

King Open P.I.G. Parent Information Guide 5-14-2010

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Dates to Remember

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> Topic: Budget & School Climate 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Music Room
Fri., May 28-Fri., June 4	<u>King Open Book Swap</u>
Friday, May 28	<u>K.O.E.D. Family Culture Night</u> 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, June 1	<u>Parent Coffee With Principal Tim</u> 8:45 a.m., Teacher's Lounge
Tuesday, June 1	<u>Power Lunch Celebration</u> 9:00 – 10:00 a.m., Cafeteria
Wed. June 2-Thur. June 3	<u>Grades 3/4 Trip to Cape Cod</u>
Thursday, June 3	<u>Room 212 Trip to Biogen</u>
Tuesday, June 8	<u>Rooms 112 & 114 Canoeing Trip</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> 9:30 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>Grades 3/4 Pot Luck @ 8:30 a.m.</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>

THE ONE, THE ONLY, KING OPEN BOOK SWAP!

What it is: Families bring in books they no longer need. Kids take home books for free!

When it is: May 28, June 1-4

When to bring in books: Starting Monday, May 3

Where to bring books: The auditorium hallway opposite the Teachers' Room. Look for the big bins and sign.

Go through your shelves and pull out all the books your family no longer needs--preschool books, early readers, chapter books, young adult books, even adult books and textbooks. The more books families bring in, the more books our kids, classrooms and library will get. Look for the big sign and bins by the auditorium doorway near the cafeteria, leave your books there (in bags or boxes if possible), and add your tally on the big sign. To save yourself time and aggravation, it's usually best to count your books at home. Also, if you could donate plastic bins for book storage, that would be prodigiously stupendous. Thanks in advance!

Note from Librarian Jen

As the school year winds down, the library will give teachers weekly lists of overdue books to distribute. K-7 students, faculty, and parents must return books by June 7. There is no overdue fine, but we do ask that you pay to replace lost books. 8th graders must return all books by June 1. In order to graduate, students must return or pay to replace all library books. Thank you for caring for our community of readers!

Honoring Lena James

Saturday, May 22, 7 pm: Community Celebration to honor Lena James! Come one, come all!

For more information, call Jen Bump at 617-388-4952 or email her: jbump@cpsd.us

This event is FREE, and open for anyone to attend.

NO RSVP REQUIRED.

A MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL TIM

Dear King Open Families,

This week our students in grades 7/8 and 5/6 have taken their Math MCAS tests. Upcoming, our 3/4's take Math, and our 5th and 8th graders take Science MCAS. We appreciate the attention and effort our students put into showing what they are learning on these tests. Ask your child about what the experience is like for her or him.

As you can see from the "calendar" section of this week's P.I.G., our last weeks of the year are full with special learning opportunities. Thanks to the staff and parents who are preparing to chaperone special end-of-year trips. Friends of King Open helps pay transportation costs for parts of these trips, and many parents and students have helped raise money so that ALL children are able to participate without concern for the cost.

There is also a bittersweet quality to this time in the cycle of life of King Open. As always, much-loved students and families are getting ready to graduate from our school. This year as well, several much-loved staff are retiring: Lena James, Regina Osborne, Cathy Murray, Graça Hammond, and long-time teacher Jamillah Bakr from her Science leader position, as well as teaching assistant Ellen Lund. Our community is so fortunate to attract and nurture exceptional people, families and staff, who make King Open what it is. The spirit in which they have contributed lives on as this week we also welcomed new Kindergarten families, excited to be coming to King Open. I look forward to savoring the next few weeks at our school.

-- Principal Tim

KATHLEEN KOLMAN PERFORMING AT THE ACTON JAZZ CAFÉ

When: Friday, May 28th,
Time: 9:30 p.m. to Midnight
Where: Acton Jazz Café, 452 Great Road
Acton, MA 01720
(978) 263-6161
Reservations recommended.

Come Get Your Car Cleaned & Support the 7/8 DC Trip AT THE KING OPEN CAR WASH!!!

Sunday, May 16, 2010
12 - 4 p.m.
King Open School
850 Cambridge Street
\$7 for a Wash
\$10 for a Wash plus Interior Clean
One of the last fundraisers to support this amazing trip!!!

BLOCK PARTY – PICNIC IN THE PARK

Sunday, May 23rd
10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Donnelly Field
Bike Parade - 11:00 – prizes for best decorated
Wellington-Harrington Families & Friends
Bring Your Picnic Lunch & a Blanket!
For more details join "Cambridge Families-Wellington-Harrington" Yahoo Group at Yahoo.com

KING OPEN JUMP ROPE/HOOPS FOR HEART FUNDRAISER:

During the week of May 24th-28th, students in all grades will be participating in a fundraiser for the American Heart Association during their P.E classes. Envelopes and notices will be distributed this week and students are encouraged to bring back their envelopes with any donations they and their families wish to contribute before the week of May 24th. Students should turn in their envelopes to Mr. Kreisberg or Ms. Mahan. During the Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart week, students will be participating in jump rope and basketball activities in P.E. class and we will be discussing how exercise helps to build healthy hearts. All money raised will go to the American Heart Association which helps save the lives of children with heart disease around the country. We appreciate your help!

CITYSPROUTS' SUMMER INTERNSHIP

Apply for CitySprouts' Summer Internship! Are you between 11 and 14 years old, like being outdoors, and want to earn \$100 while learning about gardening? Pick up an application in the King Open library, and return it by May 21st! The program runs from June 28th to July 22nd, Mondays-Thursdays, 9 a.m. – 12 noon.

MCAS Schedule

May 17	18	19	20	21
<i>Math 3/4</i> Session 1	<i>Math 3/4</i> Session 2	<i>Science/Tech 5/8</i>	<i>Science/Tech 5/8</i>	