

King Academy Cougar News

March 5, 2010

The mission of King Academy of Extended Learning and Technology is to provide a secure, nurturing environment that embraces individuality, promotes high academic achievement and develops life-long learners who will become contributing members of a global society.

Vision

Everyone learns: Whatever it takes!

Dear Families,

In today's red folder you should find the Parent-Teacher Conference appointment preference letter. Please complete one copy of this letter and send it back to school with your oldest child. Knowing the day and time that are most convenient for you will help us greatly as we begin scheduling appointments for Parent-Teacher conferences which are coming up on March 30 and 31st.

March is a very busy month with our Junior High visitation and parent orientation, and of course March on Reading. Keep up with all the events by reading these newsletters weekly. That way, you'll always know what is going on!

Have a great week!

Mrs. Sharon Gryzenia Ed.S.

Principal

Kindergarten Round-Up

M.L. King Jr. Academy hosted Kindergarten Round-Up on Thursday, March 4th. We welcomed many new students and their parents to M.L. King Jr. Academy. If you were not able to attend, stop by our office and pick up a Kindergarten enrollment packet. It's not too early to get your child ready for next year. The first fifty students that register for kindergarten for the 2010-2011

school year will receive a special t-shirt for the first day of school in September. Don't be late!

Calendar Highlights

On **Wednesday, March 10th** – **there is NO SCHOOL for students.** Our teachers will be participating in training on that day. March 26th is the end of the third quarter. We will have a **half day on March 26th**, with a 10:48 a.m. dismissal.

Parking Lot Woes!

We are continuing to have difficulty with parents picking up and dropping off children using the bus loop. **The south parking lot is RESERVED for bus pick up and drop off ONLY!** We do not want children injured by walking around the bus to your car. Busses are large vehicles and have considerable difficulty trying to maneuver around cars that are parked in our bus loop. Please, use the north parking lot when dropping off and picking up your children.

Junior High Visitation

Our current sixth grade students in Mr. Marvin's and Mr. Kulp's classroom will be visiting Mount Clemens Junior High School on Tuesday, March 16th. It's a great opportunity to introduce our oldest students to the wonderful opportunities that await them at our own International Baccalaureate Academy Junior High – the first one in Macomb County. Your child received a permission slip in this week's Friday folder. Please complete the slip and return to your child's teacher so that they will be able to attend. Mount Clemens Junior High will be hosting a Parent Orientation on Thursday, March 18th. This is an opportunity for our parents to see the facilities, meet the teachers and administration and learn all about the International Baccalaureate Academy.

March on Reading events.

On Monday, March 1st, the Brainstormers visited M.L. King Jr. Academy. This wonderful troupe of actors reviewed with our students the various components of a good story through various skits. Our students were active participants and totally enjoyed the event. For the next month, our students will be writing stories which will be forwarded to the Brainstormers. When they return in May, our students will be acknowledged for their writing ability as their stories will be performed. This is a wonderful kick-off to our March on Reading.

Our theme this year is: Dig It! We will have a digging race to see who gets to China (the office) first. When a student reads a book, he/she fills out a shovel. The shovels will line the halls to see which POD makes it to China first. Here are the upcoming events:

Friday, March 5 – Door decorating contest

Friday, March 12 – Read a shirt day

Wednesday, March 17 – Guest reader day

Friday, March 19 – Reading buddy day. An upper and lower class pair up to read together.

Friday, March 26 – Pajama and favorite book day. Half Day of School 10:48 dismissal.

Wednesday, March 31 – End of race to China and end of “mud” pie voting.

Friday, April 16 – Mud pie ceremony, ABC Awards and Honor Roll

If you would like to be a guest reader on March 17th, please call our office and one of our wonderful secretaries will be happy to schedule you as one of our “guest readers”. Join with us as we celebrate the joy of reading during March.

Safe Routes to School

As part of the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Building Healthy Communities grant, M.L. King Jr. Academy will be developing a committee of parents, community members and teachers to assess our surroundings and develop a plan to encourage students to walk and bike to school. Walking and biking to school increases our students’ physical fitness, by getting some exercise each morning and afternoon. We are

recruiting parents to be a part of this team. **Our first meeting will be on Tuesday, March 9th at 3:30 p.m. in the Media Center.** Thank you for helping us assess our surroundings, develop an action plan and make the necessary changes to encourage our students to walk and bike to school.

Picture Day coming up!

Our spring pictures are scheduled for Monday, March 8th. Forms were sent home last week in the red Friday Folder. Remember to bring your order slip and your best smile to school on Monday, March 8th.

Parent Breakfast Club

The next meeting of our Parent Breakfast Club is on Thursday, March 18th. Meet us in the Media Center at 7:35 a.m. and enjoy a healthy breakfast. Our topic for March is “Take Action – Exercise!” And as always, we’ll have prizes and giveaways for parents who attend. These classes are less than an hour in length. You get breakfast, great conversation, meet some other parents and start your day off right! Remember, for every meeting you attend, you will receive one raffle ticket to our final meeting in May when we will be giving away lots of prizes.

Calendar

March 5	ABC Awards
March 8	Spring Picture Day
March 10	NO School – Teacher Professional Development
March 16	Junior High Transition – students
March 18	Junior High Transition meeting for parents MC Junior High 6:30 p.m.
March 26	Half Day, 10:48 dismissal, end of third quarter – records day
March 29	Mobile Dentist
March 30	Parent-Teacher Conferences
March 31	Parent-Teacher Conferences
April 1	Half day, 10:48 dismissal - Spring Break begins on Friday, April 2 – School resumes on Monday, April 12
April 16	ABC awards and March on Reading wrap-up
April 22	Game Night 5:30 p.m.