

King Academy Cougar News

May 21, 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,

It's warm and sunny outside – great time to get outside and exercise. It's not too late to get in shape for the 5K Family Fun Run on June 5th and Fun, Food and Fitness Day on Monday, June 7th. Make sure your children get some exercise daily. Turn off the television, hide the video games and enjoy the sunshine.

Have a great week,

Mrs. Sharon Gryzenia Ed.S.
Principal



**Alliance for a Healthier Generation –
Healthy Schools Program – National
Recognition Program – Bronze Award
Winner!**

We have just received notification that M.L. King Jr. Academy has been selected to receive the Bronze Award from the National Recognition Program of the Healthy Schools Program. Our school has made many changes to encourage our students to lead a healthy lifestyle, including instituting a building snack policy, parent breakfast club, outdoor fitness center, active

Physical education classes, Hopsports, 5K Family Fun Run, and nutrition education. This application was a rigorous process and we are very happy to receive this national award. Mrs. Gryzenia will be going to New York, NY in June to receive this award. Watch for our new banner and flag that will be displayed in the fall to recognize our school as a great, healthy place to attend school.

Brainstormers

The Brainstormers were here on Wednesday, May 19th for their Skywriter show. After their previous presentation, our students were asked to write stories that would be acted out at today's presentation. We had five pieces of writing presented that were written by the following writers:

Brooklyn Thomas – 1st grade

Johari Dandridge – 5th grade

Tristan LaMay – 6th grade

Jessica Hood and Kenyetta Thacker – 6th grade

Brandon Malarick and Kavon Steiner – 6th grade

We had a wonderful presentation with many students assisting with “acting out” the stories. We would like to acknowledge the **Michigan Humanities Council** who provided funds to assist in bringing this wonderful presentation to our students.

Family Fun Run

To celebrate our healthy year, M.L. King Jr. Academy will be hosting a Family Fun Run on Saturday, June 5, 2010. We will be walking and running from M.L. King Jr. Academy to Shadyside Park, down the bicycle path to Harper and then back to school. We encourage all students and their parents to take part in this fun event. **Pre-registration was due by May 20th** to

allow us time to get t-shirts and certificates ordered. You can also register the day of the event, but will not receive a t-shirt. After the event, we'll have awards for age groups and refreshments. All students must be accompanied by a parent, and walk or run: no bicycles, skates or scooters. Come join with us as we celebrate our year of health and fitness.

Fun, Food and Fitness day

Monday, June 7th is our annual field day known this year as Fun, Food and Fitness Day. All students will be participating at stations which not only encourage them to be physically fit, but give them great information on healthy eating. Thank you for volunteering to make this day special. Mrs. Mason, our PTC chairperson will be calling to schedule you at the various stations around the school. Thank you for participating and making this event possible.

Library Books

This year, we have been very fortunate to have two mothers: Ms. Mason and Ms. Osborn working in our library to make sure our students can check out library books.

All books must now be returned to school. If you have any of our library books at home, please send them back to school with your child. They will be conducting an inventory this week to make sure all books are back where they belong. If your child has a book that has not been returned, you will receive a letter stating the title of the book. All books must be returned by **Monday, May 24th**.

Safe Routes to School

Our next meeting of the Safe Route to School Team is Tuesday, May 25th at 3:30 p.m. in the conference room. You will soon see new signs, designating one-way travel on our bus and car

loops, stop signs, bus loop only signs, and painted pavement that will keep our students safer as they come to school. Please follow the signs as posted, and remember, the students are to be dropped off in the morning and picked up in the afternoon using the NORTH parking lot. The south lot is for busses and Dial a Ride ONLY. Thanks for helping us keep our students safe.

Calendar

May 25	Safe Routes to School 3:30 in the conference room.
May 26	First grade field trip – Detroit Zoo
May 26-28	Fifth Grade Camp – Camp Tamarack. 5 th grade students must be picked up at 11:30 a.m. on May 28 th
May 28	Fourth grade field trip to Greenfield village.
May 31	No School – Memorial Day
June 2	Kindergarten field trip – Wolcott Farm and Stoney Creek Nature Center
June 4	Sixth Grade trip to Michigan State University. 6 th grade students must be picked up at 4:30 p.m.
June 5	5K Fun Run/Walk at King Academy 9:00 a.m.
June 7	Fun, Food and Fitness Day - All Day, King Academy
June 8	Half Day, 10:48 dismissal
June 9	Half Day, 10:48 dismissal Kindergarten Graduation 8:30 a.m., King Cafeteria
June 9	Sixth Grade “Moving On Up”, 4:00 p.m. King Cafeteria
June 10	Half day, 10:48 dismissal Last Day of School