

Kingsville Elementary School PTA
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PTA Theme: *every child. one voice.*®

Dates to Remember

Friday, October 28..... Crazy Friday- KES
School Spirit Thursday, November 3.....First
Marking Period ends
Friday, November 4.....Professional Development, SCHOOLS
CLOSED
Friday, November 11.....Crazy Friday- Camouflage/Red-White-
Blue Day
Monday, November 14.....PTA Business Meeting, 6:30 pm in the library
classroom
Monday, November 14-Friday, November 18.....American Education
Week
Monday, November 21.....Parent-Teacher Conferences, SCHOOLS
CLOSED
Tuesday, November 22.....SunnyD® UPC labels due to school for SunnyD® Book
Spree

President's Message



I can't believe how quickly the school year has gone by so far! It is hard to believe that it is almost the end of the first quarter. Since Parent-Teacher conferences will be coming up soon, I have included an article in this issue of Partners that might be helpful in preparing for the conference. Also, please take some time to visit your child's classroom during American Education Week. You will get a sense of all of the hard work that goes on during the day and your child will really appreciate it!

I hope that you and your family had a chance to attend the Fall Festival. We had a perfect fall day to play games, make scarecrows and decorate pumpkins! I would like to thank Janet Dillon and Sarahjeanne Sayles for all of their hard work organizing the Fall Festival and the Silent Auction this year. My thanks also goes out to Chris Miller, Penny Pearce and Julie Wissman who worked hard to bring the bookfair to the students during the school day as well as during the Fall Festival.

Also, we wrapped up our PTA sponsored fundraiser earlier this month. Thank you to Amy Mitcherling and Jaime Arrick for chairing this vital PTA committee, as well as to all of the parents who supported the fundraiser. Without your help raising funds, we would not be able to provide the planners, take home folders, assemblies and other programs that benefit the students at Kingsville.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or suggestions about the PTA at KES. Together I know that we can help our children "Race to Success!"

- Rachel Hills, KES PTA President, 2011-2012, president@kingsvillepta.org



Help Wanted! PTA Opportunities for 2011-2012

The following positions are still available for this school year:

Partners newsletter Editor
Reflections Co-chairperson

Health Fair Co-chairperson
Patriotic Program Co-chairperson

For descriptions of each position, and for contact information on this year's chairperson, please see the KES PTA website at www.kingsvillepta.org. If you have any questions, or are interested in a position, please contact Rachel Hills, KES PTA President, or any other board member (visit the website for a list of members and their email addresses).

Reflections Program- "Diversity Means..."

Reminder.... All students who are planning to participate in this year's program, "Diversity means...", must have their entries in by Monday November 21st. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Dickinson.

KES PTA Directory

The PTA directory is here! It made it to the finish line on October 13th when it was distributed to over 300 students. Nearly 100% of the student body participated! Starting with Back to School Night, families were given the opportunity to publish their information in the directory. A few reminders came home in September. If your family missed the deadline and you would still like to participate in the directory, please email Rebecca Conway at RConwayMDRealtor@aol.com or call her at 410-491-6524. A supplemental page can be distributed! We hope you enjoyed the works of art of our Kingfishers as much as we did! They did an outstanding job. The inspirational words found throughout the book should help them race into the end of the first quarter & beyond! Thank you to all who participated! We will look forward to another successful year in 2012/2013!

2011 STEP Program Results

The awards assembly for the 2011 STEP program was held on Monday, October 17th. Mrs. Clemmons awarded the students who successfully completed the program with a certificate and a water bottle. Also, the students received a coupon from Chick-fil-A for a free ice cream. Thank you very much to this Perry Hall restaurant for their generous donation!

At the assembly, two names were randomly drawn from each class to receive a \$10 gift card to Target or Barnes & Noble. The lucky winners were: Rachel G., Godwin B., Wyatt D., Sarah G.,

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Julia S., Riley F., Sarah G., Maura P., Evan H., Madisyn G., Amanda G., Ava L., Christopher P., Emma S., Sam S., Emma E.N., Eugene A., Matthew M., Russell W., Leah H., Sofia D., Maureen H., Jacob C., and Hannah P.

