



# PARENT NEWSLETTER

## April 2022



Enrollment  
Lottery Drawing  
April 5, 2022

Dear King Center Community,

Spring is finally finding its way to Buffalo and we are looking forward to more sunshine and warmer weather.

As we move into our final trimester of the school year, there are a few things we want to share with you:

- Afterschool program begins on April 4th and runs until June 9th. Please see previous parent letter for full details or call my office with any questions.
- Swag Sale will continue until April 7th.
- Spring Break is April 11-18. School and Afterschool program resumes on April 19
- In-School COVID testing will be held on 4/19 for all students with consent on file
- Home COVID test kits will go home with students each Friday. Be sure to check backpacks for the test kits and call the School Health office with all positive test results
- PARENT MEETING ON 4/21 AT 5:15PM. A ZOOM LINK WILL GO OUT VIA EMAIL
- NYS Math Exam for students in grades 3-8 will be held on April 27th and 28th.

Have a safe and sunny Spring!

Ms. Coleman



### Drill Team Performance

#### Grades K-2

Wednesday – April 6  
8:15am- 8:45am



#### Grades 3-8

Friday, April 8  
2:00pm – 2:30pm

Dear Parents,

Please be sure to check your voicemail, email, and mailbox for updates regarding high school applications. The desired school will contact you if they need additional information. Unfortunately, there is not a specific date when you will receive high school results.

Thank you,  
Counseling Office

**SCHOOL COUNSELOR**  
I'LL BE THERE FOR YOU

IT IS NOT WHAT IS POURED INTO THE STUDENT, BUT WHAT IS PLANTED, THAT COUNTS.

### Marigold Winners!



**Antoinette Rhodes**  
Principal



**Kelsey Young**  
5th Grade Teacher





# KCCS SWAG SALE

March 28- April 7<sup>th</sup>

- FLEX FIT HAT- \$16
- YOUTH T-SHIRT- \$9
- ADULT T-SHIRT- \$14
- YOUTH HOODIE- \$19
- ADULT HOODIE- \$20
- ADULT SWEATPANTS- \$23
- YOUTH SWEATPANTS- \$15
- DUFFLE BAG- \$25
- ADULT CREWNECK SWEATSHIRT- \$17
- YOUTH CREWNECK SWEATSHIRT- \$17

ITEMS CAN BE PURCHASED FROM  
8:30am- 3:30pm AT MS. COLEMANS OFFICE

ALL ORDERS MUST BE IN PERSON  
PAYMENT IS DUE AT TIME OF PURCHASE  
CASH/CREDIT ACCEPTED AS PAYMENT

*(No Sale on April 1<sup>st</sup>)*



# Parents Evening

Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>  
5:15pm

## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION



2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR



### AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Monday-Thursday  
3:15-5:15

#### TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE

Program Includes:  
TUTORING  
SNACK  
ENRICHMENT CLUBS

GRADES 2-8 ONLY

Program Begins  
**April 4, 2022**

ART, DANCE, MUSIC  
PRODUCTION, YOGA,  
GARDENING, LEGOS, GIRLS  
MENTORING, HAIR  
BRAIDING...and more

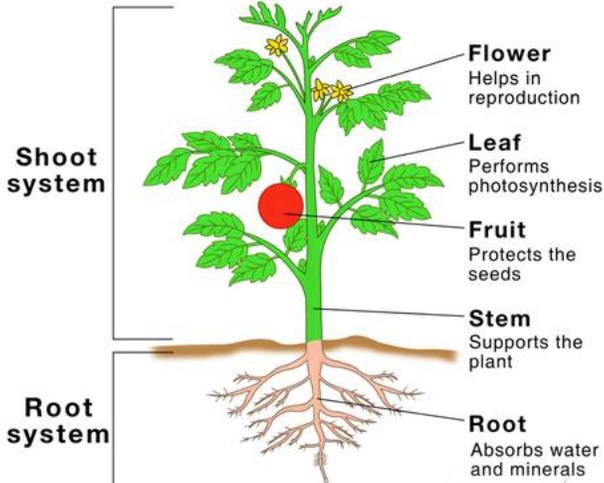
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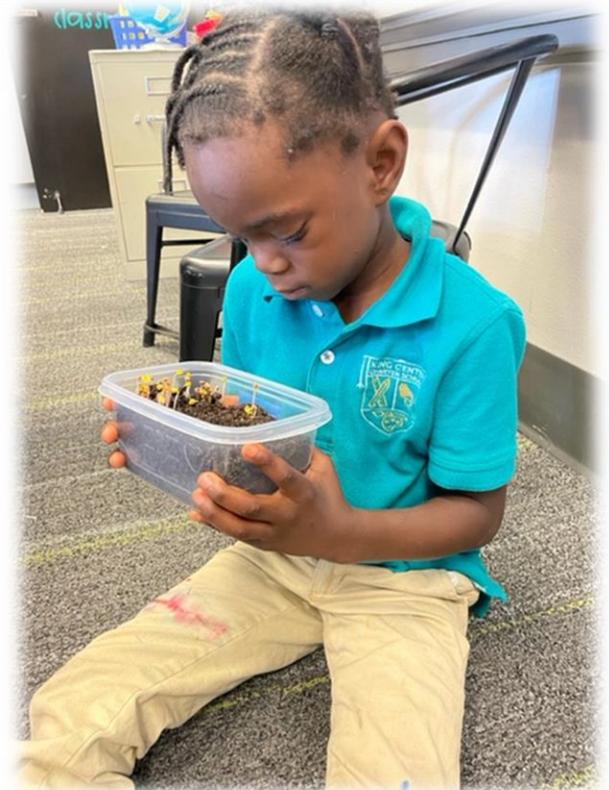
We have been working to grow and observe plants for our science unit! We have been investigating how no sunlight and water impact plants.

