



COUGAR CLIPPINGS

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Volunteer of the Month

Congratulations and thank you to **Lauren Welsh**, our January Volunteer of the Month. Lauren has been in charge of hospitality this school year at Kingston. She has been doing a beautiful job, from serving delicious snacks at the PTA financial meeting last summer, to organizing a teacher holiday luncheon. Lauren also organized Bus Driver Appreciation Day gift bags! In addition, Lauren organized concessions for the carnival back in October which included a Chili cook off. Lauren, we can't thank you enough for your hard work and dedication to Kingston.



Thank you!

February Events and Happenings

- Feb 5 - Kingston Beautification Day
- Feb 9 - PTA assemble: Oliver Hill Story
- Feb 10 - Talent Show
- Feb 16 - Chorus Program, 1st Grade Program, Gifted Guidance Workshop
- Feb 17 - Spirit Day—Jersey Day
- Feb 20 - President's Day - No school
- Feb 21 - PTA Board Meeting
- Feb 28 - Picture Day

Kingston goes ...

Hollywood



Let's All Dance & Sing on the
Hollywood Sign

For the Kingston Elementary School

Talent Show



When : February 10th, 2012

Red Carpet Rolls out at 6:00 pm

Kingston Elementary Beautification Day



Before the BIG game ...

Super bowl Sunday Feb. 5

1:00 – 3:00 pm

Do you need community service hours? Do you like to work in the yard? Do you want to give back to our school? Come out and join our Garden Guardian committee maintain the beautiful grounds at Kingston Elementary. We would love to have your help, pulling weeds, raking, pruning, and other fun yard work!

If you have any questions please feel free to call **Elaine Hurlbut, Garden Guardian chairman** @ 340-0635



Thrift Shop Volunteers Still Needed!!!

The Kingston PTA proudly partners
with



to bring the

Children's Thrift Shop

Into the 21st Century

Kingston Elementary School

Saturday, March 3rd

8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

We are going "computerized".

Time is upon us and we need lots of **volunteers** for this amazing annual event. Mark your calendars for **Friday, March 2nd** for set-up and **Saturday, March 3rd** for the actual event. Remember - we are accepting children's furniture such as desks, tables and chairs, bookcases, toy chests, and dressers. If you are able to help out in any way, please visit our website. The Consignment Registration deadline is **March 2nd**. Sign up and help support Kingston!

For Information, go to www.kingstonthriftshop.com.

Next Cougar Clippings Issue

Cougar Clippings is published in electronic format twice per month and posted on the Kingston PTA website, www.kingstonpta.org. The next issue will be posted Feb. 15th. Please email any submissions by February 13th to modarling1@hotmail.com. You can reach Cougar Clippings chair Kitrian Meagher at kitriandy@msn.com

Hello fellow 2012 Thrift Shop Volunteers!

I wanted to take a moment to let you know that the 2012 Kingston Thrift Shop is ON for March 3rd, and we need volunteers again as usual to make this fundraiser a success!

Signing up to volunteer (or to consign) is easier than ever before! Simply go to www.KingstonThriftShop.com and click on the tab that says "Consigner Sign Up". Even if you're VOLUNTEERING without consigning, this is where you sign up. I promise you, that's the only confusing part! The shifts and duties will be the same as last year, and we'll have a blast & work hard at the same time while making a HUGE contribution to the school.

Please take a moment to sign up today, and if you have any questions or difficulties with the process, call me (434-0645) or email me. I enjoyed working with you last year and would love to have you on the team again this year.

Thanks so much and happy volunteering/
consigning!

~Sherri Beeckler

Come on my fellow Leprechauns!

REGISTER NOW FOR SHAMROCK Final Mile

Run date ~ Saturday ~ March 17th ~

Are you registered yet? NOW is the time! Let's show our COUGAR spirit! Support Operation Smile Final Mile with your \$25 registration fee! Prizes will be awarded to the school with the highest percentage of participants, AND to the school representatives voted the "Silliest Shamrock" by the students themselves.

