



# KING ELEMENTARY

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## National Blue Ribbon School



### SEPTEMBER 2016

**SEPT. 2**  
**NO SCHOOL**

**SEPT. 5**  
**LABOR DAY**  
**NO SCHOOL**

### **PTA EVENTS**

**SEPT 7**  
**WATCH D.O.G.S.**  
**PIZZA & ROOT**  
**BEER PARTY**  
**6:00 – 7:30PM**

**SEPT. 9**  
**CHUCK E CHEESE**  
**NIGHT**  
**3-9PM**

**SEPT. 12**  
**PICTURE DAY**

**SEPT. 12**  
**PTA/SAC MEETING**  
**5:00-6:30PM**

**SEPT. 22**  
**PTA BBQ**  
**6:00-7:30 PM**

**SEPT. 23**  
**NO SCHOOL**



Dear King Families and Community,

We have kicked off another successful school year at King Elementary. The King staff and I are excited to work alongside **you** and your students as they learn and grow. The focus of our work is your student's success, growth and development.

At King, we are proud of our caring family atmosphere and strong academic program. We appreciate your efforts as a family and community in supporting the education of your children. This includes making sure your kids are ready and present each and every school day.

In an effort to connect with and engage every student at King, our staff is implementing the Capturing Kids' Hearts program. As part of that implementation, each class will develop a social contract and participate in activities that encourage collaboration, communication and trust. We are excited to see the impact this program will have on our school culture and your student's learning. (<http://flippengroup.com/education/capturing-kids-hearts/>)

It is our goal to ensure clear communication with our community and families at King. We have several ways for you to connect with King and be in tune with what is happening on campus. Please take a moment and check out our monthly newsletter, our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/king.d11](http://www.facebook.com/king.d11)), and our webpage (<http://king.d11.org/>). We also utilize an outcall system and an email system called NTouch as communication tools. It is important that your contact information is up to date for these systems to work efficiently. Our website contains important information, including information about student conduct, our ROARS expectations, inclement weather procedures, events calendar and educational links.

We recognize and appreciate the fact that it takes a village to educate our students at King. Thanks for your support and participation in this effort. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, concerns or ideas.

Sincerely,

Chris Lehman

Principal – King Elementary

Hello and welcome to the 2016-2017 school year! We are excited to have you in our school district and we want you to know our relationship with our families is very important. For that reason, I want to let you know how I feel about your school's PTA and their mission. When I am out and about, I have stated many times:



*As the Superintendent of Schools for Colorado Springs School District 11, I join all of our local PTA units and have endorsed the mission of PTA throughout my career. My wife and I are both honorary lifetime members of PTA because we support every one of the purposes for which PTA stands. PTA is an integral part of my job as Superintendent. I can't imagine a school district or a school existing without the support of our Parent Teacher Association.*

*For example, in District 11, we are using the Family-School Partnership standards as part of our district Business Plan. We know, without a doubt, that- "Together we can help every child reach their potential." I look forward to serving many more years in partnership with the local, state and national PTA and will continue to support our PTAs in every way possible.*

PTA has always been the one group over my career that I could count on to do what's right for children either as a parent, a principal or superintendent. I so appreciate that you open the doors to parents within your school to be part of a larger organization that serves the interests of all children.- What I like best about PTA is that its purpose far extends from the annual fundraiser to addressing multiple needs of children and their schools. The overall purpose of PTA is to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children.

I encourage you to visit the national PTA website: [www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org). There is a wealth of information on many topics impacting our children and schools. You will learn the value that belonging to PTA has to your school. As stated the values are:

**Harnessing the Power of Volunteers:** Shrinking budgets. Increasing class sizes. Government mandates. The challenges of delivering quality education are daunting. There is help. It's the PTA. PTA is a group of dedicated parents doing what PTA does best: providing resources and programs to all families.

**PTAs Benefit Everyone:** PTA addresses issues that are important to parents and public school administrators. They fight for full funding, quality teachers, and capabilities for schools to thrive. Membership is open to everyone. Your PTA is autonomous but supported by a national structure

Some of PTA's benefits include but are not limited to:

1. Leverage Volunteer Power. PTAs organize hard-working, dedicated volunteers. Parents are ready to help implement school improvement programs.
2. Improve Communication. PTAs frequently coordinate production of a school newsletter and information fliers, keeping the entire school community informed of current events, issues, and accomplishments. Regular meetings allow PTAs to share information with members.
3. See Measurable Results. More than 85 research studies conducted over the past 30 years prove that kids do better when parents are involved. Grades are higher. Test scores improve. Attendance increases.
4. Discover More Dollars. Local PTAs are self-funding. By inviting the entire school's parent community to join, they generate membership fees to pay for programs. Local PTA fundraisers support school programs, building improvements, and educational events.
5. Tap into Proven Programs. Local PTAs have access to ready-made, easy-to-use programs with proven success records. From health and safety topics, to collaborating with teachers and community members, to fundraising, the programs get results.
6. Boost Children's Well-Being. PTAs focus on what students need to be successful in their learning, including nutrition, health, school safety, physical fitness and general well-being. PTAs works with schools to ensure that children succeed.
7. Enjoy Informed Parents. Involved parents understand the challenges schools face and become part of the solution. By developing a closer relationship with parents, student achievement improves, and the school develops a positive reputation in the community."

