



# NEWSLETTER APRIL 2023

Happy Spring!

As we welcome the Spring breeze, we are excited for all that this change of season has in store for us all. There will be many cultural celebrations this month including, Passover, Easter, and Eid al Fitr. We wish everyone who is celebrating such events this month, a safe and prosperous celebration.

**We are also excited to share the FULL-TERM RENEWAL of our school charter!!** Sustaining the legacy as the FIRST CHARTER SCHOOL in Buffalo, King Center has been renewed to continue our mission for another 5 years! We celebrate the tenacity and dedication of our staff, students, parents, and Board- we couldn't have done it without you!!

As we consider Leadership Habit 2: "Begin With The End In Mind", our goal is to finish this school year with great success. King Center students are the "Leaders of Today" and we know they have what it takes to demonstrate personal and academic excellence every single day. We need your continued support in keeping them motivated and engaged as we embark on the final Trimester of this school year.

Finally, I want to wish everyone a fun and healthy Spring Break! Enjoy the much-deserved break, I hope it's filled laughter, joy and love.

Leading The Way,

Tamaira Coleman, Executive Director



Mrs. Radford  
Support Staff - 2A



Mrs. Nelson  
Lead - 3A

King Center's Marigolds of the Month

**NO SCHOOL - April 2<sup>nd</sup> - April 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**Classes resume on Tues, April 11<sup>th</sup>**





As the first charter school in Buffalo, King Center Charter School is committed to the success of our community.

For 23 years, we have blazed the trail in urban education by offering a caring, student-centered culture of high expectations for personal and academic success.

## LEADING THE WAY

**King Center Charter School is now enrolling for Kindergarten & First Grade.**

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- Diverse Staff and Student Community
- Culturally Responsive Curriculum
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- School-Wide Athletics Programs

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Como la primera escuela autónoma en Buffalo, King Center está comprometido con el éxito de nuestra comunidad.

Durante 23 años, hemos abierto el camino en la educación urbana al Ofrecer una cultura solidaria centrada en el estudiante de altas expectativas para el éxito personal y académico.

## LIDERANDO EL CAMINO

**Escuela autónoma King Center ahora se está inscribiendo para el Jardín de infantes y Primer grado**

- Clases pequeñas
- Personal diverso y comunidad estudiant
- Plan de estudios culturalmente receptivo
- Programas después de la escuela
- Programa de atletismo para toda la escuela

Aplicar hoy en [www.kccs.org](http://www.kccs.org)



**Join us for KCCS's first ever Eid Cultural Celebration, April 21, 2023 in the gym. There will be henna, music, dancing, and more.**

**We are still looking for volunteers. If you would like to volunteer, please send an email to [cmuscarella@kccs.org](mailto:cmuscarella@kccs.org)**

Eid al-Fitr is a most important and major Islamic holiday that marks the end of the holy month of Ramadan, the month of fasting. In 2023, Eid al-Fitr is expected to be celebrated from Friday, 21 April 2023, to Sunday 23 April 2023, although the exact date may vary depending on the sighting of the moon.



**New York State English as a Second Language Achievement Test (NYSESLAT) Speaking portion will begin April 24-April 28 for all students who are classified and English as a New Language (ENL) student.**

**If you have any questions, please email**

**Carolyn Muscarella at [cmuscarella@kccs.org](mailto:cmuscarella@kccs.org)**



## **Habit 2: Taking it Home**

### **1. Puzzle Activity**

Preparation: Get a puzzle (about 24 pieces) and take the pieces out of the box so that your family does not see the puzzle picture on the cover.

Invite family members to put the puzzle together without the aid of the picture. After two minutes, give them the puzzle picture and let them complete the puzzle. Ask: "Why is it easier to complete a puzzle with the picture?" Discuss why having the end in mind helps achieve your desired results as a family.

