



## KING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HOURS

Grades K-5: Line up Bell: 8:50

Final/Tardy Bell: 8:57AM -3:30PM

4YK AM: 8:40-11:45; PM: 12:25-3:30

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# King Elementary School-Children's Center for Engineering October 2019 Newsletter

Mission of  
King Elementary  
School-  
Community

We respect, appreciate, and accept  
Every person every day  
As we learn and grow together.

## Dear Parents/Guardians:

We have been working hard during the month of September to explicitly teach and practice expectations across all school settings, as well as positively recognize students following those expectations! We have amazing students and I want to give a "shout out" to all parents and guardians for your support at home! If children know that parents and teachers/school are on the same page with wanting what is best for them, they will be successful! ☺ Mistakes are bound to happen, and that is why we emphasize the importance of "fixing our mistakes" and practicing the expected behavior.

Our focus this year will be on 4 main learning goals: Engagement, Math, Reading, and STEAM. In order for your child to take part in the learning we have *in store* for them...they need to be **AT SCHOOL EVERYDAY, and ON TIME and READY TO LEARN (Engagement Goal)**! I am proud of King's attendance rate of **96-97%** and above over the past 10 years! We are making a huge difference with emphasizing the importance of coming to school on time, everyday! As long as students are absent 1 day or less per month—they will hit the goal and stay within the State Statute. We need everyone on board to get their child(ren) to school **ON TIME**. Parents and guardians...**YOU** can help by **making sure they arrive by 8:35-8:45am** to line up and get ready to start their day.

Our **math goal** will be to emphasize math standards that are to be mastered at your child's grade level. This will be done through our incredible math resource called, Bridges. Teachers will be working hard to integrate opportunities for students to practice the skills learned each day. Student's **reading** every day at their "just right" level both at home and at school will give them excellent practice and *will move their growth/development in reading along faster!* Please establish a time every day/night at home in which your child has time to enjoy reading their "just right book." Our **STEAM goal** this year is to increase parent engagement in what we are doing at King to foster a deeper love and understanding of science, technology, engineering, art and math! We will also be looking for ways to bring in community, businesses and/or parents that are working in STEAM fields to talk about what they do as it relates to STEAM!

Sincerely,  
Diane Stelmach, Principal

## SCHOOL PICTURE RETAKES!

Tuesday, October 29th

**PICTURE DAY!!!!**

## **DON'T FORGET!!**

Friday, October 11, 2019 is an  
**Early Release Day!**

Dismissal will take place at **1:30pm**

Please make sure you have a plan in place  
for your child(ren) and have  
communicated that with your child's  
teacher!

## Welcome New Staff at King!

Ms. Vanessa Armas , Noon Teacher  
Mrs. Amanda Hetrick, Grade 5 Teacher  
Ms. Liz Chavez, Technology Integrator  
Mr. Lyle Metoxen, Title VI support  
Ms. Renita Hernandez, YES Advocate  
Mrs. Alyssa Hawley, Social Worker  
Mrs. Rhoda Kambandu, Para-educator  
Mr. John Quigley, Band/Orchestra Teacher

Thank you, **A.S.K. Parent Organization**  
for your generous support!

On Thursday 9/26, our entire school participated in a **STEAM** Museum! Each class took part in a 40 min STEAM session that allowed them to dabble with various Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math activities! Our ASK Parent Organization sponsored the cost of this amazing experience! We appreciate all families supporting our Fall fundraiser as those dollars go back to supporting all these amazing opportunities for all kids!!

# King Family STEAM Night

**COME AND JOIN THE FUN Tuesday October 8<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-6:00pm!** Each grade level will have a family fun engineering challenge—Families that participate in at least 3 challenges can enter into our Door Prize drawing!!! ASK Parent Organization will be providing some snacks! You are welcome to join the ASK parent meeting immediately following Family Night (free childcare!)

Special guest, Mr. Troy Parr, from the Oneida Community & Economic Development Division, will be showcasing his cutting-edge technology innovation, **Microsoft HoloLens!** This device will demonstrate immersive reality/augmented (holograph type) experiences in the LMS! This advanced technology will digitally transform many industries including: engineering, education, design, manufacturing, construction, just to name a few! Come and check this out!!!

## King School Spirit Day!

During the football season, we are promoting "Football Fever Fridays!" We encourage all students and staff to wear their **Green & Gold PACKER** attire (or other favorite football team)

**King Colors Monday** - Show your King pride by wearing **King School colors** (purple and teal) or apparel the first Monday of every month!

October 7<sup>th</sup> (Mon.)- **King Wear**-our school colors (purple/teal) or any "King" logo

October 23<sup>rd</sup> (Wednesday) **Unity Day**—Wear orange to unite for kindness, acceptance and inclusion!