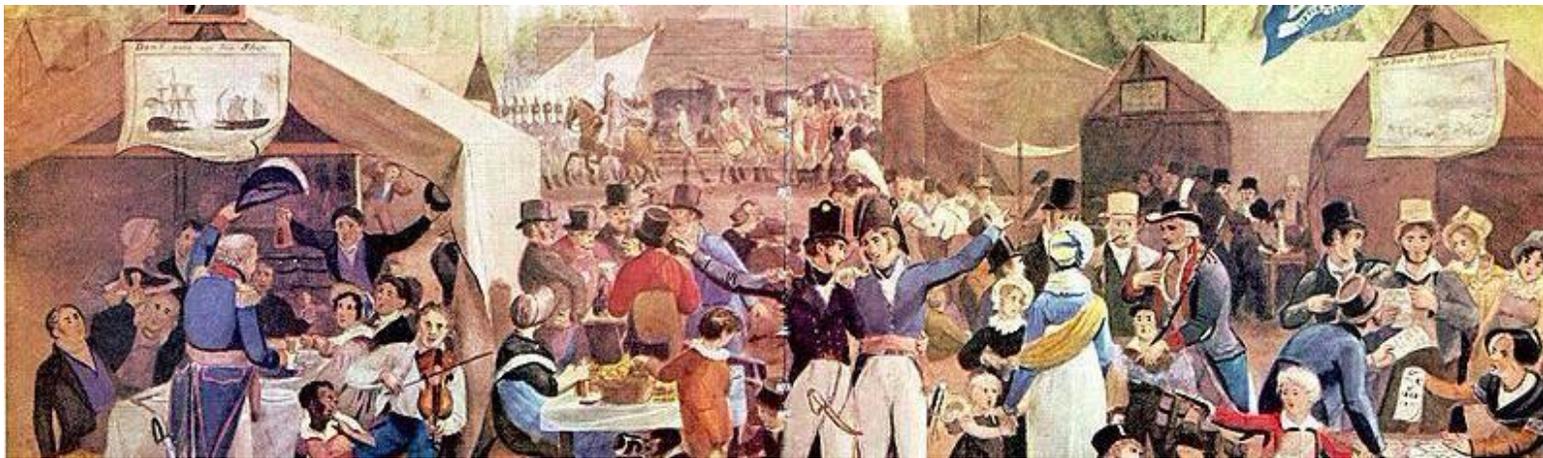
We are also looking at how plants that get water and sunlight grow and the life cycle of a plant!

## Parts of a Plant



How does a seed grow?





7<sup>th</sup> grade

*1819: America in the Era of Good Feelings*



## Class of Mr. Sandecki

In 7th grade Social Studies this month we will be examining the period in US history after the War of 1812. After the War the states pulled together and entered a period of unity, pride, and loyalty known as the Era of Good Feelings. One of the new feelings was a growing sense of nationalism.

Throughout the month we will examine westward expansion, regional differences, and the Industrial Revolution. In this unit we will explore the factors that led to economic divisions between the North, South, and West and how new transportation methods allowed people to travel over great distances.

Finally, the students will reflect on the treatment of various peoples in the United States at different times.

Dear Parents,

I wanted to share this beautiful picture as evidence about 5th graders' students, actively engaging in The Restorative Justice Morning Circle! I thanks Mrs. Reasinger for her dedication to her students. Mrs. Reasinger is helping them to have Personal Responsibility, Respect, Integrity, Determination, Discipline, and Education.

