

# KING'S GRANT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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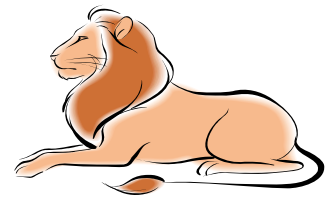
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## THE LION'S PRIDE

Volume III

## PARENT NEWSLETTER

Issue 1



<u>September Interests</u>		<u>Days of Interest</u>	<u>Weeks of Interest</u>
Children's Eye Health & Safety Month		8 <sup>th</sup> International Literacy Day	17-23 Constitution Week
Library Card Sign-up Month		17 <sup>th</sup> Citizenship Day	
Hispanic Heritage Month 9/15-10/15		30 <sup>th</sup> -10/1 Rosh Hashanah	
<b>9/19</b>	SCA Spirit Day-wear stripes		
<b>9/22</b>	8:45	Gr. 4 Stan. 10 testing Word Study Skills, Reading Vocabulary	
<b>9/23</b>	8:45	Gr. 4 Stan. 10 testing Reading Comprehension	
<b>9/24</b>	8:45	Gr. 4 Stan. 10 testing Math Problem Solving, Math Procedures All SCA Candidate speeches due to Mrs. Boudreau in room 112	
<b>9/25</b>	8:45	Gr. 4 Stan. 10 testing Language	
<b>9/26</b>	8:45	Gr. 4 Stan. 10 testing make ups SCA candidates may come to school from 3:10 until 4:00 to put up posters	
<b>9/29</b>	8:00 -8:30	SCA candidates may come to school from to put up posters	
	8:45	Gr. 4 Stan. 10 testing make ups	
<b>9/30</b>	9:45-11:30	4th Gr FT to Planetarium (Gradwell, Jefferson, Manning, Routten)	
	3:10-4:00	SCA candidates for office meet in the cafeteria at	
<u>October Interests</u>		<u>Days of Interest</u>	<u>Weeks of Interest</u>
Computer Learning Month		9 <sup>th</sup> Yom Kippur	5-11 Fire Prevention Week
Crime Prevention Month		14 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> Sukkot	5-11 National Metric Week
Italian American Heritage & Culture Month		21 <sup>st</sup> Shemini Atzeret	12-18 National Educational Office Professional Career Awareness Week
Polish American Heritage Month		22 <sup>nd</sup> Simchat Torah	13-17 National School Lunch Week
Hispanic Heritage Month 9/15-10/15			19-25 America's Safe School Week 20-24 National School Bus Safety Week
<b>10/01</b>	7:45-8:10	Citizen of the Month Breakfast (cafeteria)	
	3:05-4:00	Drama Club (café/stage)	
	7:00 pm	Volunteers in Education Orientation (cafeteria)	
<b>10/02</b>	7:15-8:05	Jump Rope Club (gym)	
	8:45	Gr. 4 Stan. 10 testing make ups	
	9:45-11:30	4th Gr FT to Planetarium (Ciechon & Van Slyke)	
	1:50	SCA candidates give speeches to fourth and fifth grade students in the café at,	
	3:05-4:00	First meeting for Homeroom Representatives in the café Candidates will not attend this meeting. Their first meeting will be the November Homeroom Representative Meeting.	
<b>10/03</b>	Election results will be presented to the entire school at dismissal		
	1:45	Summer Reading Celebration (cafeteria)	
<b>10/06</b>	Progress Reports Issued Qtr 1		
	6:00-7:00	PTA Board Meeting (LMC)	
<b>10/8</b>	<b>FALL PICTURE DAY, SCA Dress For Success Spirit Day</b>		
<b>10/9</b>	7:15-8:05	Jump Rope Club (gym)	
	Officers will be installed in a ceremony held in the cafeteria at 1:50 p.m.		
<b>10/13</b>	Original Works Art Fundraiser begins		
<b>10/15</b>	Pirates of Neverland Assembly (cafeteria)		
	9:00-9:40	K-2	
	9:45-10:25	3-5	
<b>10/16</b>	7:15-8:05	Jump Rope Club (gym)	
<b>10/23</b>	7:15-8:05	Jump Rope Club (gym)	
<b>10/24</b>	6:00-8:00 p.m.	PTA Harvest Festival	
<b>10/29</b>	8:40-2:50	Gift of the Nile 2 <sup>nd</sup> grade	
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<b>10/31</b>	9:15-12:15	Kindergarten Pumpkin Patch	

### SCA Action for the Month of October

United Way Fund Drive: October 13<sup>th</sup> through 17<sup>th</sup>

We will have friendly competition between classes in our fundraising for the United Fund. The classes will collect coins and bills during the week of October 13<sup>th</sup> through October 17<sup>th</sup>

On Monday we collect pennies.

On Tuesday we collect nickels.



On Wednesday we collect dimes.

On Thursday we collect quarters.

On Friday we collect dollars.