### **2. Family Values**

Explain that family values are what you believe in and care most about as a family—what is most important. Together, make a list of what values your family shares. Discuss each value listed and why it is important. Allow all family members to have a voice. Celebrate your family's values with a special treat or fun activity.

### **3. Family Collage**

Resources: Poster board or paper, crayons, markers, magazines, scissors, family photos or memorabilia, and glue sticks.

Gather as a family. On a piece of poster board, make a collage of what you want your family to stand for. Cut out pictures and words from magazines, find old photos, or draw words and pictures that represent what you want your family to stand for. Talk about how the words or pictures represent your family's values, hopes, and goals. Allow space for each family member to make a contribution as they glue the items to the poster board to make a collage. Hang the collage in your home as a reminder of what is important to your family.

### **4. Storytelling**

Reinforce your family values through storytelling. Think of stories from parents, grandparents, other relatives—or your own life—that reinforce one of your family values. Share the stories and discuss them on more than one occasion. Write them down and keep them in a binder. Add photos.

## 5. A Family Mission Statement

Work as a family to create a family mission statement.

### Step 1: Gather inspirational ideas of what your family is about.

- Interview each other using the questions on page 25.
- Read inspirational quotes or listen to motivational songs or poems.
- Research other families' mission statements on the internet.

### Step 2: Draft a family mission statement.

- Brainstorm phrases that capture the values that are most important to your family. Invite each family member to contribute.
- Write a draft. Check: Does the draft appeal to all family members? Does it inspire? Does it help you make decisions? Is it short and memorable?

### Step 3: Stay on course.

- Place the mission statement draft in a visual, central location.
- Live the mission statement for a while.
- After a month or so, revisit the draft mission statement. Does it still represent the best of your family? Adjust as needed.
- Create family systems to reinforce the mission statement. For example, offer small rewards for family members who get "caught" living all or parts of the mission statement. Make it fun.

## MY REFLECTIONS

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## ONE THING I WILL DO

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**Hello Parents/Guardians;**

**Please be on the lookout for correspondence from private, charter, and public schools regarding admission.**

**The following schools have sent admission results:**

**City Honors/Olmsted results sent the week of March 6, 2023**

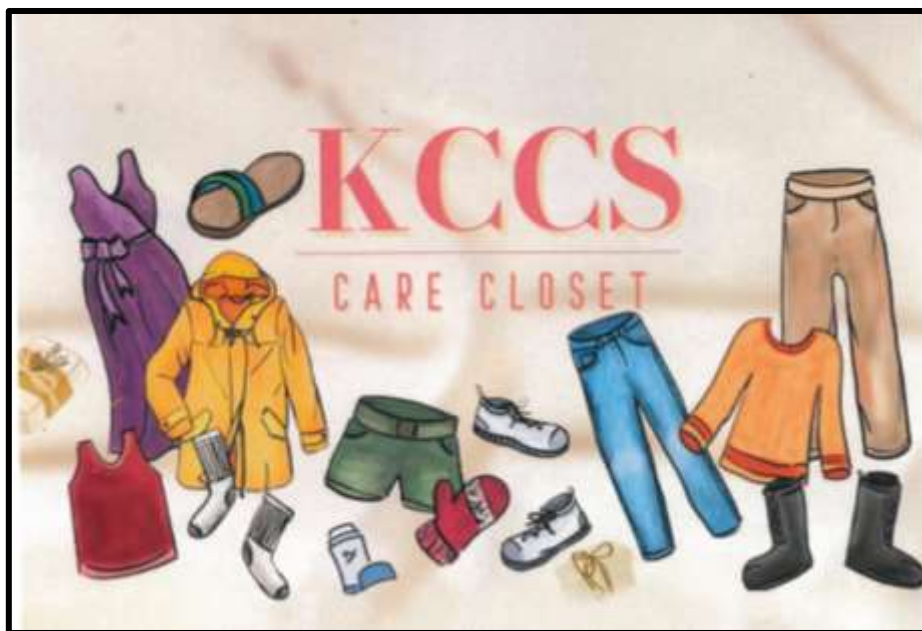
**BPS results sent the week of March 20, 2023**

