



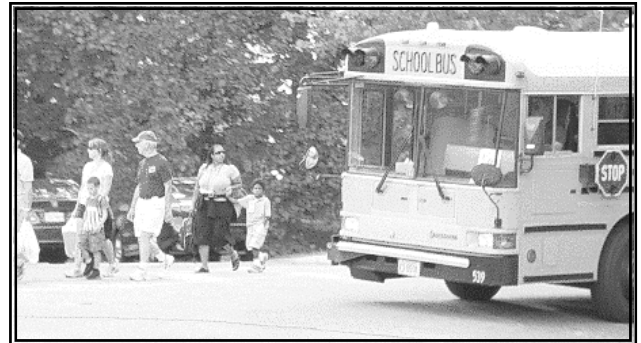
KP/KG NEWS

Kings Park and Kings Glen Elementary Schools

October 2008

Up and Running

Again this year, September is already a distant memory. The staff, students and parents at KP and KG are off to a wonderful start to the school year. To keep the year going strong, it is important to highlight some very simple ways that parents and staff can help get our students up and running for a great day, each day.



Our staff and students make strategic use of the limited time we have during school hours, so it is imperative that our students arrive at school on time (with a full tank of energy in their tummies) so they can tackle the challenges of their day with relative ease and joy. Being able to walk from the front door of the school to the classroom with your peers is not just “social time” for our students, but rather a key time for the development of communication skills, helping to foster a lifelong tool of effectively interacting with others. More importantly, being able to start class work right at 8:20 am makes all the difference to students for their whole day.

**Kings Park and
Kings Glen
School Newsletter
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The home/school partnership is a critical part of our children’s school success. We always look for as much information as possible to support our students’ learning. When important events happen in the lives of your children, whether they be positive or negative events, we ask that you share the information with us so we can support them, however necessary. Of course, we will do the same from the school perspective. As they say, “knowledge is power,” and we want to help our students be as strong as they can be, ***up and running*** every single day!

From the principals
Sarah Skerker
Sam Elson

The PTA Connection

Mark Crabill, PTA President (president@kpkgpta.org) www.kpkgpta.org

Welcome! The PTA is planning many fun filled events, activities and necessary functions for the 2008-2009 school year which are open to all families.

There's a simple way for you to help your child succeed and maintain the high standards of education we expect at Kings Park and Kings Glen - **join** the KPKG PTA. **Volunteer**, and **participate** in your child's education. Your \$10.00 Membership Fee raises valuable money for things like:

- assemblies
- educational supplies
- lab materials
- buses for field trips
- technology enhancements ... and so much more

PTA families will also receive a free Student Directory and Discount Card which will include discounts at Kilroy's, Papa Johns, Popeye's, Subway and other local merchants!

A Special Thanks For Our Volunteers!

Thanks to Nancy Grass and Stephanie Turner for coordinating **Our new Spirit Wear**

Thanks to Linda Avers, Leslie Rudisill and Mike Horgan for coordinating **Movie Night**

Thanks to all our Movie Night Volunteers!

Thank You to all the volunteers who helped with the *Welcome Back Lunch* for the staffs at both schools.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped stuff the first *Take Home Tuesday Folders*. We have always been proud of our enthusiastic parent and family members!

The Spirit Wear has been a great success this year! Thank you to everyone who purchased items so far. We still have car magnets available and will have them at all PTA Events.

PTA Fall Festival, Friday, October 24, 6:30 - 8:30 pm at KP

Admission is free. Put on your favorite costume and enjoy the fun, food and festivities. Some activities may cost a nominal fee.

Participate in our 3rd R.E.A.C.H. Reading Fundraiser

Last year the R.E.A.C.H. raised over \$27,000 dollars. Let's make it even better this year! Simply turn in your sponsor letters with pledges from friends and family and **encourage your child to read**. Key dates are:

- Oct. 14** Home Reading Cards will be sent home to help record time spent reading.
- Oct. 20- 24** R.E.A.C.H. Reading Week. Help your child reach a reading goal of 300 minutes.
- Oct. 24** Return Home Reading cards to school.

Silent Auction Co-Chair Wanted – We have the team assembled, but need one person to co-lead the Auction. If you think you can help in anyway with the Auction, please contact Mark Crabill at mark@mcrabill.com.

Need to Know

School Hours

Monday — Friday school begins promptly 8:00 a.m.
(do not drop students off prior to 8:00 a.m.)

Monday dismissal is at 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday — Friday dismissal is at 3:00 p.m.

Three Ways to Purchase Cafeteria Lunch

You can add money to your child's school account in three ways:

1. **Check** - made out to the school cafeteria. Please include your child's name and teacher in the memo line and **your child's PIN cafeteria number in the memo line**.
2. **Cash** - in an envelope with your child's name and teacher and **PIN number**.
3. **Online** - using **MyLunchMoney.com**. This is a private, secure and allows parents to prepay for meals with a convenience fee for this service. MyLunchMoney.com allows parents to prepay for meals or view their account on a computer or the phone. Please note balance on the account.

Student lunches are \$2.40 and adult lunches are \$3.40. Parents can join their students for lunch with no advance notice. **Breakfast** every morning starting at 8:00 a.m. is available **to all families and costs \$1.50**. If your child is on the free breakfast cost is 30¢. If your child is on the free breakfast, it is **free**.

Recent Events

Back to School Nights

Thanks to KP / KG parents and staff, we had our **Back to School Nights** again, this year. Turnout was excellent. The curriculum and expectations for their success at school is directly related to the success at home. At school, we know our Lions and Gators will have a great year!

We had many parents sign up for Parent Volunteer. If you have not had a chance to sign up, please contact either school office for assistance.

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Holiday Support For Families In Need

Families who need assistance during the upcoming winter holidays *may* be able to receive help from our schools. Please contact either school **by October 3** and ask for KP guidance counselors Mrs. Lujan or Mrs. Rania Sheats or KG guidance counselor, Mrs. Miele. Requests are confidential.

KP Annual Vision and Hearing Screening

FCPS annually screens all kindergartners, third graders and newly enrolled students for vision and hearing problems. The screening at Kings Park is October 7 from 8:30 am - 2:30 pm. To volunteer for part or all of that time, contact Mary Stanton, KP Clinic Aide at 703-426-7010.

2008-2009 Standardized Testing Dates

Please avoid scheduling appointments and family events on these important testing dates. Tests are generally administered in the morning. On October 21 and 22 the second grade will take the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT). A practice CogAT test will be given on October 20. CogAT makeup tests will be administered on October 23 and 24.

GT Parent Information Nights

Three dates are set in October to provide an overview of the continuum of gifted and talented services, screening, testing and identification procedures and timelines. All meetings are from 7:30 - 9:00 pm. For further information and forms, go to www.fcps.edu/DIS/gt/connections.html. The *meetings are open to the public. No registration is required.*

The Parents Information Night dates and locations are:

October 2 at McLean High School
October 15 at Oakton High School
October 22 at Annandale High School

Parents/guardians of students not in the second grade screening pool may initiate the GT screening process by completing and submitting a Gifted and Talented (GT) Center Referral form to your local school principal **no later than February 6, 2009. No late referrals will be accepted.** Forms are available on the web site and KP and KG offices.

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