

# King Academy Cougar News

December 4, 2009

*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,

I came across a wonderful quote today – that I thought was especially true, and that I would like to share with you. It is attributed to Malcolm X, an American Civil Rights Activist. He said: “Education is our passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today.” No truer words were ever spoken. Everything we do to enhance the lives and education of our students will pay off in the future. Our students will be ready to handle the challenges and problems as they become adults in the workplace. Help your child daily in their educational endeavors by reading nightly, assisting them with their homework and taking part in activities at the school. Working together we can make sure your child will be successful in the future!

Mrs. Sharon Gryzenia Ed.S.  
Principal

## **Parent-Teacher Committee Meeting**

The next meeting of the Parent-Teacher Committee will be on **MONDAY, January 11<sup>th</sup>** at 3:30 in our offices. We are hoping to have a better turn-out with an earlier meeting. Stop by and help us plan our Family Valentine Dance – scheduled for February 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **Early Release Day**

Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> is an Early Release Day. Teachers will be working together developing Focus instruction and Tutoring plans for our students. School is dismissed at 1:00 p.m.

## **Telephone number up to date?**

The Mount Clemens Community School district is starting a new program called: Edulink. This program is an automatic telephone calling system that will telephone parents when there are special events, school closing, Early Release Wednesdays, etc. This system will begin on December 1<sup>st</sup>, so make sure we have your updated information in our records. This is one of the many reasons why it is **EXTREMELY** important to ***notify the office immediately when you change your phone number.***

This system will begin on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for helping us make this new communication system functional for our families.

## **Parking Lot**

We are having difficulty in our parking lots and we need your help. The **NORTH** lot is for parent drop off and pick up. **The SOUTH lot is for busses only.** There are many times that parents are using the South lot – and collisions with busses are possible. Busses are very large, and have a wide turning radius. We do not want to have anyone injured, so please follow our procedures and use the **NORTH** lot when you are picking up or dropping off your children.



## **Picture Retake Day**



Lifetouch will be here on December 11, 2009 from 9-11 a.m. for any picture retakes. If your child was absent for our original picture day or you would like a retake, please inform the office by calling 586-461-3100 and we can send an order

form home so that you can choose a package, background and style along with payment. Make sure your child brings the form on picture day. If you are coming for a re-take, please make sure to return the original package of pictures. .

## Parent Breakfast Club



*The next meeting of our Parent Breakfast Club is on Thursday, December 17, 2009.* Meet us in the Media Center at 7:35 a.m. and enjoy a healthy breakfast. Our topic for December is "Take Down the Fat". We'll even have a cookbook for you with lots of great healthy meals. – 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!

## ABC and Honor roll awards

The ABC and Honor roll awards for November will be held on Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup> in the King Academy cafeteria. Grades 3-4-5-6 will be held at 1:30 with K-1-2 at 2:15. Join us in celebrating the academic success of our students.

## Top 10 Study Strategies

Source: Scholastic Parents



Help her learn that preparation and organization are keys to studying success.

1. Beat procrastination! Teach your child, by example, not to put off tasks.
2. Instead of denying your son privileges for not studying, offer him rewards or incentives for getting his schoolwork done.
3. Get organized! Ensure that your grade-schooler has separate sections in her notebook for notes, homework, and graded materials for each class.
4. Make sure he's taking notes in class — not only for information, but because it will help him see

how much time his teacher spends on a subject area.

5. After class or in the evenings, encourage your child to write a review of key ideas from each class.
6. Teach your daughter to be an active reader who outlines and annotates her textbooks. If she is not allowed to write in her books, have her keep these notes in a special notebook.
7. Encourage him to read through textbook sections *before* they're reviewed in class.
8. When studying for a test, suggest that your child arranges class and reading notes chronologically to ensure she's studying the appropriate material.
9. Help him create "fact sheets" of key ideas and terms scattered randomly on a page. If he can recall details in random order, they're stored in his brain.

10. A combination of memorization and concept comprehension will yield the longest-lasting and most complete knowledge.



## Calendar

December 9	<b>Early Release 1:00 p.m.</b> Teacher Collaboration Time
December 11	<b>Picture Retake Day</b> 9-11 a.m.
December 18	<b>Winter Recess</b> begins at the end of the day. School resumes on Monday, January 4 <sup>th</sup> .
January 4	School resumes
January 6	Early Release, 1:00 p.m. Teacher Collaboration Time
January 14	Honoring the Dream Celebration 6:30 p.m. King Cafetorium
January 22	Half Day – Records Day. End of first semester
January 27*	Early Release 1:00 p.m. Teacher Collaboration Time

**\*Note date change!** See the attached list for the early release days for the remainder of the year.