Congratulations to Ms. DeNike's class who had 100% participation! They celebrated their achievement with a doughnut party.

A GREAT Resource to Improve Your Child's Education

Need information on homework, teaching or parenting strategies? Looking for tips on sibling rivalry, bullying, self esteem, or social skills?

You can easily borrow videos, books, and/or DVDs on these issues as well as all things special education. Check out BCPS's Resource Center, <http://destiny.bcps.org>, select *Special Collections, Resource Center* and click the *Catalog* tab. Type your topic in the *Find* field, *Add to List* the books you like and print. Jean Considine or Cheryl Bishop (410-887-5443) will have the items sent to you via school or you can go to White Oak and meet them in person. They are a great resource too!

October is National Down Syndrome Awareness Month- visit www.ndss.org to learn more.

The next SECAC (Special Education Citizens Advisory Council) Meeting is November 14, 2011.

In next month's issue, look for Free Tutoring Support through *Brainfuse*!

Questions? Contact Deidre Hammaker, PTA Special Education Liaison at 410-925-1688 or dshammaker@comcast.net



The KES Fall Festival Was a Big Success!

Another successful Fall Festival was held at Kingsville Elementary on Saturday, September 15th. Many THANKS to the numerous teachers, staff members, parents, and middle/high school students who assisted with the game booths, craft tables, food tables, book fair, scarecrow-making, silent auction, bingo, DJ contests, and set-up/clean-up.

A big THANK YOU to the following parents and staff members who went "above and beyond" to contribute to the success of this year's festival: Jaime Arrick, Cindy Baxter, Roberta Cascio, Lisa Dickinson, Bob Dillon, Diane Edwards, Lisa Giampa, Rachel Hills, Tom Lawry, Fran Paradise, Amy Pecora, Chris Slavin and Jay Updike.

A special THANK YOU to Sarahjeanne Sayles for her assistance with the Silent Auction. The many Silent Auction baskets donated by KES families, teachers and staff members, and local businesses raised nearly \$1,900. This money will be used toward Technology purchases for our school.

More THANK YOUs to Apple John the Clown, the Baltimore County Police, Kingsville Volunteer Fire Company, Fallston Humane Society, Kingsville Station and the YMCA for their participation in this year's festival.

The Fall Festival was truly a community effort enjoyed by the "workers" as well as the attendees!

-Janet Dillon

Fall Festival Chairperson

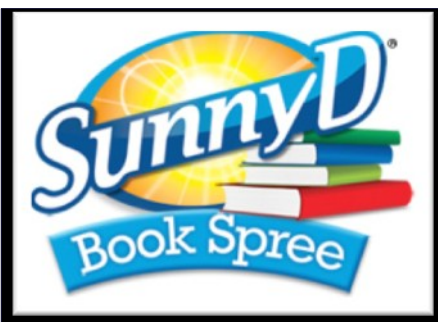
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Say Cheese!

KES will be doing a school wide yearbook for the 2010-2011 school year. Please remember to take pictures throughout the year (parties, fieldtrips, events, etc). Please submit your photos on CD to Jeana Dunnigan, c/o Emily Dunnigan in Ms. DeNike's class. Thank you!

Incentives News

We are collecting UPC labels from SunnyD® products to get free books for our classrooms. The program will donate 20 books to every classroom that sends 20 SunnyD® UPC labels.



It would be fantastic if our school could benefit this year. Last year, SunnyD® donated over 250,000 books to schools across America. Imagine every classroom getting 20 new books!

Here is a list of participating products:



Please send UPC labels into school no later than November 22, 2011. If you have any questions, please contact Jaime Arrick at incentives@kingsvillepta.org

KES PTA Membership

Most membership cards have been distributed, if you haven't received yours yet, it should be arriving shortly. We're awaiting another batch from Maryland PTA so that we can print out more.

How is your child's class doing?

