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Dear King Center Community,

The holiday season is here! We welcome a time to celebrate peace, love, and joy as they fill our hearts, hallways, and homes. As you prepare to gather with loved ones during this holiday season, please carry with you our greatest wish. We wish for you to cherish the gifts of Joy, Peace, and Love for they will also bring laughter, great memories, and rest in the gift of the present.

One quote of Dr. Martin Luther King I wish to reflect on during this season is: *“Life’s most persistent and urgent question is “What are you doing for others?” “Those who are not looking for happiness are the most likely to find it, because those who are searching forget that the surest way to be happy is to seek happiness for others”.* I sincerely hope each of you experience more love, joy, and happiness during this wonderful holiday season.

We invite parents/guardians to follow our school Facebook page for immediate news releases. Also, please be sure you have provided up-to-date contact information including email to the school so we can share important messages with you directly. For the text messages, you must Opt-in to receive messages, please contact the Tech Team for instructions.

We will continue to keep you updated on all events, changes to school schedule, and public health information as it becomes available. If you have any questions, feel free to call the school 716-891-7912.

*May all your holidays be merry and bright,*

Miss Coleman

*Seasons Greetings*





## 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."

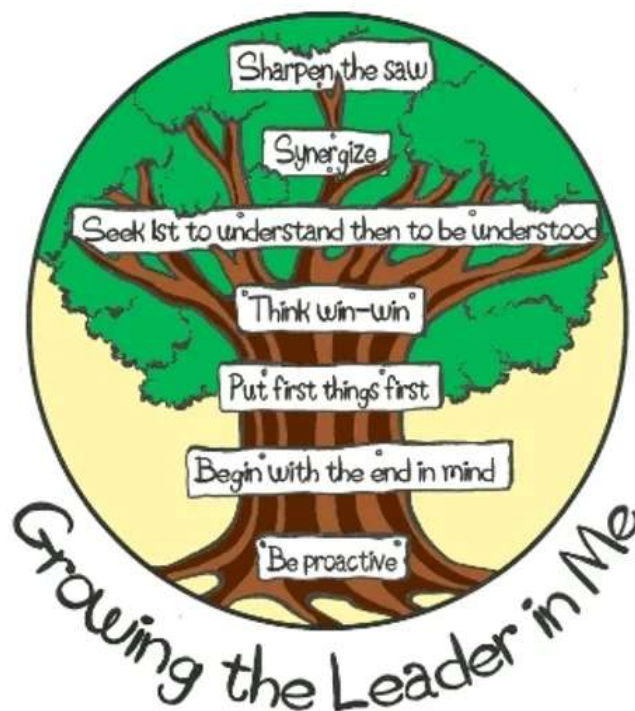
As the school year unfolds, the students are learning the language and meaning of the 7 Habits. By hearing the same language at home and at school, you send your child a message of what is important and that we are all on the same team—the team that wants to help your student succeed. When parents and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





Board of Trustee

Maura Comerford Devlin was recently awarded the coveted 40 under 40 honor from Buffalo Business First.

- ❖ Graduate of Nardin Academy, B.A. political science and communications from John Carroll University
- ❖ Maura was born in Buffalo and currently resides in Hamburg - she is SVP Marketing Strategy & PR at 43North
- ❖ Maura is married to Dan and has two children
- ❖ Maura lists King Center Charter School as her community involvement as a Board member
- ❖ Proudest professional accomplishment - Tie between producing the 43North Finals and the 43North documentary "For the Love of Buffalo."
- ❖ Best advise ever received - "Put your signature on something."
- ❖ Bucket list - attend a Bills Super bowl victory parade (isn't that everyone's?)

**KCCS Board Meeting**  
**156 Newburgh Avenue**  
 Conference Room  
**Wednesday, December 20th**  
 ~ 5:00pm ~

**King Center Charter School**  
**SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**  
**December 4th-8th, 2023**

Shop in-person at KCCS during school and on Parent Teacher Conferences (December 8th) or online anytime!

Scan to shop online!




**FREE BOOK FRIDAY**



**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15**



*"Give thanks not just on Thanksgiving Day, but every day of your life."*

**Our first annual KCCS Brunch was a SUCCESS!!!!**

Thank you to all the families that came and fellowship with us.

During the brunch we issued a family engagement survey. You can still take the survey.

**Scan the QR code to complete.**



# FOOTBALL FRIDAYS

Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>  
and  
Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>



*Wear your favorite team gear!*

**Half a Day for Students  
Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>  
12:15 Dismissal Starts**



**Friday December 8<sup>th</sup> – No School for Students**

## THE WEATHER IS GETTING COLD BE SURE TO DRESS WARM FOR SCHOOL



As the weather continues to get colder, students may be chilly during the school day.

Students are permitted to wear the following with their uniform polo shirt:



Plain, long-sleeved shirt — white, black, or gray under their polo

Cardigan sweater — plain white, black or gray over their polo, **no hoods**.

