



COUGAR CLIPPINGS



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A Note from Our Principal

Dear Parents,

The October newsletter seems like an appropriate time to send my thanks out to the Kingston PTA. We are coming off a wonderful start to the school year. The PTA was largely responsible for a successful Open House, for a wonderful time saving school supply program, and a Welcome Tea that has helped to introduce our new parents to the Kingston community. As I write, this morning, parent volunteers are working feverishly to put together the All American Run, Carnival, and Silent Auction set for October 10th. I never fail to be impressed by the efforts of our volunteers. We are indeed fortunate to have such an outstanding partnership with our parents.

I would also like to take this opportunity to encourage all parents to visit Vbschools.com and review the schools system's strategic plan adopted last year entitled, *Compass to 2015*. Here you can read about the division's plans to prepare our students to succeed as 21st century learners, workers, and citizens. Kingston is already hard at work refining our instructional practice and the way we work together in an effort to do our part in meeting this goal.

The school year has gotten off to a running start. Thank you all for your support. We are looking forward to some outstanding learning activities throughout the year and to continuing the strong ties that have been established with our families.

Sincerely,
Greg Furlich



A Note from Our PTA President

It is hard to believe we have begun our second month of school. October is a fun-filled time at Kingston! The All- American Run, Carnival, and Silent Auction is this Saturday, October 10th beginning at 7 A.M. We still need carnival volunteers. If you can help us out please call Taunya Abaya at 648-1312 or Beth Royle at 961-8007.

Does your child like to draw, take photographs, write or dance? Perhaps your child can make a creative video or write music. Enter the PTA Reflections contest with the theme "Beauty is..." Visit the school website at kingstonpta.org for more details.

Our Cougar Fund and PTA membership is off to a great start. Thank you for your generous donations! Like our theme states: Small Changes= Big Differences. If you have not joined, I encourage you to be a PTA member and volunteer. We need you.

Welcome aboard to our new Vice President of Programs, Margaret Derrick!. Stayed tuned for information on assemblies and evening programs for your family.

Did you know that your family can help Kingston by recycling ink cartridges, grocery bags and box-tops for education labels? It is true! Collection containers are located in the foyer by the "Mermaid sign-in desk".

A fabulous year is on it's way! Thank you to so many volunteers for being good stewards of their time. Our children will reap the benefits.

Diane Tegtmeier,
Your PTA President



27th Annual Beach Ford

All American Run and Family Fun Day

Don't miss out! The 27th Annual Beach Ford All American Run and Family Fun Day is this Saturday, October 10th. Registration for the Run begins at **7:00 A.M.** Opening ceremonies begin at **8:15 A.M.** If you haven't registered for the Run or purchased your Carnival wristband, you can do both on the day of the event! Please note: all runners need to pick up their race bib numbers inside the school cafeteria Saturday morning before the races start. You can also pick up your t-shirt at that time if you haven't already done so.

If you have any questions, contact Betsy Kainer, 428-0322 / bbkainer@aol.com , or Kara Minson, 428-1864 / karakminson@cox.net. Race forms can be downloaded at www.kingstonpta.org.

The Carnival and Silent Auction will follow the Run starting at 10:30 and going until 2:30 P.M. Come have a great day with your friends, classmates, and neighbors and support your school! See you Saturday!



Help our School



This year Kingston will again be participating in the Farm Fresh 1234 the Community and Box Tops for Education. Start saving your Farm Fresh Receipts and Box Tops for Education. You can earn great stuff for Kingston Elementary just by clipping the Box Tops for Education logos off of the products you buy and saving your Farm Fresh receipts. Please send your Box Tops and Farm Fresh receipts in to your child's teacher. Please feel free to contact Julie Perry julieperry@cox.net or Beth McOsker bmcosker@hotmail.com with any questions.



Calling All Potential Kingston PTA members!!

Our membership percentage is currently at 118%! We are getting closer to our goal of 136% members every day! Won't you please help us to meet or even exceed our goal for this year? You are not too late to help us... Membership in the Kingston PTA is yours for just \$5.50 per membership. Your membership supports and makes you a contributor to the many amazing programs we offer to Kingston students.

Did you know the Kingston PTA pays for a field trip for every child? That your PTA also brings cultural arts assemblies and artist and musician in residence programs to Kingston students? That we support the WATCH DOG Dad program? The Reflections program? The All American Run and Kingston Carnival? And that's just to name a few.

Did you also know that with your membership you are entitled to special member discounts and offers from PTA partners, such as Barnes and Noble? You will also have access to many parent interest resources. Go to www.PTA.org to check it out. Click on member benefits and take a look at what the PTA has to offer you and your family.

Please consider membership with the Kingston PTA. Remember, Dads, as well as grandparents, aunts and uncles and all extended family and friends who are 18 and over can join.. If you are interested in joining and need direction or have questions, please call Angie Shaeffer at 961-4266 or send an email at shaefferfam@verizon.net. Thank you!

Attention All Creative Kids!

