

King Academy Cougar News

April 16, 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,

Spring is here and the days are getting longer. It's a great time to turn off the television and get outside for some exercise. Take a walk and get ready for our **5K Walk/Run on Saturday, June 5th**. As part of the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan grant, this will be a wonderful event. We will be having a meeting for all interested helpers on Monday, April 19th at 3:00 p.m. We need volunteers to help with registration, refreshments, and t-shirts. Please stop by our meeting, or if you cannot attend, give me a call at 586-461-3102. I'm sure I can find a way for you to help us make this a success.

Have a great week – and go take a walk!

Mrs. Sharon Gryzenia Ed.S.
Principal

Registrations for 2010-2011

We have begun taking registrations for the 2010-2011 school year for all grade levels. If you have family or friends who would like to join the King Academy family, have them call or stop in to our office and pick up an enrollment packet. We have limited openings in some grade levels for the 2010-2011 school year. Don't wait and be left out!

Calendar Highlights

The last Teacher Collaboration Day of the year is **Wednesday, May 5th**. Dismissal is at **1:00 p.m.**

Title I Game Night

We will be holding our annual Title I Game Night on **Thursday, April 22nd** at King Academy. It's a great evening of playing educational games with your children and our wonderful teachers. Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. with games starting at 6:30 p.m. We'll wrap up the evening with a raffle at 7:30. All students attending receive a **FREE GAME** worth \$10 to continue the learning at home. Please R.S.V.P. with the flyer attached to this newsletter to help us plan. Don't be left out! Come and have fun!

Parent-Teacher Conferences

We would like to thank all parents who came to conferences this year. 62% of our parents attended conferences, which leaves 38% of our parents not attending. Children achieve at higher levels when their parents are active in the education process. If you did not attend your child's conference, please contact his/her teacher and set up a personal conference.

PTC Meeting

The next meeting of the King Academy Parent-Teacher Committee is on **Tuesday, April 20th** at 4:00 p.m. in the King offices. We have to plan some upcoming events including: Food, Fun and Fitness day, 6th grade exit ceremony, and the 5K Fun Run/Walk. We could really use parents to meet with us and help plan these events. There is a volunteer form attached to this newsletter today for these three events. Please take a look and complete it so that we can count on you to make these final events of the school year a success.

March on Reading events

We wrapped up March on Reading events with our raffle and “Pie-A-thon” on Friday, April 16th. Over 100 students received an additional free book as a raffle prize for reading during March. Thank you to all parents who read nightly with their children. The more you read, the better reader your child will become.

Michigan Humanities Council Grant

The Michigan Humanities Council sponsors grants so that schools can provide wonderful learning experiences for our students. They have helped fund the return of the “Brainstormers” on **May 19th** with a \$250 contribution. This wonderful acting troupe educates and entertains our students with live-action portrayals of stories that our students have written. Students throughout the school have been writing stories that will be submitted to the Brainstormers. They will select 4-5 stories to act out, focusing on the components of a story: setting, characters, action, problem, and solution. We thank the Michigan Humanities Council for their generous donation to the students of M.L. King Jr. Academy.

Safe Routes to School

The next meeting of the Safe Routes to School committee will be on Tuesday, **May 11th at 3:30 p.m.** in the LGI room. As part of the Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan Building Healthy Communities grant, M.L. King Jr. Academy has developed 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. At this meeting, we will be walking the neighborhood and identifying barriers to our students walking and biking to school. Join us at our next meeting and help us address these issues and make it easier for our students to walk and bike to school.

Parent Breakfast Club

*The last meeting of our Parent Breakfast Club is on **Thursday, May 20th**.* This last meeting is a celebration of completing the series of workshops. For every workshop you attended, you will receive

a raffle ticket for an array of wonderful gifts. Meet us in the Media Center at 7:35 a.m. and enjoy a healthy breakfast. It’s been wonderful having these parents with us throughout this year learning how to help their families lead healthy lifestyles.

Calendar

April 16	ABC awards and March on Reading wrap-up
April 19	5K Fun walk/Run planning meeting King Academy Media Center 3:00 p.m.
April 20	PTC Meeting 4:00 p.m. King Offices
April 21	Board of Education Meeting 6:30 p.m. Mt. Clemens High School Small Auditorium
April 22	Game Night 6:00 p.m. DINNER, 6:30 P.M. – Game Night
May 5	Last Early Release day of the school year. 1:00 p.m. dismissal
May 11	Safe Routes to School meeting 3:30 p.m. in the LGI room – King Academy
May 20	Last Meeting of the Parent Breakfast Club 7:30 a.m. King Academy Media Center
May 26-28	Fifth Grade Camp – Camp Tamarack
June 4	Sixth Grade trip to Michigan State University
June 5	5K Fun Run/Walk at King Academy
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”, 6:00 p.m. King Cafeteria
June 10	Half day, 10:48 dismissal Last Day of School