



KP/KG NEWS

Kings Park and Kings Glen Elementary Schools

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A Roaring Welcome at KP



We are delighted to announce the appointments of Dotty Lin as the new Principal of Kings Park and Leona Smith as the new Assistant Principal. Mrs. Lin and Mrs. Smith each have many years of experience in Fairfax County Public Schools. Many of you had the opportunity to meet them personally at Kings Park Back To School Nights. Please feel free to stop by and introduce yourself when you see them out at Kiss & Ride or in the school hallways.

Dotty Lin was an Assistant Principal at Hunt Valley Elementary for four years before joining the Kings Park Family as our new **Principal**. She has been in education for 15 years and has spent time in the classroom teaching both 2nd and 4th grades. Mrs. Lin has also served as a Cluster Based Instructional Coach for two years, where she facilitated teams of teachers as they focused on reading and math instruction to close the achievement gap. Mrs. Lin is a native of Northern Virginia. She grew up in the Springfield area and immediately returned home after attending college at VA TECH. She enjoys spending time with her husband and two children, and can often be found rooting for the Washington Redskins, the VA TECH Hokies, and her children's soccer and baseball teams. Mrs. Lin is thrilled to be part of such a dedicated and caring staff and community here at Kings Park Elementary.



Assistant Principal Leona Smith has been an educator since 2000. She is originally from Pittsburgh, PA and currently lives in Fairfax with her husband (also an FCPS teacher) and their three children. Mrs. Smith has taught students in grades Pre-K—2 and also briefly taught high school Spanish. Most recently, she was the School Based Technology Specialist at Westgate Elementary school, working with students and teachers K—6. She loves spending time with her family, reading good books, and she's an avid Steelers fan! She is very excited to join the Kings Park Community and she is looking forward to a great school year!

From the principals
Dotty Lin
Sam Elson

The PTA Connection

Erica Hosken, PTA President (president@kpkgpta.org) www.kpkgpta.org

Welcome to the 2011-2012 PTA school year!

We are excited for the upcoming year and have planned many fun events for our Kings Park and Kings Glen families. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to our dedicated PTA Board

Members

Kings Park and Kings Glen PTA Board 2011-2012

President, Erica Hosken	Secretary, Emily Rusch
Vice Pres., KG Kim Shaw	Treasurer, Noelle Looney
Vice Pres., KP Jackie Kurisky	Vice Pres., Education Elke Trick
Principal, Dotty Lin, KP	Principal, Sam Elson, KG.

We encourage your participation in the PTA and invite you to contact us at kpkgpta@gmail.com with questions and/or ideas. See our NEW Facebook page at www.facebook.com/kpkgpta.

The success of our KP/KG PTA depends on your involvement and support. PTA families will receive a copy of the KP/KG Student Directory upon publication. If you haven't already, please join the PTA. Please send in your membership form and payment.

Consider attending our monthly meetings, held on the first Monday of each month. Our first meeting will be held at **6:00 on October 3rd at Kings Glen**. If you cannot attend the meetings, plan on getting involved with the PTA. **The PTA is a completely volunteer organization and we need you.** Get involved!

We Asked, You Answered, and We Listened!

Last school year, the PTA asked for your feedback and suggestions. Based on those responses, we changed our monthly PTA meetings to Monday evenings! We have gathered information from this survey about **Fall Festival (10/28)**, the **Staff Volley Ball game (4/13)**, and will introduce new activities like **International Night (1/20)**. We appreciate the time many of you took to respond to our survey.

Participate in our REACH Reading Fundraiser.

Our REACH fundraiser supports almost half of our annual PTA budget. Your participation is crucial to its success. Please note these key dates:

- October 14 - Sponsor letters due back at school
- October 11 - Home Reading Cards sent home to record time
- Oct. 15 - 21 - REACH Reading Week - our goal is 300 minutes at home and school per child.
- October 21 - Return Home Reading Cards to school.

