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Upcoming Events

PTO Meeting

Tuesday, October 11th
6:00-7:00 p.m.

Fall Holiday

Wednesday, October 12th
No School

Picture Day

Thursday, October 20th

United Nations Day Program

Tuesday, October 25th
9:30-10:30 a.m.

Scholastic Book Fair

October 24-29th
During Lunch and
Parent-Teacher
Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Thursday, October 27th
4:00-8:00 p.m.

Friday, October 28th
8:00 a.m.-Noon

Staff Development Day

Monday, October 31st

**No School for
Elementary Students**

Veterans' Day Assembly

Friday, November 11th

Thanksgiving Break No School

Wednesday November 23rd

Thursday, November 24th

Friday, November 25th

Message from the Principal

Greetings King School
Families,

It has been a pleasure meeting our new family members; and, continuing positive working relationships with our families that have returned to King School. Thank you all for attending Back to School Night, Curriculum Night, and Walk to School Day. Your participation in our school events is greatly appreciated!

We will continue our Monarch book exchange program at King School this year. Students will be able to check out the first book

for free. Students may bring that book or another back and check out another book. If the student decides he/she wants to keep the book, he/she can pay .25 cents to get another book. The program will be available once a month. If your children have gently used books at home that they aren't using, please consider donating those books to our book exchange program. The purpose of this program is to encourage reading at home.

**In Support of Collaboration and
Growth,**

-Mrs. Webster



We Need You!

The purpose of King School's Parent Teacher Organization/PTO is to bridge the gap between families, and the King School staff. PTO meetings provide families with the opportunity to share their ideas, ask questions, and gain additional information about learning activities that are taking place at King School. During PTO meetings, we will discuss events, share ideas, plan fundraisers to enhance school programs, and work together to enhance our children's educational experience at King School.

We will meet on the following dates (all of the dates are on a Tuesday) this school year. Please write the dates on your personal calendars: **October 11th, December 13th, February 7th, and April 11th (our end of the year meeting) from 6:00-7:00 p.m.** in King School's multipurpose room. Please enter King School for PTO meetings through the Goodwin Street entrance.

The King School PTO is looking forward to seeing you at our first meeting this Tuesday, October 11, 2016 from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Arrival

Students that eat breakfast may arrive at school at the North entrance at 7:40 a.m. Students that are not eating breakfast should not come to school until 8:00 a.m., and go directly to their grade level location. If you drive your child/children to school, please do not let your child/children out of the car in the middle of the crosswalk or parking lot; please park your vehicle in a parking spot, and allow your children to safely exit your vehicle.



Dismissal

Please continue to pick your children up at the Goodwin Street entrance. In order to maintain a safe flow of traffic, you must park your vehicle in a parking spot before your child/children can get into the vehicle. Please remind your child to use the crosswalk or sidewalk to walk to your vehicle. Staff members are available to walk students to your cars. Please call King School's main office by 2:00 p.m. if you need to make a change in the way your child should go home. If the office or your child's teacher has not heard directly from you (the child's family), he/she will be sent home their normal way.



Please look for the Links to Learning logos in the hallways and in your children's classrooms to find out what your children are learning at King School. The Links to Learning logos provide you with excellent conversation starters to use with your child/children.



Students' clothing/attire has an effect on the learning environment. At King School, we expect our students' dress and grooming to reflect pride in themselves and our school. Students should not wear clothing items that advertise, display, or promote drug, alcohol, violence, bigotry, disrespect to any group of people, etc. Students should not wear hats, winter scarves, bandanas, or anything else inside the school building on their heads except for religious beliefs. Bandanas should also not be worn anywhere on students' bodies at school.

All students must wear belts on pants, shorts and other bottoms that are loose fitting to avoid the exposure of under garments. Students should come to school dressed appropriately for the weather conditions each day. When the weather is cold, students should wear heavy coats, hats, and gloves/mittens scarves (outside).

Manners for Everyday

Written by Ms. Cooke

Welcome back to an exciting new school year at King School! After approximately two weeks of unlimited sleep at the beginning of summer, I am usually looking forward to being back to work. I love my job!!! Why? I love being with your children; and, I love trying to assist our families to help their children to be the best people they can be, and to learn to their maximum capacity.

Research has shown that there is a direct relationship between good manners and positive behavior choices. Below are five areas we can review with our children:

1. **Greeting:** Saying "Good Morning," "Good Afternoon," "Goodbye" or "Have a Nice Day" sets the tone for a positive relationship.
2. **Appreciating:** "Thank you" or "I appreciate that" or "I appreciate you" acknowledges that we are not taken for granted.
3. **Requesting:** Saying "Please," "May I," "Can you" when asking for help teaches us that we need each other; that none of us has all the answers.
4. **Sharing:** Sometimes we will have things that others need or can benefit from having. It can be as simple as a pencil, some water, or information as to where we can find something online. This helps our children develop empathy and compassion for each other.
5. **Apologizing:** I know it's hard for some of us to say "I am sorry" or "I did not mean to..." However, when we do, we are seeking to restore relationships and work together as a class, school, or family.

Parents, guardians, and staff, let us all try to remember to encourage our students to practice the above manners. It is my hope that together we will see an increase not only in learning; but also, in a general sense of caring for each other, and a general sense of personal well being here at King School.

Anti-Bullying Month

October is National Anti-Bullying Month. We focus on positive behavior throughout the school year at King School by reciting the King School Pledge daily, teaching character traits, utilizing Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports/PBIS strategies, focusing on our three school wide behavior expectations: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Ready, empowering our students to create classroom expectations, teaching Social Emotional Learning lessons once a week, conducting class meetings twice a week, and Teaching **Stop-Walk-Talk**.

Please discuss **Stop-Walk-Talk** with your child and encourage him/her to use **Stop-Walk-Talk**. If someone is doing or saying something to a student that is not kind, the student should tell the student being unkind to **STOP** then **WALK** away from the unkind student. If the student continues to be unkind or the unkind behavior is extreme (causing physical pain), the student should **TALK** to an adult, and tell the adult what happened so that the adult can help the student. Talk to your child about letting staff members know when someone does or says something to him/her that is not kind; we do not want our students suffering in silence. The King School Staff will address negative behavior immediately when we are made aware of it.

Please feel free to contact your child's teacher, or Mrs. Webster, the building principal, if you have any questions or concerns about your child's safety or overall well being at King School. We are all a part of the King School Family that works together, and cares about each other.

King School's Anti-Bullying Pledge is:

I make a **COMMITMENT** to take a stand against bullying.

I will treat others with **RESPECT** and **KINDNESS**.

I will have the **COMPASSION** to not be a bully and the **COURAGE** to not be a bystander.

I will support Dr. King's dream by:

LOVING, not hating,

Showing **UNDERSTANDING**, not anger,

Giving **PRAISE**, not put-downs.

*=Please discuss the importance of this pledge with your child.

Our character trait of the month is respect: the ability to honor, value, and demonstrate consideration and regard for others and oneself. Please discuss the importance of respect with your children at home.