



KP/KG NEWS

Kings Park and Kings Glen Elementary Schools

April 2009

Spring Is A Great Time To Go Green!



Reusing milk cartons for potting plants.

Spring is a great time to renew our community commitment to **going green**. Our students will be learning about the *Three R's* - *Reduce, Recycle, Reuse*, as we prepare for Earth Day Celebrations in April. At Kings Glen, students will enjoy readings of The Lorax, by Dr. Seuss and create posters with environmental themes. At Kings Park, we invite you to celebrate going green with us at our second annual *Green Gala*. The event will feature activities for the whole family, including an art walk of items created entirely of recycled materials. Please plan to join us April 23rd at 6:30 p.m.!

You can help your child at home learn about stewardship of our earth. A great resource to share with your child is Going Green: A Kid's Handbook to Saving the Planet, by John Elkington. Some of the simple suggestions from the book include:

- Create less waste by packing food in washable plastic containers.
- Save prepackaged foods for lunch boxes, picnics, and times you're on the go.

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The County of Fairfax also has an exemplary recycling program in place. You can find more information on going green at their website: www.fcps.edu/fts/facmanagement/recycle.htm.

At our schools, we are teaching our students the difference between recycling and reusing materials, as well as reducing paper consumption. We've added recycling bins throughout the school. In our cafeterias, we've placed special bins to recycle the plastic bottles and cans which students bring in their lunches. Another way our schools can go green is to consider saving paper by distributing information electronically whenever possible. There are many schools in FCPS who have successfully developed a system of sending newsletters and Tuesday folder materials electronically to all families who wish to receive information in this way. To explore this possibility, we will be sending out an interest survey to all parents in the near future.

From the principals

Sarah Skerker
Sam Elson

The PTA Connection

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

Keep Your PTA and School Strong!

The Kings Park/Kings Glen PTA is seeking enthusiastic people to lead our parent-teacher association. This is your chance to be a contributing member of the KP/KG community! The KP/KG PTA sponsors, supports and runs many programs which make the time you and your children spend at the schools enriching and fun. To ensure a successful 2009 / 2010 school year, we need your help. We are looking for volunteers to fill PTA Board and Committee/Event Chair positions for next year.

To volunteer or for more information, please contact Mark Crabill at 703-503-3643 or mark@mcrabill.com.

FCPS 2010 Budget

To learn the latest about the FCPS FY2010 budget go to www.fcps.edu/news/fy2010.htm.

KP/KG Staff Volleyball Game, May 1

Make plans to attend the Volleyball game on May 1 at Lake Braddock Secondary School.

Volunteers Needed. If you are interested in helping please contact Linda Avers (lavers@verizon.net) or Michelle Crabill (crabill@cox.net).

A Special Thanks To Our Volunteers

- **Sandy Hunter**, for coordinating Square-One Art.
- All the wonderful parent volunteers who helped our children look their best on Picture Day at both schools.

Your PTA dollars hard at work:

Technology – KP, KG
Field Trips – KP, KG

Teacher Appreciation Week, May 3—9.

Don't forget to show the teachers how much we appreciate all they do for our community. The PTA is planning activities for the week. To help, please contact Nancy Grass at nancy.grass@mac.com.

Bingo/Silent Auction Night

The night was a lot of fun and a great success. We raised over \$16,000 for the PTA budget. We exceeded our projected amount by about 50%. **Thank you to everyone who volunteered, participated and/or donated.**

For more information on the programs, events and KPKG PTA please visit www.kpkgpta.org.

Need to Know

Standards of Learning (SOLs)

Third grade students at KP and fourth, fifth take the Standards of Learning (SOLs) Test. Dates for the SOLs can be found on the Preview section. Please avoid scheduling activities that please make sure your child has a good night's sleep and arrives at school on time!

Limit Tardies

School begins at 8:20 a.m. Monday - arrives to school **prior** to 8:20 a.m, but no later than 8:25 a.m. If your child is **tardy**, you must park in the lot, walk to the building and

Tdap Vaccine for All Rising 6th

A letter to 5th grade parents was sent home regarding the Tdap vaccine. Your child may be in need of the **Tdap vaccine**. If your child has not received a booster, we ask that your child receive it, and bring the child to the school prior to June 18, 2009. Sixth graders will receive the vaccine at school in the fall without written documentation. Children who have not received a tetanus-containing vaccine, within the past

Kindergarten Registration

Children who turn five on or before September 1st are eligible for kindergarten. If your child will attend kindergarten, please notify us at 703-426-7000 or on-line at www.fcps.edu. We will mail you registration details. Due to the importance of this information, it is important that we know as soon as possible. Registration for the fall for our staffing purposes. We will hold a registration meeting on Tuesday evening, April 28, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. Registration will be held on May 1, 2009, by appointment.

Recent Events

District Orchestra Festival

Congratulations to the members of the Grand District Orchestra who performed at District Orchestra Festival on April 13 and earned all "Superior" ratings! The orchestra performed with students from other elementary schools including Harpine, Emily Estep, Gary Bond, Tiffani Corbett, Jacob Ward, Sam Mitchell, and Cha

Coming up


and sixth grade students at KG will
tests in **May**. A schedule of testing
back calendar page under the May
appointments on these days. Also,
night's rest , a healthy breakfast, and

Friday. Make sure your student
earlier than 8:05 a.m. If your student
the office, and sign in your child.

Graders

on February 24 for students who
our child is required to have a Tdap
and that you provide documentation
graders will **not** be allowed to begin
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past five years.

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garten at Kings Park this fall, please
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the current FCPS budget, it is very
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hold a Parent Orientation Night on
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al at Marshall High School on March
The following Kings Glen students
ary schools in the Burke area: Nathan
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aeUn Park.

KP Second Grade Measurement Olympics

On April 2, from 1:00 - 2:30 pm, KP second graders will use hands-on activities to practice their measurement skills during their third annual Measurement Olympics. To volunteer, please contact your child's second grade teacher.



Green Gala at Kings Park

You are invited to the Kings Park Green Gala on Thursday, April 23rd from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. The Green Gala will feature environmentally themed projects and artwork made by students and entire classrooms. Be sure to follow the signs in each hallway to see murals and projects created by each grade level. Stop by the KP Book Fair, which will be open that day from 8:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Spring Book Fairs

You are invited to attend the KP Book Fair Monday, April 20 through Friday, April 24. Shop with your child during your child's class preview or attend during our before and after school extended hours. To volunteer, contact Ms. Halloran at Rebecca.Halloran@fcps.edu. Also, preview books and shop online April 13 - May 15 at www.bookwormcentral.com. To login beginning April 13, use our organization code: **king-spark**. The Kings Glen Book Fair will be held June 8 - 12.

Do-Si-Do to the Glen for Hoedown Day

On April 23, you can mosey on down to KG, as students culminate the PE/Music unit of square dancing instruction with Hoedown Day. Students will enjoy the Gator tradition of professional square dancing with renowned caller Mr. Mac McCall. Parents are welcome to come see their buckaroos dance during their scheduled class time.

Girls In Action 5K

You can sign up and register to run in the "Strides for Success" 5K or 1K on Sunday, April 26. Make sure you mark on your registration form that you are with Kings Park. Go to www.jlnv.org or www.Runwashington.com to register. For questions, contact Keli Burke at Keli.Burke@fcps.edu.