



KP/KG NEWS

Kings Park and Kings Glen Elementary Schools

November 2009

Kings Park and Kings Glen Are Going Green!



We'd like to invite you to join us in our efforts to reduce, reuse, and recycle! Both Kings Park and Kings Glen have made commitments to put into action our environmental concerns and sense of responsibility to the earth. In addition, we need to cut costs during these tough budget times.

In a continuing effort to reduce paper costs and operate within our budget, we plan to dramatically reduce the distribution of paper flyers and announcements in the Take Home Tuesday Folders. We will post this information on the school websites. Each Tuesday, a Keep in Touch message, with a link to the Tuesday flyers will be sent out to those of you who choose this option. For those without access to the internet, we will continue to send hard copies home.

Another way we can reduce the use of paper is by using an "Oldest and Only" system for the distribution of information. Information would go home only with your oldest child at each school. Unfortunately, the two schools are on different student information systems and we are not able to use an Oldest and Only for KP/KG combined. This will cut down on the number of copies you receive.



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We're going to need your help to be successful with these initiatives. If you are able to help with the preparation of materials for Oldest and Only, please let us know.

If you would like to "opt-in" to receiving the newsletter and other Tuesday Folder information electronically, instead of in paper form, a survey will be coming home soon that you can fill out and return to school.

Thank you for your support in this endeavor.

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The PTA Connection

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All **PTA Membership cards** have been sent out. If you sent in a form with payment and did not receive your card, please contact Nancy Grass at 703/978-0747 or at nancy.grass@verizon.net. If you have not renewed your membership or want to join, it is not too late! Just print out a membership form from the KPKG PTA website (www.kpkgpta.org) or pick one up the next time you are in the school office.

A Special Thanks to:

- **Mark Crabill** for all your time and talent spent on our creative flyers!
- **Leslie Rudisill, Nancy Grass, Mark Crabill**, and the KP / KG offices for their assistance in completing the Directory.
- **Sandy Hunter** and **Laura Jacknin** and all the volunteers for the Fall Festival.
- **Health Screening Day** Volunteers
- **Picture Day** Volunteers.

REACH is well underway. It is not too late to send in sponsor letters if you have just discovered them on your desk! Please return them to school in your child's backpack.

Mark your calendar! Our next PTA meeting will be on November 10 at 7 p.m. at Kings Park and will feature Sharon Weiss, a nationally known behavioral specialist. More information about Ms. Weiss can be found on her website at www.sharonkweiss.com.

Silent Auction plans are underway. If you are interested in being part of the planning committee, please contact Stephanie Turner at 703-764-7222 or dsjlturner@gmail.com.

Please Help! We are in need of a coordinator for the Square One Art project. This person would work with both schools to distribute supplies, gather artwork, return orders to Square One Art, and distribute artwork upon its arrival at school. Please contact Jackie Kurisky 703-764-5868 or kuriskyjd@hotmail.com for more information.

Need to Know

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/teacher conferences are scheduled to arrive on time to maximize your scheduled time. It will be helpful to prepare a list of topics to discuss.

Dismissal at 1:00 pm Wednesday

Students in grade K-6 will attend school on Wednesday before the Thanksgiving holiday. Lunch will be served as usual. The Preschool and PAC will be closed.

Plan For Inclement Weather

Does your child know what to do if school activities are cancelled? Leave instructions at home office now. **If there is a delayed opening, arrive early**, as staff is not present to supervise. **Post the inclement weather reference.**

Alliance Grant Awarded to Kings Park

Thanks to the generosity of Kings Park Exxon Braddock Roads, KP has been awarded a \$10,000 grant. The money will be used to help fund the Educational Alliance program is designed to provide Kings Park Exxon to invest in the future of their area schools. Thank you Kings Park Exxon!

Advanced Academic Program

Parents / guardians of students not in the second grade screening process by completing a Center Referral form (formerly known as the Gifted and Talented form) no later than February 5, 2010. Second graders not in the pool and all third through fifth graders may be referred. Parent information packets with the FCPS Advanced Academic web site at www.fcps.edu are available in the KP and KG school offices.

Coming up

November 2nd and 3rd

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Parent Survey Generates Federal Funds

Annual Impact Aid Surveys enable Fairfax County Public Schools to receive federal funds. **Please complete and return the survey for each enrolled student as soon as possible.** Kings Park and Kings Glen Impact Aid Forms will be available for parents to fill out and sign at the Parent / Teacher Conferences on November 2nd and 3rd. For parents not coming in those days, forms will be sent home in the Take Home packet that Wednesday. 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, rice, potatoes, and cereal. 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 Tuesday, November 10 until Friday, November 20.**

Thanksgiving Lunch With Your Child

Families are invited to have lunch with their child on **Friday, November 13th at Kings Park** and on **Thursday, November 18th at Kings Glen**. 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 that day. Please note that 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.