The deadline for the Destination Imagination program has been extended until Friday, October 9th. Please send in your registration form by then as this is the final deadline. If you need a registration form or more information, please visit the PTA website at www.kingstonpta.org or contact Jeanene Wolfe at seawolfes@verizon.net or Lori Hendrix at lhendrix98@cox.net.

Kroger Plus Card for Education

Parents remember to shop with your Kroger Plus Card and earn points for our school. Each scan of this card will help our school earn FREE educational rewards.

Chesapeake Bay Initiative 2009-2010

We have received many names for our fifth grade Knee Deep in the Chesapeake program and our fourth grade Oyster Reef keepers programs beginning in October. We still have a few more spots in both grades, so there is still time to sign your children up. Parents of fourth and fifth graders who responded to our first mailing should have received emails regarding the club.

The fourth grade program will be growing oysters at two separate sites, will take a field trip to First Landing State Park and will take a boat trip to transplant the oysters at the end of the year. Our Fifth grade program will take two field trips, one to First Landing State Park and the other to the Virginia Aquarium Stranding Center. We will have several hands on sessions with people from the Virginia Aquarium at Kingston as your children learn about the Chesapeake Bay and the surrounding area. The goal of both of the programs is to enrich your children's understanding of the Chesapeake Bay and the creatures that live in our very own back yards.

Stay tuned to the next edition of the Cougar Clippings for more information or click on our special paw at the Kingston website. You may also contact Lauris Geheren at lgeheren@verizon.net or Nancy Hansson at mauilars@verizon.net with any questions.

Original Works Program Returns

October is the month for the return of Kingston's annual Original Works program. Mrs. Proffitt has been working in her art classes helping the students create their own original art piece that can be turned into ornaments, coffee mugs, magnets, quilt squares, pillow cases and much more. These items make memorable keepsakes of your child's elementary school years. Our theme this year is "Recycling and Going Green." Look for order packets to go home with your student the week of October 19. The deadline for ordering is October 30 and orders will be returned to the school before the holiday break. The money made from this program will go directly toward artist-in-residence and supplies for the art department. If you have any questions about the program, please call Karen Heenan at 463-0315. Or you can learn more about Original Works' products at www.originalworks.com.

We Need Your Plastic Shopping Bags!

The Kingston Cougars are trying to win prize money that will go entirely to our celebration of 40th Anniversary of Earth Day in the Spring. We are entered in a contest sponsored by Harris Teeter to see what school can collect the most plastic shopping bags. Five monetary prizes will be awarded. The first prize is \$1000, second prize is \$500 and third, fourth and fifth prizes are \$250. We have from October 1, 2009 through November 10, 2009 to collect as many used plastic bags as we can. There are two marked recycling bins where you can drop off your plastic shopping bags. There is one at the front door of the school and one at the door to the cafetorium. All plastic shopping bags are acceptable. No Bubble wrap, shrink wrap or other industrial products may be used. Please help us by bringing in your bags. If you have any questions please contact Lauris Geheren at lgeheren@verizon.net or 363-3420



Reflections

The Reflections Program is an arts recognition and achievement program. It provides an opportunity for students to create and be recognized for original works of art in six categories based on a pre-selected theme. The theme for this year is "Beauty Is...!"

Our 2009-2010 **Reflections** contest has begun. There are six categories including: literature, photography, video, dance, music, and art. Entry forms and Rules can be found on the PTA website at www.kingstonpta.org.

Please make note of the following:

Deadline for Entries: **October 23, 2009**

Theme: **"Beauty Is...!"**

Submission Location: Reflections Box in school library

Entry Form: Every entry must have its own entry form. (Extras available in library alongside of Box)



Kingston Cougars Growing Green!!

Sustainable Schools program, here come the Kingston Cougars *Growing Green Team!* Before long, we will have in place an energetic, excited team of students leading the way to green! Each teacher in grades 1-5 is submitting the name of a student interested in being the class leader in environmental awareness. These students will meet after school once or twice a month to learn more about what we can do to promote environmental awareness and conservation both at home and school. They will be responsible for sharing what they learn with their classmates and encouraging everyone at home and school to make more green choices.

Just a few ideas the students will consider implementing are building and installing Scoop the Poop boxes; bluebird, bat, and butterfly houses; collecting and recycling used cell phones and Capri Sun type drink pouches; building a small green roof for science experiments; expanding or creating butterfly, creature, and vegetable gardens; and creating a No Idling Zone to cut car emissions.

Grow Green! As you can imagine, parent volunteers are always needed to help plan and support our *Growing Green* activities. If you are interested in volunteering, donating, or sponsoring any activities or meetings, please contact Sandra.Whitney@VBSchools.com.

Clinic Notes

Parents of 5th graders please remember that students entering middle school must have the Tdap booster shot. Check your child's immunization record to see if he/ she will need it for next year. If you have any questions, please call the clinic at 648-2847.