October 31<sup>st</sup> (Thurs)- **Decades Day**—50's, 60's, 70's, 80's...come to school in your favorite decade—Or in **Halloween Colors** (no costumes, please).



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**5<sup>th</sup> Grade UW Madison Field Trip**—Thursday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>

Have students dropped off **by 6:50.**

Everyone will meet in the commons.

Students will arrive **back at 4:30pm.**

Please plan accordingly!



## "The Importance of Bed Time Reading"

Did you know that as a parent, you can help your child build reading skills and learn to love books? This can be done in an enjoyable way by reading aloud to your child/children! Here are some tips!

Reading aloud daily for 10-15 minutes. Reading aloud after work can provide a nice time to wind down. Reading before bedtime can provide a peaceful end to the day. Reading aloud during a sibling's sports practice is a great way to pass the time as you wait. Pick the time that works best for your family!

Take turns choosing books. Your child might like to hear old favorites again and again. Use your choice to introduce new titles to your child. Give your child a chance to participate. Let them turn the pages or fill in a predictable word at the end of a sentence. Be playful when reading! Use different voices for the characters or different voices that set the mood for the story.

Remember, you don't have to be an expert reader! The idea is to enjoy books together in order to foster a life-long love of reading!



## LUNCH AND RECESS PROCEDURE

Lunch times are staggered so that each grade level will rotate to the cafeteria and out for recess at different times. We need your help to set expectations for/with your child that they eat a well-balanced meal. We will have all kids stay for approx. 20-25 minutes and encourage all kids to eat, as their lunch will provide their body fuel to continue working during their afternoon of learning! If students need more time, this can be arranged. Students have a 60-minute block of time for lunch and recess. This block of time allows for students to decrease the time necessary to transition from classroom-lunch-recess and thus, increase the amount of learning that happens in the classroom! Playground expectations are clearly taught and practiced!! We want safe and fun behavior!

### Lunch/Recess Schedule

#### Lunch first, then recess

Kinder = 11:50am- 12:50pm  
 1<sup>st</sup> Grade = 12:25pm -1:25pm  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade = 12:10pm – 1:10pm  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade = 12:15pm – 1:15pm

#### Recess first, then lunch

4<sup>th</sup> Grade = 12:00pm – 1:00pm  
 5<sup>th</sup> Grade = 12:15pm- 1:15pm

**SCHOOL LUNCH** is \$2.70 for full price; \$.40 for reduced lunch and \$.40 for milk. You may pay for any length of time you choose. Our lunch program is computerized so your children may take hot lunch on any days they wish. Students will have their payments on balance in the computer and their meals will be deducted as they eat them.

**Payments can be made online through "Parent Portal"**. If you need information on how to sign up for Parent Portal, please contact our main office. We will mail you the directions along with your personal activation key. Payment may also be made through prepayment envelopes available at school and/or through our food service staff. When the account has a low cash balance, a computerized phone message will be left at your home. \*Students that qualify for a free/reduced lunch must take a complete lunch to qualify. "Milk only" will cost .40 cents.

**BREAKFAST** is served at King at **8:35 am**, and costs \$1.90 full price; \$.30 reduced price. All children coming for breakfast should enter at the north side doors alongside the parking lot. This will help us to have a smaller number of children in the Commons at one time. We can then encourage them to have great fun, conversations, and social time while still maintaining an appropriate decorum.

**No More Online Processing Fees- Reminder!** The District no longer charges the \$1.95 online processing fee when parents make payments through parent portal for school fees or food service meals.

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**MORNING ROUTINE-** When students arrive before school, they are to report to their designated playground (lower playground = 4K, K, 1, 2 and upper playground = 3, 4, 5). During the month of September, all students are asked to line up in their specific classroom lines and get ready for the day. This will allow staff and students to practice these expectations. In October, students will be allowed and encouraged to walk/mill about and visit with friends on the blacktop only. We do not allow students to play on the equipment, run, or bring/play with toys. Students are not allowed to be on cellphones. If they have a cellphone, it is to be turned OFF or SILENCED and in their backpack. The school is not responsible for lost or stolen cellphones.

**Attendance** is another area of “engagement.” For learning to occur, students ***need to be at school, on time, every day*** (unless they have a fever, vomiting or other contagious illness)! Last school year, King School focused on attendance and we blew our attendance rate off the charts!!! We want and need to keep the focus on being at school **EVERY DAY AND ON TIME!** 😊

Getting children here on time every day, teaching what is expected in a positive way, and the discussion and re-enforcement **by you as parents/guardian with your child(ren) will enhance our mission** in providing a warm, welcoming and highly engaging environment for all children at King Elementary!

