

# Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School Courier



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## Upcoming Events

**International Potluck**  
Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>  
6:00-7:00 p.m.

**Half-Day In-service**  
**Early Dismissal**  
Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>  
12:45 dismissal

Please plan to pick your child up at King School at 12:45 p.m. or make arrangements with your daycare provider to pick your child up from school or the bus stop on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 12:45 p.m.

**PBIS Carnival**  
Tuesday, May 16, 2017  
6:00-7:30 p.m.

Tickets will be sold for food and games. Tickets will be 0.25 cents each. None of the games will cost more than two tickets. Nachos and cotton candy will cost 4 tickets. Popcorn will cost 2 tickets

**Family Cookout**  
Wednesday, May 17, 2017  
During lunches

Your child will bring a flyer home for you to sign up to join us for lunch. The cost for lunch is \$2.50.

**Fun and Field Day**  
Monday, May 22, 2017  
During the School Day  
If you would like to sign up to volunteer at this event, please contact Ms. Sheila Butts.

**Fifth Grade Promotion**  
Thursday, May 25, 2017  
9:30-10:30 a.m.  
In the King School Gym

**Last Day of School**  
Thursday, May 25, 2017

## Message from the Principal

Greetings King School Families,

The 2016-2017 school year is quickly coming to an end. We have had an outstanding school year of academic growth and achievement. Our students have soared to new heights of excellence both academically and socially.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School will focus on the importance of college and career readiness May 1-5<sup>th</sup>. There is an outline of our school's events for College and Career Readiness Week on the back of this newsletter. We are going to connect College and Career Readiness Week to perseverance and leadership, April and May's character traits. We will also connect College and Career Readiness Week to two of Urbana School District #116's Strategic Plan Goals listed below:

We will identify, model, integrate, and cultivate the positive character attributes valued by our multicultural community in order to create learning environments that foster mutual respect and collaboration.

We will actively engage staff, students, and families, in designing a system, which helps students set and achieve personally challenging educational goals tailored to their interests and aspirations.

### The Purpose of College Week at King School is to:

1. Encourage our students to set long and short term goals for themselves.
2. Inform our students that college can be an option for all of them.
3. Expose our students to a variety of colleges and universities around the world.
4. Focus on how perseverance and leadership connect to college and career readiness.

### **"Four Reasons Why College and Career Conversations Matter in Elementary School"**

1. They Expand Students' Vision of the Future
2. They Empower Teachers to Connect Lessons to the Real-world
3. They Help Students Connect the Dots Early
4. They Help Include Parents in Conversations Early

You can read more about each of these reasons in the April Principal's PTO Report on my Weebly page:  
<http://principalwebster.weebly.com>

Each King School student will receive a College and Career Readiness Activity book from me. Please discuss the contents of this book with your son/daughter when they bring their books home.

**Preparing Our Children to Be College and Career Ready,**

*Mrs. Webster*

## April Character Trait of the month:

### **Perseverance:**

pursuing goals with determination despite difficulty, obstacles, or discouragement



Ask your child about the goals he/she has set to prepare him/herself for college and/or the career they would like to have as an adult. Discuss the importance of goal setting with your child.

## May Character Trait of the month:

### **Leadership**

guiding, inspiring, and helping others grow and be successful



Discuss the text below with your son/daughter. Talk about the importance of being a positive leader.

**L**

A leader is a good **Listener**

**E**

A leader treats everyone **Equally**

**A**

A leader is a role model for **All**

**D**

A leader helps friends **Do** the right thing

**E**

A leader is an **Excellent** worker/employee.

**R**

A leader stands up for what is **Right**.

*Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School*  
**College and Career Readiness Week**  
**May 1<sup>st</sup> – May 5<sup>th</sup>**



“College readiness is not the belief that every student will go to college. It is the idea that every student deserves the opportunity to be educated in a way that prepares him or her for college.”

**Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>: Future Day**

- Each student will receive a nametag that says Future \_\_\_\_\_  
(Each student will write his/her future career on the line.)  
Please talk to your child about his/her career choice when he/she comes home from school wearing his/her Future nametag.

**Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>: College Color Day**

- Students will wear the college colors for their classroom's college.

**Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>: Spirit Wear Day**

- Students will wear college/university shirts or King School Shirts.

**Thursday, May 4<sup>th</sup>: Interview Clothing Day**

- Students will wear clothing they would wear to an interview for the job they want to have when they become an adult.

**Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>: Graduation Day**

- Fitness Friday (Students should wear clothes to complete exercises in.)
- Soccer tournament during lunch recess
- Each student will receive a diploma that says I am College and Career Ready
- Students will be given the following Weekend Writing Challenge:  
I will keep learning after high school by:.....
- Each class will decorate their classroom door to highlight their specific college.  
Classroom doors will be judged at the end of the day. Winners will be announced during announcements on Monday, May 8, 2017.