**Performing Arts results sent the week of March 20, 2023**

**Once you and your child have decided which school they will attend please update the Counseling Department.**

**Thank you!**

**SCHOOL  
COUNSELORS**



The KCCS Care Closet is a new initiative that will provide essential items to students and families from our school community. We pride ourselves on reaching our students beyond the classroom, and the addition of a Care Closet will allow us to provide essential items to students and families on a consistent basis. Providing these items will no doubt build relationships, support positive hygiene practices, and nurture our students' self-esteem.

The KCCS Core Closet Team is excited to announce we will begin accepting request starting April 3, 2023!

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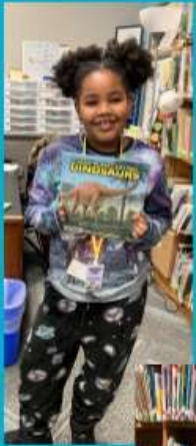
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# Book Character Day

**Book Character Dress Down!**  
Can you guess the characters from these popular books?



After School Book Club -  
3:30-5:15pm!

Music on April 13th



Great Outdoors on April 20th



# Library

NEWS



Free Book Friday!  
April 28th





# KINDERGARTEN

MOVE  MOUNTAINS




# COME ON IN

to my first grade classroom!

**Teachers**  
leading the way

**1B**

Mrs. Greene  
Mrs. Crouch-Campbell




16  
VIVZ

sea turtles need to stay alive by...  
Sea turtles need to do many things to stay alive. They must swim in salt water. They must go into their shells for protection. They also must eat seagrass and jellyfish for food. Sea turtles must do a lot in order to survive.

Mrs. Greene's First Grade Project Rubric	
Neatness	4/4
Completion	4/4
Accuracy	4/4
Overall Quality	4/4
Total	16/16
Grade	100% A+

Amazing Project Journey!

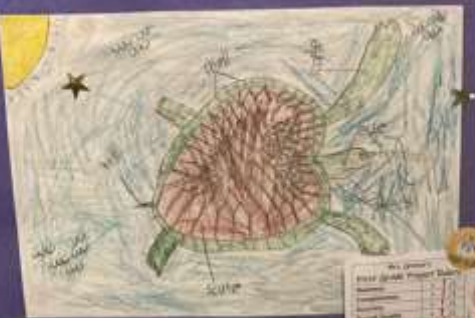


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Jakkari

Sea Turtle survival By Jakkari  
Sea turtles must protect and take care of themselves in order to stay alive. One way they do this is by eating plenty of food like jellyfish and seagrass. Another way that sea turtles survive is by getting enough air to do so their nostrils above the surface of the water. Finally, sea turtles must use their fins to swim away from predators like sharks. Sea turtles can keep themselves safe and alive.

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Wonderful Work, Jakkari!