Ms. Pasquale	89%	Mrs. Fischer	71%	Mrs. Pinnell	61%
Mrs. Barnes	88%	Mrs. Barry	69%	Ms. Lovick	59%
Mrs. Sokolis	86%	Mrs. Hyde	67%	Mrs. Frisone	56%
Ms. DeNike	75%	Mrs. Frieman	62%	Mrs. Price	50%
Mrs. Bise	74%	Mrs. Roche	62%	Mrs. Belcastro	46%

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If you haven't joined PTA yet, you still can. We welcome anyone who wants to show their support. Individual membership is only \$5. If you'd like to join, please complete the membership form on the next page.

KES PTA is pleased to have the support of the businesses listed below. Although KES PTA cannot endorse, recommend, or be responsible for the following businesses, KES PTA does acknowledge the support of these local businesses and asks that you consider them when your need arises.

JSM Installation, LLC

hardware supplier / installer web site: www.jsminstallation.com

RPM Auto Sales Inc.

car sales email: EdHiener@yahoo.com

The Pampered Chef – Rachel Hills

home parties–kitchen & entertaining tools web site: www.pamperedchef.biz/rachelhills

JMDesign Group, LLC

Architecture, design email: jmkrygowski@mac.com

R.F. Watson Contracting

Excavation / site work email: rfwatsoncontracting@gmail.com

Quiet End Services

Grass cutting, leaf removal, snow plowing, pressure washing email: brett7@comcast.net

Premier European Autowerks

European auto repair email: mailto:kilby@premierautowerks.com

Edward Jones

Wealth management web site: <http://www.edwardjones.com/>

J.C. Enders Construction

General contractor email: jcenders@comcast.net

Simply Nirvana Day Spa

Skin care, waxing, massage therapy web site: www.simplynirvanadayspa.com

Vogue Revisited

Women's consignment shop email: sandbeee@aol.com

Baltimore Blast

Professional soccer web site: www.baltimoreblast.com

National Realty

Real estate web site: www.nationalrealtyhome.com/profiles

John Reasner Studios

Graphic design email: johnreasner@hughes.net

-Karen Heier, Membership Chairperson



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Ask These Questions at Your Parent-Teacher Conference

Parent-teacher conferences can help you learn more about your child's strengths and weaknesses. They can also give you a better idea about the year ahead. Here are 10 questions you might ask your child's teacher:

1. What will you cover in this grade or subject this year?
2. What are your expectations for homework? Has my child missed any of her assignments so far?
3. How are my child's work habits? Does she use time in class well?
4. Does my child read at the level you would expect for this grade?
5. Is my child able to do the math you expect for a student in this grade?
6. Is my child in different groups for different subjects?
7. Has my child missed any classes other than the ones I contacted the school about?
8. Does my child qualify for any special programs?
9. Does my child get along well with the other students?
10. What can I do at home to help my child be more successful?

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Keep the Lines of Communication Open with School

Parent-school communication is critical to students' success. Whether your child is an average student or has special needs, these tips will ensure effective home-school communication:

- Meet with school staff regularly. Attend meetings and follow up to see how things are going. Always contact your teacher if concerns arise.
- Arrive prepared. Before meetings, jot down notes so you are sure to remember everything you wanted to say and ask.
- Be optimistic. Remind yourself that you and your child's school have a mutual goal: your child's success. A positive attitude makes conversations more productive.
- Listen attentively. Keep an open mind as you focus on the teacher's view, which may be different from yours. Ask for clarification about anything confusing.
- Stay calm. It's natural for parents to feel defensive of children. If you accidentally say something you regret, just apologize and refocus on solutions.
- Offer suggestions. You know your child best. Explain what you think will help him most- and why you believe it will work.

- **Don't give up. If an initial meeting doesn't get results, try again. You could ask for another staff member to join you.**

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KES PTA Membership Form

Student's name: _____ Teacher's name:

PTA Member's names: (parents, grandparents, family members, etc.)

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

Number of individual memberships (\$5 each) _____

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For Business Memberships (\$15 each):

Name and Address of business:  
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Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of business: \_\_\_\_\_

Website address: \_\_\_\_\_

I authorize publication of my business information on the KES PTA website.

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Signature