Mrs. Reasinger  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Ms. Fancher  
Spanish Teacher





Please join us in our **30 Days of Kindness Challenge** for Ramadan. During Ramadan, Muslim people do small acts of kindness to give themselves ample spiritual bounty. For 30 days, KCCS will be spreading kindness, so that we and others can feel loved, appreciated, and cared for. Go ahead and let your love and kindness show.

We would love to show the world our kindness. Please take pictures of your student spreading kindness during the month of Ramadan. Pictures can be sent to [cmuscarella@kccs.org](mailto:cmuscarella@kccs.org)

### *Ramadan 30 Days of Kindness Challenge*

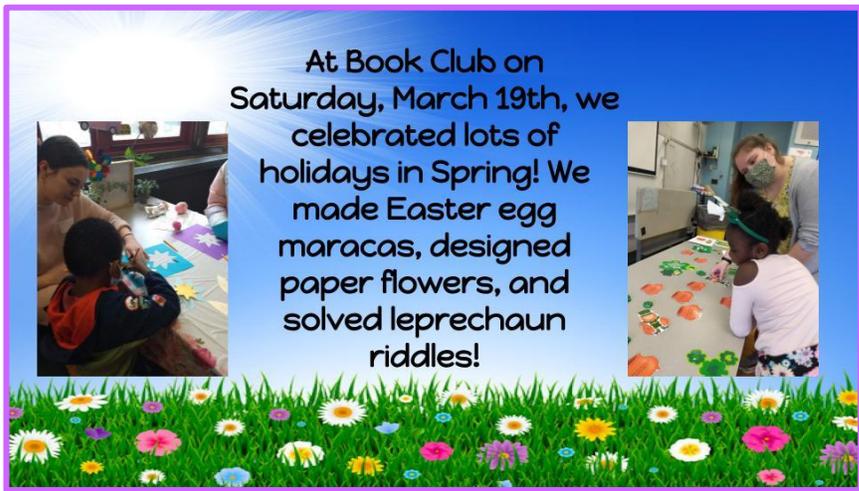
<i>April 2: Smile at someone</i> <i>Ramadan Begins</i>	<i>April 3: Write a thank you note to Mr. Steve, Mr. Craig, or Mr. Johnny</i>	<i>April 4: Draw a picture for someone special</i>	<i>April 5: Be nice to your classmates</i>	<i>April 6: Volunteer to pick up trash in the classroom or at home</i>
<i>April 7: Help your teacher clean up</i>	<i>April 8: Hold the door for someone</i>	<i>April 9: Clean up after breakfast</i>	<i>April 10: Leave a kind note for Ms. Tennant</i>	<i>April 11: Read with a classmate or family member</i>
<i>April 12: Say hi to someone</i>	<i>April 13: Give a high five to a classmate</i>	<i>April 14: Help a friend</i>	<i>April 15: Write a kind note to a classmate</i>	<i>April 16: Help take out the trash in the classroom or at home</i>
<i>April 17: Make a thank you card for the nurses</i>	<i>April 18: Make a card for Mrs. Rhodes</i>	<i>April 19: Help keep the school clean</i>	<i>April 20: Clean up after lunch</i>	<i>April 21: Write a thank you note to your teacher</i>
<i>April 22: Read a book about Ramadan</i>	<i>April 23: Tell someone "Great Job!"</i>	<i>April 24: Tell someone why you appreciate them</i>	<i>April 25: Make a thank you card for a specials teacher</i>	<i>April 26: Say "Please" and "Thank you"</i>
<i>April 27: Draw a picture for Ms. Marcella</i>	<i>April 28: Ask someone how they are doing</i>	<i>April 29: Make a class art piece to brighten up the hallways</i>	<i>April 30: Make a card for a friend</i>	<i>April 31: Write about why you love KCCS</i>
<i>May 1:</i>	<i>May 2: Ramadan Ends</i>	<i>May 3: Eid</i>		



