

Need to know

- 24-7 provides online classroom news
- GT center, magnet program deadlines
- Special education parent resources

GET CURRENT INFO ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S CLASS

All KP/KG classroom teachers have created websites with class announcements and resources. Go to www.fcps.edu and click on the 24-7 icon. Forgot your userid or password? Email the teacher who will assist.

SPECIAL PROGRAM PROCEDURES

Parent referrals for gr. 3-6 GT center consideration are due Feb. 11. The GT parent info meeting at Woodson has been changed to Jan. 27, 7:30 p.m. Applications for the Bailey's and Hunters Woods magnet programs must be postmarked by March 1. Details were provided in the fall 2004 Familygram. For info, go to www.fcps.edu/mediapub.htm or call our school offices.

PARENT WORKSHOPS, LINKS ABOUT SPECIAL EDUCATION

Workshops on dyslexia, links to the Advisory Committee for Students with Disabilities, and access to current special ed info are all services of the FCPS Parent Resource Center. Check www.fcps.edu/DSSSE/prc and subscribe to Keep in Touch for regular notifications.

Cluster VI Ombudsman Phyllis Cook (703-246-7730) can provide help to parents who are navigating the special ed process and feel they can benefit from the advice and knowledge of a more experienced, specially trained parent. Consider her another valuable resource for parents!

The PTA connection

By Michele Beck, PTA President (michelebeck@verizon.net, 703-426-1561)

Now that we have had our rest, it's time to begin the second half of the year. Bingo, a general membership meeting, and the Silent Auction are just ahead. You won't want to miss these events!

Enjoy **Family Bingo Night, Jan. 28, 7-9 p.m.** Have fun playing bingo with other families. It's not too late to volunteer your help.

By popular request, a **PTA General Membership Meeting will be held on Feb. 22, 7:30 p.m.** at Kings Park. Come find out what the PTA does. Meet the present board members to find out what each job entails so you can decide if you might be interested in a position next year. Your current board has been in office for two years. Come to find out how much fun it has been!

A big "thank you" goes out to Nancy Jones who has been coordinating our **after-school foreign language classes**. Nancy will be moving so her position will be vacant. Contact Nancy at 703-978-5307 to find out about the job and how much she has enjoyed it.

Take advantage of our community support. Sign up at **Karate World** by Jan. 31. The special offer of \$79 will not be available again until next September. See the previous flier for more details or call/email me. You can show your PTA membership card at **Papa John's** and get two large two-topping pizzas for only \$15.99 anytime! Every third Wednesday, the **Twinbrook Pizza Hut** will donate 20% of any carry out, eat in, or delivery to the PTA. Place your order with a coupon available in the school offices or download one from our website. **Top Kick-Kings Park Shopping Center** will donate \$100 for each new family who registers from our schools. Just contact Kevin Cassidy, www.topkickma.com or phone 703-503-0101 for more information.

Don't forget to visit our website: www.kpkgpta.org and I look forward to seeing you around the school!



A long day

Life in early America was harder than it looks in the pictures. Simulations like these make Social Studies come alive!

If the flu hits

Symptoms of influenza-like illness include fever, headache, dry cough, extreme fatigue, sore throat, and muscle aches. Children are more likely than adults to have nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Virginia Department of Health recommend that students and adults ill with respiratory symptoms (even if they have received the flu vaccine) should remain out of school for at least 3-5 days after the onset of symptoms. This is the time when people with the flu will probably be shedding the most virus.

To prevent infection, the CDC urges that we regularly wash our hands; cover nose and mouth with a tissue and dispose of it; discourage sharing eating utensils, drinks, and personal items; and avoid touching our eyes, nose, or mouth. Further information can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/>

Coming up

Bingo!

Snacks, live music, and family fun at \$3/person or \$10/family? That's something to shout about! Join us for PTA Family Bingo Night from 7-9 p.m. this Friday, Jan. 28, at Kings Park.

A winter wonderland of art

This year's KP/KG art show on Mon., Feb. 7 will feature seasonal interpretations by our young artists. Come "chill out" with us from 6:30-8 p.m. in the KP cafeteria.

Bully and gang prevention for parents

You've heard about it in the news. Get the latest info and ask your questions at the special info session for parents, Tues., Feb. 15, 7-8:30 p.m. in the KP cafeteria.

KP preschool invites applications

In addition to serving students with developmental delays, the KP preschool includes a limited number of community children as language role models. To be eligible for this free program, the child must be 3 or 4 years old when school begins and reside within the KP attendance area. The parent must provide transportation. Interested? Pick up info in the KP office, or contact the preschool at 703-426-7020. 2005-06 applications are due March 18.

What's it worth?

The Mar. 4 PTA Silent Auction is just around the corner, and your support is priceless. Help by contacting favorite businesses or donating an item or service. For details, go to www.kpkgpta.org or contact auction coordinator Sandy Hunter (703-978-1185), Laura Jacknin (703-425-8111), Cherie Antonellis (703-978-1431) or Jill Eisemann (703-764-0857).

Last month

Movin' up

Congratulations to PTA Reflections Contest winners Peyton Bishop and Jordan Morris, whose works were named Outstanding Interpretations. Those entries will represent Cluster VI at the District level. Rush Bishop and Nathalie Talos also earned Awards of Excellence.

Three at your side



Our part-time parent liaisons work together to support all KP/KG families. Our schools are fortunate to have (left to right) Veronica Barrientos (KP), Myeong Watson (KP), and Chris Kamerow (KG). Mrs. Barrientos also speaks Spanish; Mrs. Watson also speaks Korean.

Find school forms confusing? Not sure about procedures? Need information about school or community services? Our part-time parent liaisons can help. As former or current KP/KG parents, Chris Kamerow (KG), Veronica Barrientos (KP) and Myeong Watson (KP) know our schools and community. If they don't have the answer, they'll help you get it.

From the principals

Mary Agnes Garman
Jim Baldwin

A second language can make schools bewildering. Mrs. Barrientos speaks Spanish; Mrs. Watson speaks Korean. All three parent liaisons can arrange interpreters. They also help sponsor English classes for parents on Thursdays, 7-8:30 p.m. at Kings Park.

Whether it's a question about school or interest in English classes, our parent liaisons are at your side. Contact them by calling the school office.

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