

Dates to Remember

Friday, April 30	<u>KOED Family Night</u> 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, May 5	<u>7/8 Washington D.C. Info Meeting for Parents</u> 6:30 p.m., King Open Auditorium
Thursday, May 6	<u>Spelling Bee & Jewels for Justice</u> 5:00 – 8:00 p.m., at KO
Wednesday, May 12	<u>Early Release Day</u> Dismissal at 12:55 p.m.
Wednesday, May 12	<u>KO Kindergarten Open House</u> 1:20 – 2:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 13	<u>Teacher Appreciation Luncheon</u>
Thursday, May 13	<u>3/4 Cape Cod Info Meeting @ 6PM</u>
Sunday, May 16	<u>King Open Grades 7/8 Car Wash</u> 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 19	<u>School Council Meeting</u> 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Music Room
Mon., May 31-Fri., June 4	<u>King Open Book Swap</u>
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>
Friday, June 11	<u>Grades 1/2 Trip to Castle Island</u> (Rain date: Friday, June 18)
Tuesday, June 15	<u>Kindergarten Trip to Danehy Park</u> 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (Rain date: Wednesday, June 16)
Wednesday, June 16	<u>School Council Meeting</u> 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Music Room
Thursday, June 17	<u>8th Grade Graduation</u> 3:00 p.m., King Open Auditorium
Wednesday, June 23	<u>Last Day of School</u>

Team Spelling Bee and Jewels for Justice Combo Fundraising Event

SAVE THE DATE: King Open's first **Team Spelling Bee and Jewels for Justice Combo Fundraising Event:** At KO, Thursday, May 6, 5:00-8:00 p.m. Jewels for Justice starts at 5:00, Team Spelling Bee 6:30-8:00. Raffle and bake sale too. Proceeds will go to Friends of King Open (for the 7/8 DC trip) and to the Peace Project. Students in grades K-8 will be invited to participate in the Spelling Bee and asked to register **BEFOREHAND**. Details on teams and registration will be given to students by their teachers. Admission \$3.00 per person, \$10.00 per family. Pizza and drinks sold in the cafeteria. **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS** to help with jewelry sales, picking up and selling pizza, taking tickets, and helping with the Spelling Bee during the event. The coordinators of this event are Debbie Klein, Elise Pepe, Emily Dexter, and Janet Axelrod. To volunteer, please email or call Debbie Klein at debbieak20@comcast.net (617-354-8438). **SEA YOO THARE!** ☺

The King Open Car Wash

Is your car covered with pollen?
Insides dirty from your April vacation?

The King Open Car Wash is coming
Sunday May 16, 12 – 4 p.m.
King Open School
850 Cambridge Street

\$7 for a wash, \$10 for wash and interior sweep, garbage clean out
ALL FUNDS FOR THE 7/8 TRIP TO WASHINGTON, DC.

More info to come after next week's spelling bee!

A MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL TIM

Dear King Open Families,

Many families directly affected know about our four classrooms that have been temporarily closed while the outside wall is repaired. Thanks to the quick, hard work of teachers, Extended Day staff and our custodians, we were able to hold regular classes on Monday. Our students have adapted smoothly, even with a sense of adventure. Thanks to all involved. The outside decorative brick wall that is unstable will be taken down by hand starting Monday, lasting about a week. Once the repairs are completed, we will consider if moving back to Rooms 106, 108, 208 or 210 makes sense before the end of the year.

All of our classrooms are learning about the famous Biologist Jane Goodall, who is coming to visit King Open on Tuesday. She will speak to our children at a whole-school assembly after lunch. She is interested in the Composting we do. She wants to learn about it and wants to encourage other schools in Cambridge to start composting programs as well. She will also talk to the students about her work researching chimpanzees and their habitat. It should be very exciting for our children.

Beginning in a week, the last round of MCAS tests will begin for students in grades 3-8. These tests will be in Math; grades 5 and 8 will also have tests in Science/Technology. Look for the full schedule in this edition of P.I.G.

--Principal Tim

5TH GRADE GIRLS IN SPORTS DAY

5th Grade Girls In Sports Day has been scheduled for June 2nd at Danehy Park. The rain date is June 8th. It is the end of the school year so we are hoping to get the word out early so we do not conflict with field trips or other end of the year activities. Transportation and lunches will be provided for all of our grade girls. More detailed info will be provided shortly. Thanks Joel

KIDS ON WHEELS

Please join us on Saturday, May 1, 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. at Swissnex Boston, 420 Broadway in Cambridge. A fun event as a part of the Cambridge Science Festival. Join us for a cycling course for kids, and exhibition on sustainable transportation, free bike check by a professional mechanic, delicious healthy Swiss food and many other specials and give-aways. The event is free of charge. Please bring your own bikes and helmets. Plus there will be some bikes to try out. And don't worry about the weather; we do have a bad weather solution!

For more information please visit: www.swissnexboston.org and www.cambridgesciencefestival.org.

Do your children receive free or reduced school lunch? Are you eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit? Do you receive Fuel Assistance?

If you meet the criteria for these programs, you may also meet the income guidelines for the **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program** (SNAP, formerly known as Food Stamps). SNAP can help you provide your children with the nutritious food they need to do their best in school.

For more information about SNAP and other food resources, or to find out if you are eligible, call Project Bread's FoodSource Hotline Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please call 1-800-645-8333.

MCAS Schedule

May 10	11	12	13	14
<i>Math –7/8</i> Session 1	<i>Math 7/8</i> Session 2		<i>Math –5/6</i> Session 2	<i>Math–5/6</i> Session 1
May 17	18	19	20	21
<i>Math 3/4</i> Session 1	<i>Math 3/4</i> Session 2	<i>Science/Tech5/8</i>	<i>Science/Tech 5/8</i>	