# From the Desk of the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to King's Grant Elementary for some and welcome back to others. I hope you had a great summer and are ready for a successful and amazing school year. The start of each new year provides opportunities to reestablish expectations and introduce changes. One of the most exciting aspects of being a principal is that each day is so different. I love the cycle of the school year, beginning with the anticipation, excitement, and energy of the first day.

This year's theme is "Together We Shine." Throughout the year, the KGES staff and community will focus on developing strategies to help our students develop the relationships, skills, and values they need to meet the challenges in a global society. These strategies will enable them to experience success today, tomorrow, and beyond.

We recently received results of our 2008 Standards of Learning Tests (SOL's) that students in grades 3, 4, and 5 participated in last spring. I am proud to report that we scored high on each of the four sub categories, and we are fully accredited for nine years in a row.

A few changes have taken place on campus as well; when your children returned to school they noted a new awning outside the second grade hall, and a new location for our guidance counselor. We also have several new staff members, including Ms. Rusa Harju (Grade 2), Ms. Belinda Bowen (1 day Music), Ms. Carolyn Falor (1 day Reading Specialist) Ms. Sarah Lewis (1 day Guidance), Ms. Stephanie Hughes (Cafeteria Monitor), and Ms. Jennifer Perrotti (Grade 5) - all excellent additions to our staff. KGES continues to be a distinctive learning environment that meets the needs of all students. Together we will shine as we shape another generation of outstanding young people.

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

### TRANSPORTATION

All transportation changes must be in writing. To ensure the safety of our students, changes will **NOT** be taken via telephone.

If you are picking him/her up early or at the end of the school day, or your child is going home a different way, we request you send a note with your child in the morning. This will allow the teacher to plan accordingly, and will save you time in getting to your appointment.

You may also email the school at [elizabeth.apel@vbschools.com](mailto:elizabeth.apel@vbschools.com) or fax us at 431-4092. We certainly understand emergencies do arise, and will make every effort to work with you as we strive to protect instructional time. Thank you for your cooperation.

### DRILLS

If a parent is in the building during drills and not assigned to a classroom, but working elsewhere (copy room, decorating hall bulletin board, café, etc.) they should come to the office for further direction. If they are already in a class they should remain with the class and follow the instructions from the classroom teacher. Mrs. Wynn is usually at the front door during most drills and will direct parents to wait outside until the drill is over or if she is not able to be at the door a message will be posted on the front door to explain that a drill is in progress.

### Original Works Art Program is back again this year!

This program allows you to have your child's own Artwork reproduced on a variety of full color products. Your child's art package will be coming home October 13<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your participation!

Michelle Wilson  
Art Teacher

## GREEN NEWS



To reduce your gas cost:

Use cruise control at speeds higher than 35 mph.

Only fill your gas tank to half full. Gas is heavy.

Drive in the right lane 5 miles below the speed limit.

Inflate tires as recommended by the manufacturer of your vehicle.

Don't start your engine until you have buckled up, adjusted the mirror, stowed the cell phone, etc. An idling car spends your money and pollutes.

"The cost of gas may not stop your wheels from turning, but a shortage of gas will, no matter the price."



## CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS

We respectfully request that parents do not send flowers or balloons to their student for birthdays. They are a distraction during classroom instruction and, due to safety issues; students cannot take them on the bus. If you would like to bring cupcakes to share with classmates, please bring them so they can be distributed in the cafeteria after lunch. FYI - ice cream and Little Debbie Snacks are available for birthdays in the cafeteria. Contact the manager for more information. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Policy RE: Cell Phones

- ✓ Elementary students are not permitted to have or use cell phones on campus.
- ✓ Staff members who see a student with a cell phone will retrieve the phone from the student and turn it in to the office. The phone will be logged in and the parent will be contacted. Under no circumstances should the student be given the phone back. School Board Policy clearly states that cell phones must be picked up by the parent or guardian. If there is a second occurrence the student may receive a suspension.



For just \$4.00 you can belong to one of the largest organizations in the USA and all proceeds go back to students. **Please join the PTA!!**



### LOOKING AHEAD



- 11/03 6:00 PTA Board Meeting (LMC)
- 11/05 7:45-8:10 Citizen of the Month Breakfast
- 11/06 Staff Day/Teacher Conferences -  
No school for Students
- 11/07 Report Cards go home
- 11/11 Veteran's Day school closed
- 11/17-21 Book Fair
- 11/18 7:45 Gr. 3 Honors' Breakfast - Cafeteria
- 11/19 7:45 Gr. 4 Honors' Breakfast - Cafeteria
- 11/20 7:45 Gr. 5 Honors' Breakfast- Cafeteria
- 11/26 Adjusted Dismissal
- 11/27-28 Thanksgiving Holidays - Schools are Closed

### King's Grant Elementary School Mission Statement

Our mission is to promote the education of all children by providing an environment conducive to learning, fostering respect and responsibility, and addressing the individual needs of each child.

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