

# King Open P.I.G. Parent Information Guide 9-25-09

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## Dates to Remember

<b>Monday, September 28</b>	<b><u>NO SCHOOL – Yom Kippur</u></b>
<b>Wednesday, September 30</b>	<b><u>Outreach Committee Meeting</u></b> 9:00 a.m.
<b>Wednesday, September 30</b>	<b><u>Grades 7/8 Family Welcome &amp; Curriculum Night</u></b> 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
<b>Thursday, October 1</b>	<b><u>Title I Breakfast</u></b> 8:30 a.m. in the Cafeteria
<b>Tuesday, October 6</b>	<b><u>Grades 3/4 Curriculum Night</u></b> 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
<b>Thursday, October 8</b>	<b><u>Grades 1/2 Curriculum Night</u></b> 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
<b>Wednesday, October 14</b>	<b><u>Picture Day</u></b>
<b>Friday, October 16</b>	<b><u>Grades 1/2 Field Trip</u></b>
<b>Friday, October 16</b>	<b><u>Extended Day Family Night</u></b>
<b>Monday, October 19</b>	<b><u>First Parent Coffee with Principal Tim</u></b> 8:45 a.m., Teachers' Room
<b>Wednesday, October 21</b>	<b><u>School Council Mtg. 6:30-8:30</u></b>
<b>Friday, October 23</b>	<b><u>Grades 1/2 Field Trip</u></b>
<b>Saturday, October 24</b>	<b><u>Garden Work Day, 9:00-12:00</u></b>

### Email Listservs

*How to join the two e-mail listservs at King Open:*

**THE ANNOUNCEMENT ONLY LISTSERV** is moderated and information can only be posted after approval. Less traffic and school related information only.

To subscribe send email to:

[Kingopenannounce-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:Kingopenannounce-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

**THE FAMILY DISCUSSION LIST** is a forum for parents/guardians of current KO students to discuss issues, ask school-related questions of other, make connections, and brainstorm ideas.

The list is unmoderated-messages are not screened before they go to the list. This list usually has more traffic than the announcement-only list. To subscribe to this list, send an email message to:

[kingopenfamily-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:kingopenfamily-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

**THE KING OPEN WEBSITE: WWW.KINGOPENSCHOOL.ORG**

### Title I Compact Information

Dear King Open families,

Did you receive your Title I Compact? If you did please read with your child and sign, then return the white and yellow copy to school. If you did not receive a copy please let Lena know and she will get you a copy.

Lena James

617-349-6540 ext. 135

[eames@cpsd.us](mailto:eames@cpsd.us)

### Continuing With The Search For Parent Rep

#### Kindergarten

- K1 Emy Goldsmith
- K2 Bianca Baader, Noa Sher, Debbie Korn, Mary Louise Culpepper
- K3 Giulia Fulc, Sheryl Grace, Andrea Heberlein
- K4 Christina Hong
- K Olá Abby Fechtman, Ednalva Dasilva

#### Grades 1/2

- 101 Mercia Santos, Amie Patterson, Maria Martins
- 102 Rhea Brubaker, Luci Herman
- 104 Jean Cummings, Belinda Watt
- 106 Jayme Shorin, Xuemei Li
- 108 Astrid Harmer

#### Grades 3/4

- 110 Irene Ferri
- 112 Megan DeMott-Quigley, Debbie Klein
- 113
- 114 Susan Bellows
- 116 Olá

#### Grades 5/6

- 212
- 214
- 215
- 216
- 218 Olá

#### Grades 7/8 all inclusive.

Dominique Stassart, Elisa Pepe, Debbie Klein

## A MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL TIM

Dear King Open Families,

One of the remarkable collaborations we have at King Open is with our Extended-Day Program. Over 20% of our students also participate in Extended Day, and the Mentors from Extended Day begin their workday while school is still in session. They plan together with teachers so that mentors may learn more about children's experience in the school day and how to support children with their learning and homework in Extended Day. These mentors have developed meaningful relationships with children and families and help those of us in the school understand our students better. This year our Family Involvement Committee, including Lena and Neusa, our Family Liaisons, will be working closely with Carmen Cohen, Assistant Director of Extended Day, to plan together some of our Special Evenings at school to support wider participation of families. If you are interested in helping with these events, please contact Lena or Neusa.

