

Hi, King families.

This time of year gives us the opportunity to reflect on the many things we are thankful for at King Elementary School.

We are thankful for the incredible job our teachers and staff are doing as we continue on in the journey toward excellence in online instruction. We are thankful for the teachers and staff who care for our students deeply and endlessly. We are also thankful for the teachers and staff who are somehow able to do all of this while also working from home in the midst of a pandemic.

We are thankful for our students, who log in each and every day, ready to learn and excited to take part in their daily education. We are thankful for our students who are eager to see their friends in class and positively contribute to classroom discussions and chats. We are also thankful for our students who continue to ask questions and take ownership in their learning.

We are thankful for all of our families who, while faced with the incredibly difficult task of navigating through the hardships that COVID-19 has presented, continue to be enthusiastically supportive of our students and teachers on a daily basis. We are also thankful for our families who have been patient during this process and kindly provide feedback to better improve online learning.

More than anything, we see and notice everyone's sacrifices while going above and beyond the call of duty, all to ensure our children are receiving the high-quality education we are accustomed to at King Elementary School. This is deeply moving and inspiring on so many levels.

Thank you for the trust you place in us to care for and educate your child. It is an honor and a joy to partner with you on this journey!

On behalf of everyone at King Elementary School, we wish you a safe and wonderful time with your family during this season of thanks. We will see everyone back on Monday, November 30, 2020.

Be well!

Charles Chalfant | Assistant Principal

Mary Cooper | Principal

### **3 important messages from our King PTO:**

#### **Helping our community**

Help us spread the warmth by participating in the winter coat and boot drive for our fellow King families. Drop-offs will take place at the homes of Tiffany Walther (3629 Larchmont Dr), and Trevor Steer (1605 Sheffield Dr, Ypsilanti, 48198). The goal is to have everything by Dec 12th with drop-offs coordinated with Tiffany (734 657-3436) or Trevor (248-408-0446 or 313-802-2203). Please see the link below and thank you for your support!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0B4CADA82CA4FC1-2020>

#### **King Snowman Project (with a slight variation from past years)**

This year has been an especially trying one for so many and in so many ways. As we enter the holiday season, we know there are many King families who could use

some extra support this year. We are thus planning on holding our annual King Snowman gift drive, which allows us to come together as a community to help each other out. This year, we are making some modifications to simplify and streamline the process and to help keep everyone safe.

If you are interested in helping, we invite you to participate this year by purchasing **gift cards** to help these families. The amount of the card is up to you. We will then distribute these gift cards to the families in early December, so they can use them to purchase items as they see fit.

To help with this, we are collecting gift cards to either Amazon/Target or Kroger/Buschs. If you would like to send a gift card via email, you can send it to the King PTO (aakingpto@gmail.com). If you would like to purchase a physical gift card, then you can drop it off in the box on the front porch of the Sanos (1455 Bardstown Trail 48105). Be sure to attach your name and email address to the card if you want us to send you a confirmation that we have received it. **We will be collecting donations until Saturday December 5th.**

For more information or questions, please contact Rama Thakar (rama.thakar@gmail.com) or Larissa Sano (lsano2007@gmail.com).

## **PTO Virtual Book Fair**

What are your students planning to do this winter when they're not outdoors building snowforts?! Why, they could be reading of course!

Our beloved King PTO Book Fair will run for 2 weeks this year, **from November 30th to December 13th.**

**Come experience the first ever "Virtual 360" Scholastic shopping experience, where you can browse bookshelves, click on to explore titles and put them in your cart.**

For more information regarding the virtual book fair, see our [\*\*Frequently Asked Questions.\*\*](#)