Let's meet our goal and have 225 students
running!

108 students registered at this time ~
REGISTER here~ [Shamrock Fun Run](#)

Noteworthy News!

Virginia Beach City Public Schools is Making a Difference!

Virginia Beach City Public Schools is one of 11 recipients in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's mid-Atlantic Region -- and the only school division in Virginia -- to be recognized for [exemplary achievements in environmental excellence and pollution prevention](#).

Since September 2008, the school division has diverted 2,748 tons from the waste stream. This is equivalent to saving:

- 46,708 trees
- 972,040 gallons of oil
- 7,674 cubic yards of landfill space
- 10.2 million kilowatts of energy (enough to power 1,279 homes for one year)
- 17.9 million gallons of water

KINGSTON'S DECEMBER DATA Weight 1901.74 Percentage 3.65 Rank 35 (of 89 schools)

Upcoming Parent Connection Events

Parent Connection Technology Academy Sessions

Advanced Technology Center, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Social Networking—Wednesday, February 15, 2012

Spreadsheets—Wednesday, March 21, 2012

Internet Security—Wednesday, April 18, 2012

Freeware & Tips and Tricks—Wednesday, May 16, 2012

VA Star Computer Program, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 8, 2012, Advanced Technology Center

Helping Children Cope with Anxiety, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 16, 2012, Larkspur Middle School

Gifted Child Workshop, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 7, 2012, Landstown High School

Communication and Collaboration in the 21st Century:

March 19, 2012, 4:30 – 5:30

MPR Kingston Elementary – if possible, please RSVP, but feel free to attend even if you haven't
Learn more about what we are doing to best prepare our students' 21st Century communication and collaboration skills

Putting Autism in Perspective, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 25, 2012, Princess Anne High School

Additional classes will be listed on

www.vbschools.com/ParentConnection.

Call 263-1936 to register

Attention 5th Grade Parents Only

Especially For You

The Up Center, formally the Child and Family Services of Eastern Virginia, offers the Especially For You after school program for fifth grade students aimed at enhancing the youth's understanding of relationships, puberty, sexuality, hygiene, peer pressure and parent-child communication. This is an abstinence-based program that provides factual information for students in the form of games, videos, and discussions.

The spring session course will be offered at Kingston Elementary for up to 16, fifth grade students. The class will meet from **February 15th through April 4th on Wednesdays, from 3:00 to 4:45, in the Teacher's Lounge** and the cost is \$33.50/ student. There will be no class on 3/21 due to the early dismissal scheduled for that day. There will also be a mandatory parent information meeting **Wednesday, February 8th at 7:00pm**. This is a chance for parents to meet the Up Center coordinator and receive more in-depth information about the class.

If you are interested in having your 5th grade student participate in the spring session of **Especially For You**, please contact [Veronica Byng](mailto:Veronica.Byng@verizon.net) at vfb27@verizon.net or [Nancy Hansson](mailto:Nancy.Hansson@mauilars.com) at mauilars@verizon.net. You will then be emailed a packet with information and permission slips to be returned to school. Due to the restricted class size, enrollment will be based on a first come, first serve basis, so please respond promptly. If you do not have access to a computer, please contact Veronica Byng at 486-8228 or Nancy Hansson at 631-0554 and arrangements will be made for you to receive the packet.

**Visit and bookmark www.kingstonpta.org
to keep up with the latest and greatest at KES!**

SAVE THE DATE!

Kingston will be happily hosting **Camp Invention** again this year! Our first year of hands-on science camp was so successful that we are doing it again the week of **July 9 – 13th**. You can read more about Camp Invention at <http://www.invent.org/camp/default.aspx>.

Children *currently* in grades K-5 are eligible to attend. Kingston's sign up link is not active at the time of this note, but I wanted you to have these dates before making all your summer plans. Please check back later this month and sign your children up at: http://inventnow-web.ungerboeck.com/programsearch/program_map.aspx Discounts may be possible for early sign-ups J

Sincerely,
Sandy Whitney,
Gifted Resource Teacher
Kingston ES

