



KP/KG NEWS

Kings Park and Kings Glen Elementary Schools

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Thankful for Great Communication



With the holiday of Thanksgiving approaching, we're thankful for the wonderful communication that our Kings Park and Kings Glen staffs and families enjoy. Our strong home/school partnership is one of the most powerful tools we can provide our students, as we continually meet and discuss successes and challenges that our Lions and Gators experience. With open, honest and timely communication, our children are sure to achieve the successes we all want for them.

Fostering our committed relationships between parents and staff, we are looking forward to the upcoming parent/teacher conferences. Our staff looks forward to the opportunity to share your student's many successes which have occurred in the first nine weeks of the school year. In addition, we look forward to working with you to share ways in which we can continue to improve each of our student's achievements.

We hope you enjoy your meetings with school staff on **November 7th and 8th**. Please remember that we, just like you, are only a phone call or e-mail away!

We also invite you to join us for our traditional and delicious Thanksgiving luncheons on Friday, November 11th at Kings Glen and on Friday, November 18th at Kings Park to celebrate our partnership!

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R.E.A.C.H. is underway. If you still have sponsor letters, it is not too late to send them in! Return them to school in your child's backpack. Thanks **Stephanie Turner** for your continued support of this crucial fundraiser.

Fall Festival, Friday October 28th at KP, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

The Fall Festival will be held Friday October 28th at Kings Park from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Pizza and drinks will be available for purchase. Wristbands can be purchased for \$5 and allow entry into face-painting, cakewalk, craft rooms, guessing games and sand art. If you're baking, please bring baked goods between 3:00 – 6:00 pm.

PTA Meeting, November 14th, 6:00 pm at KP

Mark your calendar! Our next PTA meeting will be Monday, November 14th at 6:00 pm at Kings Park. Childcare will be provided for the November and December meetings.

The **Silent Auction Planning Committee** is having its first organizational meeting on Monday, November 28th at 7:00 pm at the Kings Glen Library. Contact Elke Trick elke.trick@gmail.com or Terra Donlon tcdonlon@yahoo.com if you would like to help.

Reflections

Submitted **Reflections** entries will be set up for display at Kings Glen on November 7 from 8:30 am – 11:00 am. Stop by to see our Kings Park/Kings Glen student works of art.

Spirit Night at Austin Grill

Our first **Spirit Night at Austin Grill** in Springfield will be on **November 16th**. Join us in eating out to support your PTA. Information will be sent home in your Tuesday or visit our PTA website www.kpkgpta.org.

FLEX (Foreign Language Experience Program) registration is underway. Sign up at www.fcps.edu/aceclasses.

Amazon.com

NEW - You can help support the KP/KG PTA by using the **Amazon.com link on our KP/KG PTA web site**. A percentage of your purchase when you use our designated link is donated to our PTA.

A special **thanks** to **Health Screening Volunteers!**

A big **thanks** to the **Picture Day Volunteers!**

The **PTA** is in need of a Membership Chairperson and Volunteer Coordinator for this year. Both opportunities can be fulfilled from your house. Please contact me at kpkgPTA@gmail.com if you are interested in these, or other volunteer opportunities.

Need to Know

Parent/Teacher Conferences November 7th and 8th

Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled for November 7th and 8th. Please arrive on time to maximize your scheduled time with your child's teacher. It may be helpful to prepare a list of topics to discuss ahead of time.

Dismissal at 1:00 pm Wednesday before Thanksgiving

Students in grade K-6 will attend school from **8:20 am - 1:00 p.m.** on the Wednesday before the Thanksgiving holiday, November 23. The Preschool and PAC schedules will be sent home soon. Lunch will be served as usual.

Plan For Inclement Weather

Does your child know what to do if school closes early or if after school activities are cancelled? Leave instructions with your neighbors and the school office now. **If there is a delayed opening, do not drop off your children early**, as staff is not present to supervise your children until the scheduled opening. **Post the inclement weather insert in a handy spot for quick reference.**

KG Health Room Volunteers

Kings Glen is looking for parents interested in volunteering in the KG Health Room. If you have a few hours to spare throughout the year please consider volunteering. For information, e-mail Lee Ann Jones at Lcjones@fcps.edu

Advanced Academic Program

Parents/Guardians of students not in the second grade screening pool may initiate the full time AAP (Level IV) screening process by completing and submitting an Advanced Academic Program Level IV Referral form to the school Principal no later than February 3, 2012. **No late referrals will be accepted.** Second graders **not** in the pool and **all** third through seventh graders are screened only by referral. Parent information packets will be available in the Kings Park and Kings Glen school offices in January. Forms are available on the AAP website at www.fcps.edu/IS/aap/index.shtml. Please note that Parents or Guardians of students who are in the 2nd grade pool will be notified by the school and will require no referral form. Students who are not in the 2nd grade pool will not receive notification. The benchmark score used to create the 2nd grade pool will be published on the Advanced Academic Programs website in mid-January.

Coming up

Student-Parent Survey for Federal Impact Aid Generates Funds

The Annual Student-Parent Impact Aid Surveys enable Fairfax County Public Schools to receive federal funds. **Complete and return the survey for each student as soon as possible. We must have a completed form from each student.** Kings Park and Kings Glen Impact Aid Forms will be sent home in the November 1st Take Home Tuesday Folders for parents to fill out, sign, and return. The information is considered confidential and will not be used for any other purpose.

Holiday Food Drive

You can support those in need by donating canned goods or other nonperishable foods to help hungry families in our community. Nonperishable items may include cans of soup, tuna, fruit and vegetables, boxes of pasta, cereal and rice. Children may put their donation(s) in the labeled boxes in either school lobby. To donate money for turkeys, bread, and fresh vegetables, send a check to either school office (payable to the school). **The food drive will run from Wednesday, November 9 until Friday, November 18.**

Thanksgiving Lunch With Your Child

Families are invited to have lunch with their child **Friday, November 11th at Kings Glen** and on **Friday, November 18th at Kings Park**. Adults and all non-student children can purchase Thanksgiving meals at a cost of \$3.65 each. Students should have a minimum of \$2.65 on their lunch account to purchase lunch. Only Thanksgiving meals and a vegetarian alternative (yogurt and hummus) will be served that day. There will be no other lunch alternatives. Special lunch schedules will be sent home along with a flier listing full details. We hope you will join us for this traditional meal.