We had a productive King Open School Council meeting this Wednesday evening. It was well attended and had as its focus how we keep building a welcoming, inclusive community for School Council meetings and for our whole school. We also shared some of the Staff work to help support students stay in their classes, engaged in instruction consistently, and how teachers and administrators can keep better track of our progress in improving this success for all students. Each month we will share notes from School Council meetings on our website, as well as the listserv, and also post them in the bulletin board at school. If you are able to come to School Council meetings that would be wonderful, but if not, please stay engaged through the notes.

I am grateful for a strong, positive opening of school and look forward to much success and enjoyment for our children.

-- Principal Tim

### CitySprouts School Garden Celebration

**Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 11am - 3 pm RAIN or SHINE at the Graham & Parks School, 44 Linnaean St.**

King Open families: CitySprouts harvest festival is back! The Graham & Parks School will host this year's annual gathering of all 12 K-8 schools in the city to celebrate the school garden harvest grown in schoolyards throughout the city. Our own Sprouts of Hope will have a table at the festival, so please come by and give your support. Bring your family and friends to the festival to enjoy crafts, food and games. For information about the festival, contact [info@citysprouts.org](mailto:info@citysprouts.org) or call (617) 876-2436.

## OUTREACH COMMITTEE

We need new and veteran KO parents--please come to the first Outreach Committee meeting of the year, on **Wed. Sept. 30th at 9 AM**. The Outreach Committee supports Lena and Neusa in their work as Family Liaisons to attract prospective families to King Open. Over the past several years we have: \*reviewed all written materials about King Open, updated brochures, improved tour packets \*updated the KO websites for current and prospective parents \*attended city-wide Kindergarten information nights as KO representatives and created materials for these sessions \*organized current parents to meet with prospective parents at the end of each school tour, during tour season (October through January on Tuesdays through Thursdays at 10:30) \*hosted an Open House for prospective parents in the winter to introduce the community to our school, staff and current parents \*strategized about how to best "spread the word" about King Open among families with young children in Cambridge. Do you have ideas, suggestions for the Outreach Committee? Please join us at our meeting and/or email us. We especially are interested in families with kids in grades K-2. -Debbie Klein (parent of kids in grades 2, 4 and 7)

## SCIENCE CLUB FOR GIRLS

Science Club for Girls begins September 29<sup>th</sup>.

Clubs are every Tuesday from 3:00 - 4:15 p.m. Open to girls grade K - 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

Join us for another fun semester and lots of science experiments. All clubs are led by female Mentor Scientists who show young girls that anyone can be a scientist. For more information contact Karen Wilkinson, Program Manager, 617-549-2442. Registration forms can be found in the school lobby.

## CAMBRIDGE FLU CLINICS FOR FAMILIES

The Cambridge Public Health Department will be operating family friendly flu clinics on October 17<sup>th</sup> (Tobin School) and November 7<sup>th</sup> (King Open School) from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. These clinics offer free seasonal flu vaccine to Cambridge residents age 24 months and older, and will have clinic areas specially dedicated to families, in addition to "adult express" areas. Regular flu clinics are offered throughout the city starting October 8, and will offer vaccine to individuals age 3 years and older.

Remember, the 4 ways to prevent flu are: get flu vaccine, cover coughs and sneezes, wash hands frequently, and stay home when sick. For the most current information about clinics, seasonal flu, and H1N1 (swine) flu, visit [www.cambridgepublichealth.org](http://www.cambridgepublichealth.org) or call 617-665-3855. A link to the clinic schedule is:

<http://www.cambridgepublichealth.org/services/diseases-conditions/flu/cambridge-flu-clinics.php>

## NAVIGATING THE SOCIAL WEB

**A Workshop for Parents:** Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the Media Arts Studio 454 Broadway, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Presented by the Cambridge Community Television and Cambridge Educational Access. For more information or to register please contact Matt [Landry-mlandry@cpsd.us](mailto:Landry-mlandry@cpsd.us)