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Kings Park and Kings Glen Elementary Schools

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Reading With The Ones You Love

Volumes of internationally-based research over many years show that children who read more, read better. This is particularly true for children who have daily opportunities to read, year after year. Making time for your child to read out loud to you is a wonderful strategy, as is “buddy reading” (when you and your child take turns reading). The key is reading, in *some* form, each night.



We all tend to make pleasurable activities a habit in our lives. Reading for pleasure is one of the most critical aspects of your child becoming a better reader. Like many other aspects of our children’s lives, this can be best supported by you modeling for your child. When your child sees you reading the newspaper, a novel or a magazine, they will realize that this is important and not just a “school thing.” Reading with your child (or *to* your child) can make a world of difference, if done consistently. And, what better way to help your child learn about current events than reading to them from the newspaper? Many newspapers have editions directed to young people, such as the *Kids Post*, found daily in the *Washington Post*.

Finally, kids read more when they have their own libraries. You can create a shelf for your child’s books and give books as gifts on special occasions (like *Valentine’s Day*). Staying involved in reading with your child is the single most powerful thing you can do in helping your child become a great reader for life!

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The PTA Connection

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Silent Auction Action, March 2 at Kings Glen

The Silent Auction Committee is busy working on our exciting and fun community event and fundraiser. The Silent Auction will be held March 2nd at Kings Glen from **6:00 – 8:00 P.M.** We have corporate donations continuing to come in. Basket parents are working diligently in each class collecting class themed donations to assemble into raffle baskets. Teacher donations are much anticipated by our students. We are also asking parents to donate an item, a service, or a certificate to the auction. Please note, donations are due February 3 in order to prepare the auction catalog.

To make the Silent Auction a smooth and fun community event, we need **volunteers** who can help with set up, concessions, monitor and close out bidding tables, help with prize pick up and clean up. Please contact Kim Shaw at kpkgauction@gmail.com for information on volunteer shifts. Your help is highly appreciated by the PTA, school administration, and staff.

Thank you to all the hard working volunteers that have been working on the Silent Auction Committee! We could not do this without every one of you.

PTA Meeting, Monday, February 6, 6:00 PM at KG

Please join us for our next PTA meeting, Monday, February 6th at 6:00 P.M. All parents are welcome. Child care will be provided.

Following the PTA meeting from 7:00—8:00 pm there will be a presentation for parents on “Avoiding Homework Blues”. When parents support learning at home, children succeed in school. Join us to hear about motivation ideas, managing time, learning styles and more. Spanish and Korean translation will be available.

Movie Night

Thank you **Emily Rusch** for coordinating **Movie Night**
Thank you Movie Night Volunteers.

International Night Planning Meeting, February 23

An International Night planning meeting will be held on February 23rd at 10:30 am in the KP Parent Liaison trailer. All are welcome!

Need to Know

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 the school office and your neighbors 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.



Application Process for Elementary Magnet Schools

Fairfax County Public Schools offers elementary magnet school programs at Bailey's Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences and Hunters Woods Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences. Applicants for admission must be entering grades kindergarten through four for Bailey's and kindergarten through six for Hunters Woods in the 2012 - 2013 school year, be working at or above grade level in language arts and math, and demonstrate positive interpersonal and school behaviors. Entering kindergarten students should have attended preschool in 2011-2012.

Applications, details on the lottery process, maps, and driving directions are available at all FCPS schools and at <http://www.fcps.edu/is/magnetschools/index.shtml>.

Applications must be postmarked by March 1 and sent to: Magnet Program, Fairfax County Public Schools, Fairfax Ridge, 3rd Floor, Mail Stop #9, 3877 Fairfax Ridge Road, Fairfax, VA 22030.

Hunters Woods Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences

Students at Hunters Woods Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences extend their core studies by using technology and distance learning and by having access to multiple computers in each classroom. Teacher study groups work to develop a curriculum that integrates state and national arts objectives with the core curriculum. An Information Night will be held on **February 7 at 7:00 P.M.** at the school. The snow date is February 15.

Bailey's Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences

Bailey's Elementary School for the Arts and Sciences is in its 19th year as a magnet school. The school integrates arts and technology in all curricular areas to make learning a creative experience. An Information Night will be held at the school on **February 9, at 7:00 p.m.** The snow date is February 16.

Winter Coats For Families In Need

As the weather turns bitter cold, all kids need a good winter coat. If your family is in need, please contact your school and we will provide your child with a warm coat. For Kings Park, contact Counselors Mrs. Lujan or Mrs. Lessard or Social Worker, Ms. Cassidy. For King Glen, contact Counselor Ms. Miele or Parent Liaison Chris Kamerow. All requests are strictly confidential.

Coming up

KP Jamestown Outreach Program

On February 7, second graders will participate in the Jamestown/Yorktown Foundation outreach program at Kings Park. The students will handle and analyze clothing, bone tools, pottery and other artifacts of the Powhatan Indian culture.

Parent Liaison Coffee February 9

KP and KG parents are invited to join us on February 9th at 11:00 am for a presentation by the KP and KG counselors on **Bullying Awareness and Prevention**. This coffee will be held at Kings Park in the SACC room. Refreshments will be provided.

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 are available in the Kings Park and Kings Glen school offices. Forms are available on the AAP website at <http://www.fcps.edu/is/aap/forms.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 when available.

Dining and Dancing Through SOLs at KP

Third grade students and their families are invited to a special evening of Dining and Dancing Through the SOLs. This is an opportunity for parents to enjoy a pizza dinner, learn how to help prepare their children for the SOLs, and dance and sing the night away in the gym. Miss Billman, Mrs. Menotti, and Mr. Tiso's classes will attend on Wednesday, February 22. Miss Biddick, Mr. Blanco-Losada, and Miss Moore's classes will attend on Thursday, February 23.