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by Haunting Miller

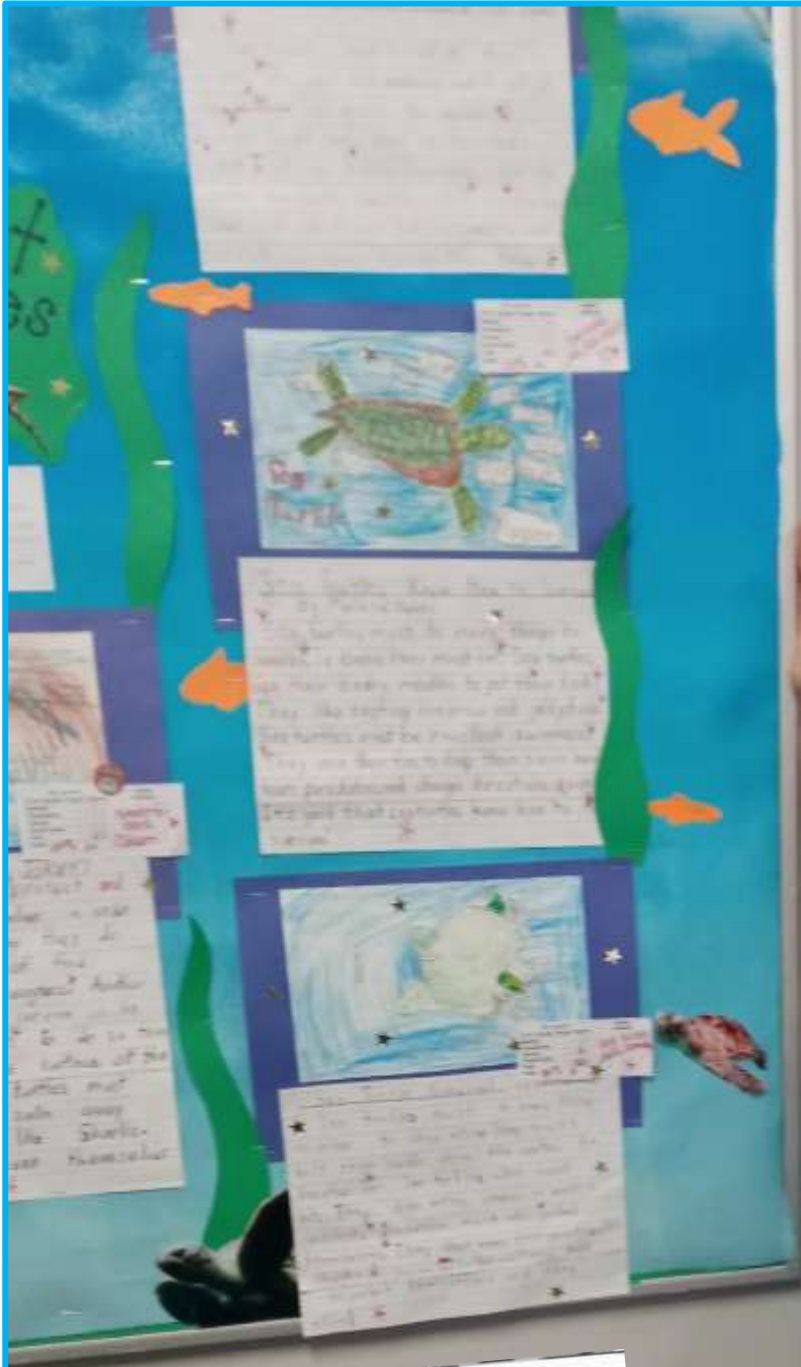
The Importance of Survival  
Sea turtles survive by doing many important things. For example, they use their beaky mouths to get the food they need. Sea turtles like eating jellyfish and seagrass. They also use their shells to hide. They need to protect themselves from predators, like sharks. Sea turtles need air to breathe. They must put their heads above the surface of the water. Sea turtles really are clever animals!

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Great Work, Haunting!

# RAINBOW BRIGHT!





WELCOME  
TO  
18  
Room 207  
Katie Greene

Pencil Power



# HANDWRITING

The display board is decorated with a blue background and green seaweed cutouts. It features several pieces of student handwriting and drawings of sea turtles. The text is written in cursive and includes phrases like "The sea turtle is a reptile", "They can swim very fast", and "They can breathe air and water". There are also small orange fish cutouts scattered around the board.





KCCS Staff vs. Student Basketball Game



Field Trip  
2nd Grade  
Tuesday, April 25th

KCCS Board Meeting  
Conference Room  
Wednesday, April 19, 2023  
5:00pm

# THINGS TO DO



**GIRL SCOUT OF WESTERN NEW YORK**  
AND

**KING CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL**

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**BUFFALO, NEW YORK 14211**



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