Again, thank you for all you do to make the lives of our D11 students rich and fulfilled. Our students deserve the very best.

Nicholas Gledich  
Superintendent, Colorado Springs School District 11



### **BOX TOPS - PTA**

Please continue to collect box tops. Turn these in to your student's teacher monthly. Thanks for all you do!!

### **WELCOME NEW STAFF MEMBERS**

Jason Poole – Physical Education

I come to King with fifteen years of experience teaching Physical Education. I actually grew up in a teaching family with both my parents being Elementary teachers. I followed in my dad's footsteps when I became a Physical Education Specialist. I integrate core academics into Physical Education lessons whenever possible so that students can make greater connections to learning. Outside of school you will find me playing in the woods, most often rock climbing.

Sarah Skelton – Healthcare Technician

Hello King families! My name is Sarah Skelton and I am thrilled to be a part of the health team and staff here at King. I was born and raised in Utah. I have lived in Colorado for six years now and I love it. I have four children ranging from twelve to five years. Three of them are attending this school. I love being a mom and I look forward to getting to know all the kids here at King! Go King Lions! Let's have a great year!

Leslie Allen - ELL Teacher

Hello. My name is Leslie Allen and I am the ELL teacher here at King Elementary. I will be servicing the English language learners here at King on Mondays and every other Friday. I have been teaching elementary school for the past 11 years and am excited to work in this new field. I hope to meet many of the wonderful families here at King in the coming weeks and months.



### **Music News...Mrs. McCampbel**

The Lion Choir will begin rehearsals on Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. All 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are welcome to join. Mrs. McCampbel welcomes questions and can be reached by e-mail at [vickie.mccampbel@d11.org](mailto:vickie.mccampbel@d11.org) or by phone at (719) 328-6068.



### **Stormy Day Dismissal -**

On stormy days (lightning, heavy rain, hail, or heavy snow) we will dismiss our bus riding students first to load buses. All Kiss N' Go students and Kinder Pick-Up students will be sent to the Band/Orchestra room. Parents in the Kiss N' Go lane need to stay in their cars and a staff member will bring your students out to your car. Parents who usually meet their Kindergarten student out front can also go to the band/orchestra room (the door is located in the front of the building) to pick up their student.

All other students who meet their parents outside or walk home will be released to go if the weather is safe outside.

Please remember to stay in your car if you are in the Kiss N' Go lane. This will help with a safe and quick dismissal process.

### **Student Conduct Handbook -**

As we kick off the new year, we want to remind you that D11 does have a Student Conduct Handbook. This handbook covers everything from dress code expectations to discipline details and attendance expectations. This handbook can be found on our website in the Parent Resources tab along with the ROARS expectations for King. You can also access the handbook through this <http://goo.gl/JEhQAf>.

### **Food and Nutrition News**

Food and Nutrition Services welcomes you and your child to Colorado Springs School District 11. We want to assure you that the nutritional well being of your child is our purpose.

Meal prices for elementary students are as follows for the 2016-2017 school year:

| <b><u>ELEMENTARY - FULL PRICE</u></b> |         |
|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Breakfast                             | \$ 1.35 |
| Lunch                                 | \$ 2.35 |

Free and reduced price meals are available with a completed and approved application. The reduced price is **FREE** for lunch and **FREE** for breakfast. (Colorado state legislation for the 2016-2017 school year provided funding for the co-pays of all reduced price students' breakfasts and PK-5th students' lunches.) At the schools that serve breakfast, students may eat both meals daily. Pre-payment of meals is available online at <http://www.d11.org/FNS/Pages/Pay-for-Meals.aspx> or at the schools.

# September 2016



| SUN                                      | MON  | TUES  | WENS  | THURS                               | FRI  | SAT |
|--|--|---|---|-------------------------------------|--|-----|
| KING CARNIVAL COMING<br><u>OCTOBER 8</u> |  |  |   | 1                                   | 2<br><u>NO STUDENTS</u><br> | 3   |
| 4  | 5<br>LABOR DAY<br><u>NO SCHOOL</u>   | 6<br>CROSS COUNTRY MEET @ PENROSE ES<br>4-6PM                                     | 7<br>WATCH D.O.G.S. PIZZA & ROOT BEER<br>6:00PM | 8                                   | 9<br>CHUCK E CHEESE NIGHT<br>3-9PM   | 10  |
| 11                                       | 12<br><u>PICTURE DAY</u><br><br>SAC/PTA MEETING<br>5:00 -6:30PM | 13<br>CROSS COUNTRY MEET @ JACKSON ES<br>4-6PM                                    | 14  | 15                                  | 16   | 17  |
| 18                                       | 19   | 20<br>CROSS COUNTRY MEET @ SCOTT ES<br>4-6PM                                      | 21  | 22<br>PTA BARBEQUE<br>6:00 – 7:30PM | 23<br>                    | 24  |
| 25                                       | 26   | 27<br>CROSS COUNTRY MEET @ CHIPETA ES<br>4-6PM                                    | 28  | 29                                  | 30   |     |