**Trailblazer By:  
Erica Gooden  
Support Staff – 3B**

I walk these halls that I don't recognize.  
They don't speak anymore.  
Yet, the silence has the ability to reach my ear gates.  
It's so loud; it says, "You don't belong here,"  
But I'll blaze these trails because I am a woman.  
I'll soldier on through injustice and I'll brave the waves of unfairness  
Because it's in my DNA and at my core, I'm strong.  
Even when I'm down, you can't count me out.  
Now, let me give you this Black Girl Magic  
So that you'll know the hills we climb.  
I'm not just a woman; I am a black woman making mountains as I run.  
Still rising after struggle upon struggle.  
Yes, I can tell you why the caged bird sings  
Because I've endured the storm  
But I didn't waste it.  
I stared it down; put on my armor and I faced it.  
I'm the Underground Railroad to your Harriet Tubman.  
Follow my path as I lead the way.  
I'm no longer accepting the things I cannot change.  
Instead, I'll change the things I cannot accept.  
I'll be your revolution like Angela Davis.  
And I refuse to wait for a seat at the table,  
Like Shirley Chisholm, I'll bring my own chair.  
As I walk these halls that I don't recognize, I'll walk them with purpose.  
I'll soldier on and brave the waves of unfairness  
Because I'm a black woman. Strength is in my DNA.  
So, let me give you this Black Girl Magic  
While I make mountains as I run.  
Follow my path as I lead the way.  
I'm a black woman.  
You should know, I'm a Trailblazer.

**Become the vision of yourself  
you always knew you could become.**



At Book Club on Saturday, March 19th, we celebrated lots of holidays in Spring! We made Easter egg maracas, designed paper flowers, and solved leprechaun riddles!



# books about EGGS

for kids

*Fantastic Fun and Learning*



Happy Earth day

## LIBRARY NEWS

LOOK WHAT'S

**NEW**

AT THE LIBRARY

**Attention K-6 students!**

Join us on Saturdays for Book Club from 10:30am-12:00pm!

April 23rd - Earth Day and Science

April 30th - Sports

**Mark your calendars 3rd and 6th grade students!**

This year, Math and Science Camp will be a full day camp at Houghton College on June 3rd from 10am-4pm.

Students will participate in engaging math or science activities!

Please contact Ms. Angelica with questions. Permission slips and information forms will be sent home in April.

# MATH AND SCIENCE CAMP 2022

**FRIDAY, JUNE 3RD 2022**

**MATH CAMP**  
3rd grade

**SCIENCE CAMP**  
6th grade

## Supporting *Leader in Me* at Home



We are often asked how parents can support our school's leadership initiative. Each time we are asked we give the same answer: "Use the 7 Habits language at home."

As the school year unfolds, the students are learning the language and meaning of the 7 Habits. By hearing the same language at home and at school, you send your child a message of what is important and that we are all on the same team—the team that wants to help your student succeed. When parents and schools support one another, the sky is the limit!

### **Below is a summary of each of the habits:**

- Habit 1: Be Proactive (I'm Responsible for Me)
- Habit 2: Begin With the End in Mind (Have a Plan)
- Habit 3: Put First Things First (Work First, Then Play)
- Habit 4: Think Win-Win (Everyone Can Win)
- Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood (Listen Before You Talk)
- Habit 6: Synergize (Together Is Better)
- Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw (Balance Feels Best)

### **In order to encourage the 7 Habits language at home, here are some questions you can ask your child:**

- How were you proactive today?
- What is your end in mind with this project/work/task?
- How do you plan to put first things first in this situation?
- What would be a win-win for us?
- I want to hear what you think first and then I will share. How do you know when you are being listened to?
- How can we work together on this?
- How would you like to sharpen your saw today?

# School Masking Facts

What public health experts in Erie County want you to know.

Keeping kids in school is the most important way to mitigate the stress of the COVID-19 pandemic and care for children's mental and behavioral health.

## Masks work

to protect individuals and reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission (even if not required).

Source: CDC MMWR, [bit.ly/MMWR7108](https://bit.ly/MMWR7108)

No mask



Cloth mask



56%  
lower chance of getting COVID-19

Surgical Mask



66%  
lower chance of getting COVID-19

Respirator (N95/KN94)



83%  
lower chance of getting COVID-19

## Schools are unique settings.

Masking in school lowers risk of getting COVID-19 through in-school contact.



Close proximity

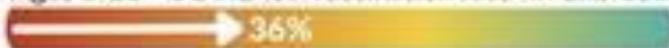


Long periods of exposure

## Vaccines are vital

among school-age children to keep them safe from serious risks.

Ages 5-11 - COVID-19 vaccination rate\* in Erie County



Ages 12-17 - COVID-19 vaccination rate\* in Erie County



\*Percentage of children with two Pfizer COVID-19 doses as of Feb. 27, 2022.  
Source: County-level data from the New York State Department of Health.

Vaccination is the best defense against Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C).

Source: CDC MMWR, [bit.ly/MMWR7102](https://bit.ly/MMWR7102)

Vaccination reduced likelihood by



Adolescents hospitalized were 95% unvaccinated.



No vaccinated kids or teens required life support.



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Public Health

[www.erie.gov/covid19](http://www.erie.gov/covid19)

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