Thank you to **Stephanie Turner** for chairing this fundraiser. Contact Stephanie at dsjturner@gmail.com or 703/764-7222 if you have any questions regarding REACH.

PTA Fall Festival

Friday, October 28, 6:00 - 8:00 pm at Kings Park

Put on your favorite costume, bring your decorated pumpkin(s) and enjoy the fun, food, and festivities! Thanks to **Wendy Hoffman** and **Rajika Mahan** for chairing this event. Contact kpkgFallFest@gmail.com to assist with this event!

Need to Know

School Hours

Monday — Friday Students begin arriving at **8:05 a.m.**
School begins promptly at **8:20 a.m.**

Monday dismissal is at 12:30 p.m.

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

Three Ways to Purchase Cafeteria Meals

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

1. **Check** - made out to the school cafeteria - with your child's name and teacher in the memo line. **Please write your child's PIN number in the memo line.**
2. **Cash** - in an envelope with your child's name, classroom teacher and cafeteria **PIN number.**
3. **Online** - using **MyLunchMoney.com**. This service is easy to use, convenient, private, secure and allows parents to prepay for their child's meals. There is a convenience fee for this service. MyLunchMoney.com is a company that allows parents to prepay for meals or view their child's account at any time from a computer or the phone. Balances are usually updated within 24 hours. **Student lunches are \$2.65 and adult lunches are \$3.65. Parents are welcome to join their students for lunch with no advance notice.**



Also, both KP and KG offer breakfast every morning starting at 8:00 a.m. The breakfast program is open to all families and costs \$1.50. If your child is on the reduced lunch plan, the breakfast cost is 30¢. If your child is on the free lunch program, breakfast is also free! If you have not renewed your application for free and reduced lunch, you must reapply immediately for benefits to continue.

Advanced Academic Information

Fall screening for full-time Advanced Academic Placement (Level IV) in Grades 3 - 6 is available for **FCPS** students **newly** enrolled and attending after January 2011. Eligible students may attend the AAP (Level IV) program beginning second semester or defer placement until a later date. Ineligible students may be considered for school-based services and may also be referred by the February deadline for screening and possible full-time AAP (Level IV) placement in the following year. Parents or guardians of FCPS students requesting fall screening should contact their local Advanced Academics Resource Teacher (Kings Park: Pat Schreiber, Kings Glen: Nicole Pierce). All required materials must be submitted by the October 28, 2011 deadline. Details of an **information meeting for parents** will be sent home in the Take Home Tuesday Folders. Further information can be found at the Advanced Academics Website: <http://www.fcps.edu/DIS/aap>. Kings Glen .

Coming up

Resources Through our Parent Liaisons

You can turn to one of our three parent liaisons if you need resource information or support. Piedad Dwyer speaks Spanish and English and Myeong Watson is fluent in Korean and English. They are both available on Tuesdays and Thursday from 8:45—11:45 at Kings Park in Trailer 1 and can be reached at 703-426-5232. Chris Kamerow is available at KG Monday through Friday at 703-239-4003. Join the Parent Liaisons and Guidance Counselors at their first Parent Coffee Thursday, October 13 from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm at Kings Park.

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 as soon as possible and ask for KP guidance counselors Mrs. Lujan or Mrs. Lessard or KP Social Worker, Ms. Cassidy or KG guidance counselor, Ms. Miele. Requests are confidential, are done on a first come, first served basis, and must be made prior to Friday, October 7.

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 5-6. If your student wears glasses, please make sure they bring them that day. To volunteer, contact Nancy Eradat, KP Clinic Aide, at 703-426-7010.

Kings Park Standardized Testing Dates

The Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) will be given to second graders and designated third graders the week of October 17- 28. Tests will be administered in the mornings. Please avoid scheduling appointments and family events on these important testing dates. The Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test (NNAT) will be given to first grade students and designated second and third grade students November 14 - 18.