

Dates to Remember

Thursday, September 17	<u>Grades 5/6 Curriculum Night</u> 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Friday, September 18	<u>Grades 1/2 Family Breakfast</u> 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.
Friday, September 18	<u>Grades 7/8 Trip to Farrington</u> All Day
Tuesday, September 22	<u>Early Release Day</u> Dismissal at 12:55
Wednesday, September 23	<u>K.O. School Council Meeting</u> 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Music Room
Monday, September 28	<u>NO SCHOOL – Yom Kippur</u>
Wednesday, September 30	<u>Grades 7/8 Family Welcome & Curriculum Night</u> 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, October 6	<u>Grades 3/4 Curriculum Night</u> 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, October 8	<u>Grades 1/2 Curriculum Night</u> 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Library Study Hall Monitors Needed

With the help of parent monitors, the King Open Library is open every morning as an alternative place for children arriving early on the bus to wait for the start of the school day. Some children find it more interesting and relaxing atmosphere than the cafeteria.

This can only be sustained with parent volunteers. It entails arriving at the school by 8:00 and remaining in the library until the first bell at 8:45.

Having done this myself for the past 3 years I can say it is a wonderful way to not only spend time with your own children before the day begins but also a way to get to know other children in the school.

We are looking for volunteers either on a weekly basis or every other week. Specifically we are looking for volunteers for Tuesday and Friday mornings. We are also looking for substitutes that could cover for current volunteers as needed.

If you are interested please contact Lestra Litchfield at Lestra@comcast.net

BEFORE-SCHOOL PLAN FOR STUDENT GUIDELINES September, 2009

Students who arrive at school any time from 7:00 to 8:20am must go to the cafeteria and sign in.

Kindergarten students must stay in the cafeteria.

Third through sixth grades can have breakfast, play games and sign up for the gym, library, computer lab, or music room from 8 a.m. to 8:35 a.m. 7/8 students can have breakfast only in the cafeteria and then proceed to the 7/8 area.

Parents with their children are not to go to the classrooms before the 8:40am bell, unless a teacher requests a meeting.

Neusa and Lena will help out in the morning either in the gym, the cafeteria or the lobby.

Regina will help out in the cafeteria until 8:30 when students are dismissed to the lobby or the breezeway, to be sent to classrooms.

Very Important procedures:

Students going to the library, computer and music rooms will be given a time slip with their "pass" stating the time they left the cafeteria. These passes are to cut down on "roaming."

Teachers who ask students to come into their classrooms before 8:35am, **MUST GIVE THE STUDENT A PASS the day before, and the student must show that pass to go to class.**

Students who do not have passes (the roamers) would have the consequence of having to stay in the cafeteria for a certain number of mornings.

PLEASE RESPECT OUR SIGN-IN AND PASS SYSTEM.

Neusa, Regina, Angel, Dana, Jen, Kathleen and Lena.

A MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL TIM

Dear King Open Families,

Welcome new families and welcome back to so many returning to King Open. There is great energy and excitement in our school this week. All of the classrooms are new mixes of children, and we have the delight of watching students engaging new experiences and relationships. Thank you, families, for all you have done to get ready for the school year. Like you, I am extremely grateful to our staff who do so much to have inviting, challenging learning ready on day one.

A number of new families have told me how glad they are to be part of the King Open community. Returning families, please be sure to reach out to these new families to let them know how much we value them and want them to feel connected. **On Wednesday, September 23, at 6:30pm in our Music Room, the King Open School Council will hold its first meeting.** We welcome all parents, provide a snack and childcare, and will share goals that are top priorities for the year: Building More Effective Home/School Relationships to Support Student Learning; and Continuing to Build Positive School Climate.

This year as always, King Open is enriched by the diversity of our families. We know that students learn much from other students and families. We rely on family members who reach out to others of different languages, races, and economic backgrounds to help us take full advantage of the learning possibilities of our diversity.

At King Open we need to appreciate and enjoy all the opportunities we have and always push ourselves to learn more. I look forward to a rich, challenging year ahead.

Auditions For
The Beyond the 4th Wall
Expression Theatre's

The Phantom TollBooth

Come audition!

Sponsored by the King Open Players

No Experience Necessary!

**Thursday September 17th and
Tuesday September 22nd
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.**

Sign up for your half hour audition time in the lobby!

News from the Cambridge Public Library

This fall, the restored and expanded Main Library at 449 Broadway (next to CRLS) will open! Please check the website for information about the opening date ([<http://www.cambridgepubliclibrary.org>] [www.cambridgepubliclibrary.org]). Families are invited to come and discover the beautiful new roof top Children's Room, the exciting Teen Lounge, the new tot lot! As always, resources and programs for children and families are open to all and are free. Librarians are happy to help you find just the books and information that you need and will enjoy.

Check out the Greater Boston Early Childhood Resource Center in the Children's Room of the Main Library. The ECRC is a special collection designed for use by parents and anyone who cares for or works with young children. Books, DVD's, curriculum kits, assessment tools and puppets are available for borrowing (with your library card).

New to Cambridge? Library cards are free. You do not need work papers, a green card or a social security number to join the library. Just bring a photo ID and something that gives your current address (a piece of mail is acceptable). You may get a library card at all Cambridge libraries. It takes just a few minutes! You can borrow books, movies, music, participate in English conversation groups or computer classes, and use the Internet.

HEALTHY CHILDREN TASK FORCE School Food Service Advisory

Mission

The School Food Service Advisory Group's goal is to improve the nutritional quality and the appeal of school food for students. The

Cambridge Public School's Director of Food Services meets with interested individuals, including parents, guardians and school employees to hear concerns and develop strategies for improvement.

Working collaboratively with the school department, the Healthy Children Task Force facilitates these meetings.

Meetings scheduled for 2009-2010

Thursday, October 29, from 8.30-10 AM

Location: Kennedy-Longfellow – Activity Room

Wednesday, January 20th, from 8.30-10 AM

Location: Kennedy-Longfellow School – Activity Room

Tuesday, May 4, from 8.30-10 AM

Location: Kennedy-Longfellow School – Activity Room

To be added to the email list for the agenda, please contact Sonji Neverson at sneverson@challiance.org or 499-6614.