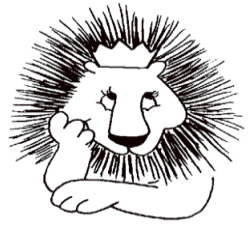


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From the Principal's Desk



Dear Kingswood Families:

Happy Autumn! What a lovely time of the year it is as our school year moves swiftly past us. It is the end of the first nine weeks and I hope that you have been able to get in for a face to face conference with your child/children's teachers. Report cards will be sent home in Monday Folders on November 9th.

I would like to speak to you about expectations for how adults treat other adults in our building. You may ask, "Why is Ms. Sherry talking to us about how adults treat each other rather than how children treat each other?" As many of you know, Kingswood follows the Positive Behavior System for our school wide behavior management and in that system, students know to SWIM (Stay safe, Work hard, Is kind and respectful, and Manage actions). This works very well with our students and most all of the time we treat others the way we want to be treated. That is sometimes not the case when parents come to our school to seek help with questions and concerns. I know that often when you come to school, you are worried or concerned about your child but please remember that we are here to help and listen. Whenever you come to us, we are willing to dig deep into what is causing you or your child concern and come up with a solution that will help your child. First of all, we care for your children and secondly, it is our job and we take that job very seriously. We are asking, as you come into our building that you come with an open mind and remember, as we will also remember to: Speak together as allies; Work together for student success; Is kind and respects all viewpoints, and Manage actions. This is SWIM for adults. I thank you for the privilege of working with you to help your children learn and grow.

For some of you who are new to Kingswood, we have a policy of celebrating birthdays by recognizing your child over the intercom in the morning on the day of their birthday and offering a birthday pencil. Parents do not bring in food or activities of any kind for birthdays. We ask for your cooperation as we protect instructional time for your child.

If you have not filled out the form for volunteering in our school, please come in and see Ms. Debbie Ferro, our volunteer coordinator. This takes just a few minutes and everyone who volunteers or accompanies a class on a field trip must have this application approved in advance of the trip or volunteering session. The approval takes a week or two to be approved. Come on in a sign up so that you will be able to take part in activities at Kingswood.



Kingswood Parents' Night Out!



Who: Kingswood Kids

What: Movie, Popcorn, and PJs Night

When: Friday, December 4th 6-9 p.m.

Where: Kingswood Gym & Media Center

Why: To give parents a night out while kids enjoy games, movies, and popcorn with friends

Cost: \$10 per kid or \$15 per family

Sign up by Tuesday, December 1st to reserve your spot!

Save the DATE!!

- NOVEMBER 5-Report Cards -Picture Retakes
- NOVEMBER 6-Cultural Arts - Jack Golden
- NOVEMBER 10-PTA Meeting at 7:00 pm
- NOVEMBER 11-HOLIDAY - No School
- NOVEMBER 17-Chipolte Grill - 5-8 pm
- NOVEMBER 25-27 Fall Break No School

Kingswood Student Directory

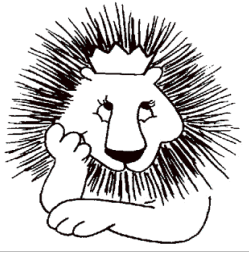
The Kingswood Directory will be coming in November!

Kingswood PTA Meeting-Classroom attendance Gym Jam winners!

- Sept. 9th Meeting - Jackson and Dickerson
- Oct. 12th Meeting - Harris

THE MASCOT HAS A NAME

The PTA received many creative suggestions in our "Name the Kingswood Lion" contest. Thank you to all who submitted ideas. We are pleased to announce the new and forever name of our school mascot is...



KINGSLY

Brenna and Aydan Gibbs submitted the winning entry. As the winners of the "**Name our Mascot**" contest they will each receive a 2009-2010 KINGSWOOD T-Shirt. Thanks Brenna and Aydan for joining the contest!

Special thanks to Debbie Ferro for creating two wonderful, handmade lion mascot costumes in time for the Fun Run. We look forward to seeing Kingsly and her good friend Roary cheering us on at the next big event.

Mathematicians at Kingswood

Parents, students and teachers participated in math based activities to support students' math achievement at Math Night on Oct. 27th. Everyone enjoyed the PTA bake sale goodies and had great fun while practicing essential math skills. We want to help Kingswood be math rich! Check out these resources:

Math Forum: Problem of the Week <http://mathforum.org/>
Virtual Math Manipulatives <http://nlvm.usa.edu/en/nav/A+Math> <http://www.aplusmath.com/games/>
Ms. NussBaum <http://www.mrnussbaum.com/>
Primary Games <http://www.primarygames.com/math.htm>
Math Playground <http://www.mathplayground.com/>

Marvelous Math: A Book of Poems by Lee Bennett Hopkins
Math Mummy: An Adventure in Geometry by Cindy Neuschwander & Bryan Langdo
Pigs in the Pantry: Fun w/ Math & Cooking by Amy Axelrod
Red Riding Hood's Math Adventure by Lalie Harcourt
Sir Cumference and the First Round Table: A Math Adventure by Cindy Neuschwander & Wayne Geehan

This Just In!!

Family Fun Night was held on October 20 at **Cold Stone Creamery** at Crossroads. We had a phenomenal turn out. Students enjoyed greeting their favorite teachers and principals serving up ice cream! Cold Stone donated 15% of the proceeds back to Kingswood. If you missed it, join us at...



Chipotle Grill of Cary for our November **Family Fun Night!** **Tuesday, November 17th, 5:00 - 8:00 pm** and get to know other Kingswood Families!



FUN RUN SUCCESS!

The Kingswood PTA would like to thank all the volunteers, runners, artists and donors to this year's Fun Run. The kids had great weather and great support from all the "fans" the day of the event. After all envelopes were collected, we raised \$5,250 from 55% of our Kingswood students. **THANK YOU!!**

Specials with Kingswood's "Fab Five"

With Ms. Susan Rhoads move this month from 2nd grade to technology specialist, Kingswood now offers five weekly specials. Come learn more from our "Fab Five" specials teachers at the next PTA meeting, Nov. 10th at 7:00pm in the Media Center. Ms. Howard – Art, Ms. Alton – Media, Ms. Liu – Music, Ms. Noblin – PE, and Ms. Rhoads – Technology

Help Wanted!!

Volunteers needed for Spring Fling and Spring Book Fair. If you are interested in helping out on these FUN and important traditions of Kingswood, please let us know. You may contact Toynia Gibbs, PTA President at Toynia@nc.rr.com.

Cultural Arts

Jack Golden performs "Garbage is my Bag", an educational and hilarious show about recycling for students on Nov. 6th.

Pictures Wanted for Yearbook

Have you taken photos of school events this year? If so Please e-mail them to choffelt@wcpss.net. You never know what pictures you will find in the 2009-2010 yearbook or our monthly PTA newsletter Kingswood Connections.

