

## Dates to Remember

Friday, June 19

7/8 Trip to George's Island

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Last Day of School

### A Note From Principal Tim

**For families that will not be returning to King Open next year**, please come by the office to see Brenda and fill out the "change of school" form that you will need to take to your next school district.

*The Marguerite Turner Charitable Trust and the YWCA  
Cambridge Present...*

### The Marguerite Turner/YWCA Cambridge Summer Golf Camp 2009

For children who love the outdoors and want to learn new skills or improve on existing ones!

**Camp Hours:**

Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Camp Location:**

YWCA Cambridge  
7 Temple Street  
Cambridge, MA 02139

**Financial Assistance:** Financial Aid is available for those who qualify under the Federal Guidelines.

**Space is limited...register today!!!!**

**For more information or to register, please contact the YWCA office @ 617-491-6050 x 233**

### Dear King Open Families

Looking for a Language Arts (Reading and Writing) Tutor for your child or a small group of children this summer? For grades K - 4, in your home. I am a King Open parent with over 15 years' experience as an arts and reading/writing teacher and educational consultant. As a Language Arts teacher or tutor, I communicate the JOY and PLAYFULNESS of language, and help the child to recognize his strengths and build on her knowledge. I teach the young writer to express her uniqueness with clarity and power on the page, and the young reader to discover the worlds he may explore through reading. Summer learning will be FUN! Please contact Erica at 617-547-2567, or [e\\_lindamood@yahoo.com](mailto:e_lindamood@yahoo.com).

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### City Youth Sports Training & Education Movement

*THE C.Y.S.T.E.M*  
**Coming soon**

**This program is completely FREE  
of CHARGE!!!**

Sports that we offer include:

Football, Basketball, Baseball, and  
Wrestling for boys.

Cheerleading, Volleyball, Softball and  
Basketball for girls.

For more information please call  
Jermaine Mckenzie @ 617-388-0467  
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## A MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL TIM

Dear King Open Families,

This is an exciting time of the year, filled with end-of-year activities, celebrations, happiness about the summer vacation and sadness when we are saying good-bye to graduates and families who are moving on from King Open. Some of our staff is moving on as well. Just last week Tricia Seidler learned that her husband has a great job offer at a university in Washington, D.C., and they will be moving this summer. Our school psychologist Brian Carlisi will be moving on, as will our grades 7/8 Learning Disabilities teacher Dori Wolfson. Heather McLean, our 1/2 teacher whose classroom was cut for next year, has accepted a lead teaching position at Morse School. Our teacher moving on with the longest service to King Open is Jen Kelly. Jen has served as a Learning Disabilities teacher, grades 5/6 teacher, and now our Literacy Collaborative lead teacher and coach, all with real distinction. Jen is moving to Maine, her home state. Maria Kolbe and her assistants in our Special Start classroom will be moving her program to another building, and King Open will welcome a new kindergarten classroom for students on the autism spectrum. Our wonderful interns sign on with us for one year before moving on to other positions; some of our teaching assistants are also moving on to other opportunities. Change provides both room for growth, but also is difficult. I look forward to those who will join our staff as these colleagues move on, but there is sadness that we will miss their contributions and miss them as people.

On Friday, our eighth-grade graduation was a time of celebration of the growth and accomplishments of our students. Evident for all to see was the meaningful connections to learning and to each other that these young people demonstrate.

Some of you are looking forward to a second year with your same homeroom teacher, while others will be eager to get the new classroom groupings that I will mail out in mid-July. We are still in the process of building balanced, strong classes. And a large number of new Kindergarten families are especially excited about the fall.

Finally, thanks to all you families for your support of and contributions to the King Open community over the course of the year. You support not only your own children, but in so many cases have made it a priority to get to know your children's classmates and their families. These connections make King Open a special place and keep us all motivated to learn and work together.

-- Principal Tim

## The Cambridge Public Health Department and the Cambridge Prevention Coalition

Dear Parent,

My name is Caitlin Westfall and I work at the Cambridge Public Health Department. The Cambridge Public Health Department and the Cambridge Prevention Coalition are teaming up to find out what parents talk about with their teen. We will be running parent focus groups to learn from you. This information will help determine messaging a public health campaign that addresses access to alcohol for middle school-aged youth in Cambridge.

We are wondering if you would be interested in being a part of the focus group. Participants in the focus groups will receive a \$20 gift certificate. If you are interested, please email or call me at your convenience with your name, phone number, and email address. My contact information is: Email: [HYPERLINK "mailto:mwestfall@challiance.org"](mailto:mwestfall@challiance.org)  
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Thank you in advance for your time,

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## Bay State Fencers Summer Fencing Programs

Bay State Fencers has been offering Summer Fencing Programs to boys and girls from 8 to 14 for 5 years. No previous fencing experience is necessary to participate in the beginning camps. Each session has a maximum of 14 children.

Program Format:

Morning Sessions – 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Afternoon Sessions – 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For more information please contact Bay State Fencers at 617-591-0101 or via e-mail: [stacy@baystatefencers.com](mailto:stacy@baystatefencers.com)

## Food and Fun when school is out!

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) provides free, tasty and healthy lunches to children 18 and under in Cambridge during the summer months. Fun activities will also be offered.

**Cambridge locations are:**

- Danehy Park
- Gold Star Mothers Park (Gore Street)
- Harvard Street Park
- Hoyt Field
- Sennott Park

Lunch will be served from 11.30 -12.00, from July 6 – August 12.

No lunch will be served in case of inclement weather.

For more information call 617-349-6252

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