

Dear King families,

Seeing the faces of our King families during the Distribution Days brought us such joy! It was definitely the highlight of my week! Thank you for getting your child's supplies picked up as these will be critical moving forward in the learning.

Also, thank you for your cooperation and patience in working beside the teachers to help your child get into their learning each day. We know it is no small feat! It will get better.

Your child's health matters to us. Please read over **ALL Ingredients** in your supplies from the School Supply distribution pick up. I have been made aware that the play dough has WHEAT as one of the ingredients, which is one of the items in the Y5's -2 supply boxes. **Please check all supplies to prevent any Allergen Exposure.**

Important dates:

- **Mon, 10/5: King PTO Meeting**
- **Tues, 10/6: King Virtual Curriculum Night**

King Virtual Curriculum Night:

We are looking very forward to our King Virtual Curriculum Night, which will take place on **Tuesday, October 6th from 6:00 - 7:35 PM.**

The details include:

- Y-5-2 grade parents will "meet" with classroom teachers from 6:00-6:45 and then with Mrs. Cooper from 6:50 - 7:35.
 - 3-5 grade parents will "meet" teachers from 6:50 - 7:35 and will begin with Mrs. Cooper from 6:00 - 6:45.
- For parents with multiple age children, the presentations will be recorded.

This is a very important and special event when teachers and I will share our hopes and dreams, vision and mission, expectations of the students, the curriculum and standards, our online schedule, and time for your questions.

Classroom teachers will remind you of “where to meet” them.

When meeting with Mrs. Cooper, please use this zoom link:
<https://a2schools.zoom.us/j/92791851743>

Attendance and permission to make choices for your family (shared with you last week, too)

How can we help and support your family? Even though all student absences regardless of the reason must be reported to the school, you are still the parents/guardians and get to make important decisions about what is best for your child. The secretaries, Robyn Skodzinsky and Carrie Richardson, will need to call families if a child is marked absent. Therefore, it will be very important for you to email them if your child will not be present. Use this email kingattendance@aaps.k12.mi.us.

If you decide you are going to opt-out of some times each day/week, you may fill out the regularly scheduled absence google form below. On this you are indicating times when your child is regularly not in school and we will mark your child absent-excused. The secretaries **will not call or contact you regarding absences that are regularly scheduled by using this form:**

Regularly Scheduled Absence Form

We hope this helps address some of the tangible concerns that many in our King community are experiencing.

Letter from President/PTO Board

Greetings King Families,

Thank you to all who attended our first PTO meeting in September. In our meeting, we included a segment called Ask Mrs. Cooper. This gave us a chance to ask Mrs. Cooper some of our frequently asked questions about the start of school. Here is a copy of September's Ask Mrs. Cooper responses, which includes the questions she addressed during the meeting plus additional questions we did not have enough time to cover.

Do you have a question you would like Mrs. Cooper to address at our next PTO meeting on Monday October 5? Please submit it here using this google form. We will select a few questions for Mrs. Cooper to address at our next meeting. Please submit your question on or before Sunday October 4 at noon. Mrs. Cooper will answer all questions received in a follow-up document after the meeting.

Please attend our October PTO meeting.
Monday October 5, 2020 at 6:30 PM via Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://umich.zoom.us/j/98697090520>

Meeting ID: 986 9709 0520
Passcode: King

Regards,
Leslie Calhoun
PTO President

Room Parents

Calling parent volunteers!

This year, we are trying something new. First, we are looking for social chairs. These are volunteers who want to help coordinate social connections in their child's class. This could include a lot of creative ideas, including virtual and other safe meet-ups for kids to get to know one another, helping teachers plan class celebrations, and the like.

We also have a new position called an "Issues Parent." Issues Parents will help both parents and teachers by scaling the number of frequently asked questions or issues for the teacher and helps communicate with other parents. We created this position because we think it is likely that there will be more challenges in a virtual setting, and we want to help both parents and teachers work together as a team and streamline that process.

[Please sign up here](#) to be a room parent in your child's classroom.

Translators

Do you have the ability to translate? We have heard from families that, particularly this school year, it would be helpful to have some parents help translate emails, such as emails sent in the last few weeks regarding the school technology, for our non-English speaking families. In particular, we have a need for folks who might be willing to volunteer to translate messages into Chinese, Korean, and Japanese languages.

Please contact aakingpto@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering.

Calling Fourth and Fifth Graders: Academic Games is Virtual!

Here is a message from our Academic Games chair:

Hi, I'm Vivian Lin, I've run Academic Games (AG) for the past ~10 years at King. AG is an effective way to learn by playing games, and all 4th and 5th graders are welcome to join. We will play Equations (math), On-Sets (set theory), On-Words (1st year students/phonetics) or Linguishtik (2nd year students/grammar and vocabulary), Presidents (history and trivia), Propaganda (identifying rhetorical/persuasive techniques), and WFF-n-Proof (logic). Practices are online this year, Tuesdays and Thursdays from mid-September to March from 7-8:30 PM. There will be an online monthly regional tournament October to February. Normally we have a State Tournament in March and a National Tournament in April; the plans for these are not yet set. If you are interested in having your child join AG, please register him or her at:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScIy2otIX9tu97YIvb2WTiIRCLfwKYhc3h96KnMhnU5ExsLBQ/viewform>

Please email Vivian at VHL@umich.edu if you have any questions.

King Spirit Wear

We are very excited to share the launch of our PTO Spirit Wear Store. Click here to check out our store:

<https://pogo.undergroundshirts.com/collections/king-school-apparel-fall-20>

All purchases MUST be made before October 13, 2020. *This is the ONLY chance to purchase King gear for the 2020-21 school year.*

Huge thanks to our volunteer, Ben Ewy, who designed and coordinated this year's King collection!

Please see our [e-flier](#) for more information.

Enjoy your weekend, and be well.

Mary