Encourage hand washing frequently, the use of hand sanitizers when necessary, and the covering of coughs and sneezes with a tissue or sleeve. Keep your child home if he is ill or has flu-like symptoms including fever, cough, and sore throat until he has been without a fever for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication. [Www.flu.gov](http://www.flu.gov) is a good resource for flu information. Please contact Mrs. Powell R.N. (school nurse) with any questions or concerns.



Gifted News

WONDER IF YOUR CHILD IS GIFTED? December 15th is our last open test date for students in grades 2-5 who may be intellectually gifted. Deadlines for referral forms are due to me on or before Nov. 18th for the Dec.15th test date. Please be sure to include specific examples of things your child says, does, and thinks on the form. Your home stories and descriptions allow the Eligibility Committee to see your child as a unique and special individual that simple checks on the form do not. Don't forget to send your referral in on time so that your child's teacher has enough time to add plenty of specific examples of your child's abilities on the teacher form.

SEEKING ARTISTS AND DANCERS! IS YOUR CHILD TALENTED IN ART OR DANCE? Does your child draw anytime, anywhere? Is *Dancing with the Stars* your child's favorite show? Does your child love dancing, seem very well coordinated, or show a strong sense of rhythm and beat? It's time to request a referral for your talented child to see if he or she is eligible for the ODC Art or Dance program. Students must currently be in grades 2-5 to apply. Contact your child's teacher, the office, or me for a referral form. If at all possible, please return these forms to your child's teacher on or before January 11th.

Sincerely,

Sandy Whitney, Gifted Resource Teacher
Sandra.Whitney@VBSchools.com

Next Cougar Clippings



The next *Cougar Clippings* will be distributed on Thursday, November 5th. The deadline for articles to be submitted is Monday, November 2nd, at 3:00 P.M.

Alternative formats of this publication, which may include taped, Braille, or large print materials are available upon request for individuals with disabilities. Call or write Mr. Greg Furlich, Principal, 3532 Kings Grant Rd, Virginia Beach, VA 23452, phone 648-2840, for further assistance.



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<p>OCTOBER 12 <u>PROGRESS REPORTS GO HOME</u> <u>FEDERAL CARDS GO HOME</u> ODC DAY GR 1-3 PALS CLASSES</p>	<p>OCTOBER 13 GR 1-3 PALS CLASSES  It's Your Choice Assembly in Café 9:45-10:45 KA, 1, 2, GORE & KELLEY 1:30-2:50 KP, MIRRA, & ORRISON, 4 & 5 3-5 PTA Especially For You in Art Room 7-10:00 King's Grant/ Lynnhaven Rec. Assoc. Mtg in MPR</p>	<p>OCTOBER 14 GR 1-3 PALS CLASSES 8:30 MINI-BANK 8:40-9:25 Chorus in Café 8:40-9:25 Strings in MPR 2:45-4:30 Oyster Reef in MPR 3:30-5:00 Cluster Teacher Training in Rm 29</p>	<p>OCTOBER 15 PICTURE DAY GR 1-3 PALS CLASSES 3:00-4:30 Knee Deep Mtg in Rm 13 5:15 School Planning Council in the MPR 6:30-8:30 Cub Scout Troop 481 in Café</p>	<p>OCTOBER 16 <u>FEDERAL CARDS DUE BACK</u> GR 1-3 PALS CLASSES 8:40-9:25 Strings in MPR</p>
<p>OCTOBER 19 ODC DAY 8:30-2:30 PALS K SCREENING in MPR 3:00-4:15 Girls Scout Troop 740 in Teacher's Lounge</p>	<p>OCTOBER 20 PALS K SCREENING in MPR 9:15-10:45 1st GR FT to Francis Land House Tegtmeier/Huisenga 3-5:00 PTA Especially For You in Art Room 3:15 Faculty Mtg. in MPR</p>	<p>OCTOBER 21 GIFTED 1ST QUARTER TESTING PALS K SCREENING in MPR 8:30 MINI-BANK 8:40-9:25 Chorus in Café 8:40-9:25 Strings in MPR 9:15-10:45 1st GR FT to Francis Land House Cernjul/Williams 6-7:00 PTA Committee Mtg in MPR 7-8:00 PTA Board Mtg in MPR</p>	<p>OCTOBER 22 PALS K SCREENING</p>	<p>OCTOBER 23 PALS K SCREENING 8:40-9:25 Strings in MPR</p>
<p>OCTOBER 26 ODC DAY 8:30-2:30 PALS K SCREENING in MPR</p>	<p>OCTOBER 27 8:30-2:30 PALS K SCREENING 3-5:00 PTA Especially For You in Art Room</p>	<p>OCTOBER 28 8:30 MINI-BANK 8:30-2:30 PALS K SCREENING 8:40-9:25 Chorus in Café 8:40-9:25 Strings in MPR 3-4:30 Boy's Chorus on Stage in Café</p>	<p>OCTOBER 29 8:30-2:30 PALS K SCREENING 3:15 PM PAC Mtg in MPR</p>	<p>OCTOBER 30 8:30-2:30 PALS K SCREENING 8:40-9:25 Strings in MPR  HAPPY HALLOWEEN</p>

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