Making King School the **best place possible** is our goal and that requires everyone’s support!  
As parents, we rely upon you to talk with your child about their day  
and use this information to support the behaviors they are displaying.  
*Thank you for all your help!*

**VISITORS & VOLUNTEERS**~ we welcome visitors and volunteers at King School! Please check with your child’s teacher or office for ways to become involved. **Volunteers need to complete a background check application located on our District’s Website (Under Parent; Volunteer Opportunities) and await approval before volunteering.** We also ask that visitors and volunteers register in the office before visiting classes. Each person visiting the school will be asked to sign in and wear a visitor’s badge. This is intended to promote safety and effective use of instructional time.

**ABSENCE PROCEDURE**~ if your child is going to be absent, please call school at 492-2771 by 8:57 a.m. to notify us of the reason your child will not be in school that day. If you call before the staff arrives, please leave a message.

The school district will be tracking students who not only come late to school, but will also be tracking those students who leave early in the afternoon (up to 1 1/2 hours) for non-emergency appointments. Please note that school districts are held accountable for student tardies and absences. We will politely let you know when tardies or absences become excessive. Please help us to educate your children by having them at school for the full day😊

- **Pre-Excused Absences**~ when you know that your child will be out of school for a vacation or for reasons other than an illness or an appointment, please complete a *Pre-Excused* form available in the main office. This form notifies the office of the absence and will let your child’s teacher know. You can then work with your child’s teacher to decide what work will need to be completed to enhance their learning from your trip or other absence!

**NOTES**~ please send a note with your child in the morning if your child needs to be picked up early for an *urgent appointment* (doctor, dentist, etc.). This is very important for the safety of our students.

**CHECK IN/OUT PROCEDURE**~ A student who is late for school or returns from an appointment is required to stop in the office to check in before going to class. During the day, if a student is being picked up to go to an appointment, it is essential that the parent or authorized person sign the child out in the office before leaving the building. **When possible, please try to schedule appointments outside of the school day.**

**DOGS/PETS** - School Board Policy prohibits animals, pets, and dogs from coming onto school property (safety). **If you bring a pet, you must stay off school property** (on sidewalk or perimeter of school grounds) and away from children. You are responsible and liable for the actions of your pet.

**BICYCLES**~ only those students in grades 3 and above are legally permitted to ride bicycles, per GB City Ordinance. All bikes must be parked in the rack provided. Student riders should always wear their helmet! Locks are strongly encouraged, as the school is not responsible for any misplaced, damaged or stolen bikes. **ALL BIKE RIDERS ARE ASKED TO WALK THEIR BIKE OFF SCHOOL PROPERTY!!**

**CROSSING GUARD**~ Parents, please remind your children to obey the crossing guard. Bikes are to be walked across the street. Please DO NOT call your kids to cross Dancing Dunes in the middle of the street. Either have your child cross at the corner with the crossing guard or you may physically cross with them.

**NON-CUSTODIAL INFORMATION**~ please let the office know if your family needs to have information sent to two addresses. This information needs to be updated each year. We encourage good communication with all families.

**DOOR SECURITY**-- Please note all school doors are locked throughout the day to ensure the safety and security of our school community. When entering school, you will need to **press the call button on the left side** of the front door. Someone in the office will then unlock the door for you to enter. BE sure to smile when you ring the bell as we now have a camera that takes your picture when you ring the bell!  
All parents, visitors, volunteers, etc. **must enter the office upon entering the building to sign in** and wear a visitor badge. **Safety First! Adults are not permitted to enter through the doors with students.**

Parents have a direct impact on their child's learning  
Through parent support from home!  
Through your work and discussions with your child(ren),  
you will make a *huge* difference in their education.

### Upcoming Dates

Tuesday 10/1 = Picture Day!!  
Monday 10/7 = King Spirit Day! Wear **King colors or apparel!**  
Tuesday 10/8 = **Family STEAM Night 4:30-6:00pm**; ASK Parent Meeting @ 6:00-7:00pm in LMC  
Friday 10/11 = Early Release @ 1:30pm  
Thurs 10/17 = Packer Experience Rescheduled! Grades 3-5  
Wed 10/23 = King Spirit Day – Unity Day- wear **ORANGE**  
Thursday 10/24 = King Family Fall Fest from 6:00-8:00pm  
Thurs 10/31 = King Spirit Day – **Decades Day** or **Halloween Colors** (no costumes)



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accept every person every day as  
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**"What our children see in the world, depends on what we show them. =**