



# KP/KG NEWS

Kings Park and Kings Glen Elementary Schools

May 2009

## Spring Is In The Air



Students in Ms. Hoffman's kindergarten class flying kites they made to learn about wind.  
Photo by Nancy Patrick.

**W**ith the weather *finally* warming up outside, the sounds and smells of flower gardens, baseball, and lemonade stands fill the air in our neighborhoods.

In our schools, the spring brings annual events, as well as challenges for our staff and students. Specifically in May, we take time to officially recognize and share appreciation for our dedicated teaching staff. With continued outstanding support from our KP/KG parents, our staffs make great things happen at both schools, each day. Through tireless effort, our teachers go above and beyond on a regular basis, strategically using their expertise in finding the very best ways to bring learning to life for our students. As a result, our Lions and Gators become lifelong learners.

With almost nine months of great teaching and learning behind us already this year, spring is the critical time when these newly-gained skills and knowledge must all come together. In addition to having our students be able to demonstrate their academic mastery on our state-mandated SOL tests, our students' preparation for the next grade level is critically important. In order for students to continue to surpass their academic potential and be well-prepared for next year, we count on our students (with help and support from parents) to stay focused on learning throughout the spring.

**From the principals**  
Sarah Skerker  
Sam Elson

For students ready for another great day, with schoolwork and homework completed, the clear blue sky is the limit!

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Kings Glen  
School Newsletter  
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# The PTA Connection

Mark Crabill, PTA President ([president@kpkgpta.org](mailto:president@kpkgpta.org)) [www.kpkgpta.org](http://www.kpkgpta.org)

## KP/KG Staff Volleyball Game , Friday May 1, 6:30 P.M.

Make plans to attend the Volleyball game on May 1, at Lake Braddock Secondary School. If you are interested in helping, please contact Linda Avers ([lavers@verizon.net](mailto:lavers@verizon.net)) or Michelle Crabill ([crabill@cox.net](mailto:crabill@cox.net)).

## Teacher Appreciation Week, May 3 - 9

**Don't forget to show the teachers how much we appreciate all they do for the community.**

The PTA is planning activities for the week. Please contact Nancy Grass at [nancy.grass@mac.com](mailto:nancy.grass@mac.com) if you would like to help.

## We proudly present the 2009-2010 Kings Park / Kings Glen PTA Board Nominees:

Jackie Kurisky, President  
Leslie Rudisill, VP of Kings Glen  
Nancy Grass, VP of Kings Park  
Linda Avers, VP of Education  
Stephanie Turner, Treasurer  
Susan Moreau, Secretary

The Elections Meeting will be held **Tuesday, May 12, 2009, 6:00 P.M. at Kings Park.** Please attend and help us plan for next year!

## Keep your PTA and school strong!

The Kings Park / Kings Glen PTA is seeking enthusiastic people that would like to help enhance the school by leading our Parent/Teacher Association. The KP/KG PTA sponsors, supports, and runs many programs to make the time you and your children spend at Kings Park and Kings Glen enriching and fun. To ensure a successful 2009 - 2010 school year, we need your help. We are looking for volunteers to fill Committee/Event Chair positions for next year. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, contact Mark Crabill at [mark@mcrabill.com](mailto:mark@mcrabill.com) or 703-503-3643.

## A Special Thanks to our Volunteers:

- **Linda Avers, Evelyn Cohn, Michelle Crabill and Leslie Rudisill** for coordinating Movie Night
- **Mike Horgan**, technical set-up for Movie Night
- **James Paige (K & K Snackin')**, for coordinating the drink and snack items for Movie Night
- **Robert Cohn, Barbara Sethian**, and all the volunteers who helped at Movie Night.

## Your PTA dollars hard at work:

Staff Development – KG  
Field Trip – KP  
Assembly – KP  
Forgotten Lunch - KG

For more information on the programs, events and KPKG PTA please visit [www.kpkgpta.org](http://www.kpkgpta.org).

# Need to Know

## Class Assignments for 2009 - 2010

Creating class assignments requires careful planning of many staff members. We know a good productive mix of children are ingredients for a successful year.

If you feel you have information about your child, particularly regarding learning style and classroom behavior, it to the principal, in writing, by **Friday, May 15, 2009**. Please request specific teachers. It is far more valuable to address behavioral concerns. Be assured that your child's strengths and needs are considered in the final assignment.

## Kindergarten Registration

Children who turn five on or before September 1st are eligible for kindergarten. If your child is eligible, please register by **Friday, May 15, 2009**. We will hold a Kindergarten Orientation Night on **Friday, May 15, 2009, 6:30 p.m.** Our kindergarten registration will be held at this appointment.

## Standards of Learning (SOLs)

KP and KG will administer the Standards of Learning (SOLs) for 3 - 6 during the months of May and June. Please refer to the back calendar. Please avoid scheduling conflicts. Also, please make sure your child has a good night's sleep and arrives at school on time!

## Recent Events



**State Delegate Dave Marsden At The Glen**

41<sup>st</sup> District State Delegate Dave Marsden spoke to all KG 4<sup>th</sup> grade classes and led a mock General Assembly where students role-played the passage of a bill legislating year-round school.

# Coming up

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**KP Second graders enjoy a  
field trip to the National Zoo.**



## Fun In The Sun on Field Day!

Parents are invited to come and cheer the classes and watch their children participate during the KP/KG Field Days. Kings Park Field Days will be May 12 for K and 1 grades and May 13 for grade 2. Third grade Field Day will be May 29. Kings Glen will hold Field Day on June 5. To volunteer, please contact your classroom or PE teacher.

## Fifth Grade Waft Back to The Middle Ages

On Friday, May 22nd, the fifth graders at Kings Glen will drift back in time for Medieval Day. Students will wear clothing from that time period, make crafts from the era, and enjoy a tasty medieval meal. Contact your student's classroom teacher to volunteer!

## Rising 7th and 4th Grade Meetings

Rising 7th graders, along with their parents, are invited to KG on May 21 at 7:00 p.m. for information concerning the transition to middle school. A panel of middle school parents and students (KG alumni) will be available to answer your questions and discuss an array of topics. Interpreters will be available.

On June 2, parents and guardians of rising 4th graders are invited to KG for an orientation at 6:30 p.m. to meet Mr. Elson, KG Principal, and some of the 4th grade teachers.

## Kindergarten: A New beginning Video/DVD

As a family with a child getting ready for school, you may ask yourself, "Is my child ready for kindergarten?" There is some help available to answer this question from Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS). **Kindergarten: A New Beginning** is an 18 minute video (in VHS and DVD format) available for loan from all branches of Fairfax County Public Libraries. This video will help families understand what children will be experiencing during the kindergarten year and how FCPS provides an educational program that meets the needs of all children entering kindergarten.

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