



KING ELEMENTARY

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National Blue Ribbon School



**MARCH
2018**

**MARCH 2
READ ACROSS
AMERICA**

**MARCH 9
NO STUDENTS**

**MARCH 12
PTA/SAC
5:00PM**

**MARCH 19-23
CHICK-FIL-A WEEK**

**MARCH 26-30
SPRING BREAK**

**APRIL 20
KINDERGARTEN
REGISTRATION
8:00-3:00pm**

**Please bring:
Your Kindergarten
Student
Birth Certificate
Shot Records
Proof of Residency**



King Community and Families,

This year I have challenged teachers and staff to empower students through relationships, relevance and risk taking. The idea of empowering students goes beyond the concept of simply engaging students and moving towards opportunities that empower students to own their learning and learning environment. Both staff members and students have stepped up to this challenge. This shift in how we are approaching education follows District 11's approach to Next Generation Learning. To learn more about District 11's beliefs and plans about Next Generation learning and adjusting our learning environments to empower our students, check out the D11 website dedicated to Next Generation Learning: <https://www.d11.org/Page/959> .

D11's Next Generation Learning Coordinator, Scott Fuller, will be presenting at our King's March School Accountability Committee (SAC) on March 12th (5:00).

As one of our main goals at King is to empower students, we work to provide students the skills and tools to hold each other accountable for meeting their expectations of the class social contract (which is student created). One tool we teach students to utilize is to "check behavior". To check behavior, students are giving a non-verbal cue (sometimes a thumb held sideways or a hand "C" over their heart) to let another student know they are doing something that does not align with the social contract. We often explain it to students as a warning, like flashing your headlights to alert other drivers there is an accident, deer, or police officer around the corner. In essence, it is a signal from a student that says "I care about you and I know you can do better". When a student is checked, we work with them to say "thank-you" and ask them to reflect on what they could improve on. This intent is that students are not tattling or nagging at each other, rather they are helping each other out in meeting the expectations of the social contract.

As always, we appreciate your continued support and participation in your student's education at King!

Sincerely,
Chris Lehman
Principal

STATE TESTING

We are approaching that time of year for CMAS testing for 3rd – 5th grade students (Colorado Measures of Academic Success). For two weeks in mid-April, 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students will be taking CMAS and demonstrating their learning. For more information about the data collected and how we use that data at King, check out this fact sheet from the Colorado Department of

Education: <https://www.cde.state.co.us/communications/factsheetsandfaqs-assessment#cmas> .

SEVERE/WINTER WEATHER

As we start to get in to Springtime, our weather becomes more unpredictable. Please continue to dress your students appropriately for winter weather, as we have students go outside for recess unless the temperature dips below 17 degrees (including wind chill). We will also continue to utilize our yellow flag system, which signals students to head to the gym for indoor morning lineup. If the yellow flag is up in the afternoon, then students being picked up at the Kiss N' Go lane will wait in the band and orchestra room until parents arrive.

COMMUNITY GAME NIGHT

Join us on Thursday, April 19th, from 6-8 pm for King's Community Game Night! Learn how to play some fun games while spending time with your family and enjoying snacks provided by PTA.

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SUN	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI	SAT
				1	2 READ ACROSS AMERICA	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 NO STUDENTS No School! 	10
11	12 SAC/PTA MEETING 5:00PM	13	14	15	16 ST. PATRICKS DAY 	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
CHICK-FIL-A WEEK						
25	26	27	28	29	30	
SPRING BREAK						31