email address (if you have one) with each entry. Teachers submitting poems from your class, please also include your name on each entry – we will contact you if there's a winner from your class. **Submit your poems by Friday, April 30 to:**

Poetry Contest

Children's Room, Central Square Branch Library

45 Pearl St. Cambridge, MA 2139

or by email to agazin@cambridgema.gov. If submitting via email, please put your poem in the body of the message, rather than an attachment.

All prizes will be awarded in a ceremony and reading on Wednesday, May 26 at 6:00 p.m.

Winners will be notified 1-2 weeks before the awards ceremony.

For more information, call 617-349-4012.

Welcome Spring!

CitySprouts has returned for the new growing season! **Alice Gugelmann** is the new Garden Coordinator at the King Open garden. She will be at the school on **Wednesdays and Thursdays, 8:30-12**, to work with teachers and parents. You can contact her by email (agugelmann@citysprouts.org), or call (617) 876-2436 to leave a message. Hope to see you soon!

Alice Gugelmann

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