**KCCS logo** cardigan sweater from French Toast site

**KCCS logo** fleece zip up from French Toast or McKays

Students should not be wearing outerwear, hoodies etc during the school day.

Thank you.



The 8th grade google classroom is a one stop shop for all things high school. Students have had access to this classroom since September and are encouraged to check it regularly.

Ms. Wilson will continue to update the google classroom and post information for charter schools once available.



Holiday Assembly  
**Happy Holidays!**

**Thursday, December 21<sup>st</sup>  
1:00pm  
KCCS Auditorium**



**KCCS 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls**  
**Basketball Game Schedule December 2023**



Tuesday, Dec 5<sup>th</sup> ~ KCCS @ Westminster ~ 4:30pm

Thursday, Dec 7<sup>th</sup> ~ Elmwood Village (Days Park) @ KCCS ~ 5:30pm

Tuesday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> ~ KCCS @ Tapestry ~ 4:30pm

Wednesday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> ~ South Buffalo @ KCCS ~ 5:30pm

Tuesday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> ~ Buffalo Academy of Science @ KCCS ~ 4:30pm

Wednesday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> ~ KCCS @ West Buffalo ~ 4:30pm



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*Merry Christmas  
and  
Happy new year*



## **“In Case of an Emergency.....Technology Calls”**

**Hello King Center CS Families:**

All King Center CS Students who do not have a King Center device already will receive a Lenovo 300e Chromebook to **keep at home** until June 21st, 2024. **We need the Device Form completed before we can hand out the device to your child.** The Chromebook devices at home will serve a few purposes in enriching the student education career.

- Homework and assignments can be done using the device
- Individual quarantine - Immediately Asynchronous Learning (students accessing class materials, videos, and assignments at their own pace)
- King Center CS or your child classroom need to be quarantined - Immediate Remote Learning can Start.

<https://forms.gle/zeXBhrm93w7j6R9QA> or Paper form is available at the Technology Office.

\* King Center CS is short a few chargers, so, please check the house for the Lenovo USB C chargers that might belong to the school from last year!



King Center CS **will not** be providing a **MiFi Box** for internet access . Please, see the information below on how to reduce your internet bill at home with the **The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP)**. Your child will need internet access in order to use the chromebook device.

**The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is available to all families! [www.affordableconnectivity.gov](http://www.affordableconnectivity.gov)**

### **How can I qualify?**

You, or your child or dependent are enrolled in government programs like **Medicaid, SNAP, WIC**, or others, or, Based on your household income

### **What are the program benefits?**

- Service discount up to **\$30/month (internet from Spectrum, Verizon,T-Mobile, AT&T, )**
- Service discount up to \$75/month on qualifying Tribal lands
- Device discount up to \$100 for a laptop, tablet, or desktop computer (with a co-payment of more than \$10 but less than \$50)

### **Need additional assistance?**

**ACP Support Center: (877) 384-2575**

**7 days a week, from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. ET**

**Enroll Today: [www.affordableconnectivity.gov](http://www.affordableconnectivity.gov)**

**Check this video clip: <https://player.vimeo.com/video/717588149>**



# A Note from the Nurse



Parents / Guardians,

We are in the beginning of a season of several contagious illnesses (viral and bacterial).

The following guidelines are how we can maintain the goal of a safe and healthy environment for ALL students and staff.

**•ALL CALLS/ REPORTS OF STUDENT ILLNESSES MUST GO TO THE SCHOOL NURSE FIRST/ AS SOON AS POSSIBLE !**

•Most CONTAGIOUS ILLNESSES / DISEASES (for example--chicken pox, impetigo, pink eye, infectious skin diseases, respiratory airborne infectious illnesses, Covid, etc...),

•May require notification to others and have set guidelines by the state / local health authorities for return to school in order to prevent a contagious outbreak.

•The nurse will confirm the students return date and the necessary medical documentation that is needed to return and excuse the student's absence.

•Once confirmed information, the nurse will notify teachers/staff (that need to know), request educational supports for your student if needed.

•The nurse will amend the attendance to reflect the documented medically necessary time the student needs to be out of school.

•Make sure we have any new /emergency contact information (phone #'s, emails, and home addresses).

•Refer to other Health Office information and resources found in the KCCS website under "Health Office"

You can email or call the nurse with any questions regarding this. The Doctor's office may always fax any medical information.

*(Only the doctor's office faxes will be accepted. Parent faxes or email of medical documentation is not acceptable, instead please provide the original copies)*

Thank you for your cooperation towards keeping KCCS safe/healthy for ALL!

Nurse L. Marshall, KCCS Health Office / [Lmarshall@kccs.org](mailto:Lmarshall@kccs.org) / ph. 716-891-7912 / fax. 716-895-2058



## Let's Learn Together

### ELA Words for December

**Establish**: To set up or to create something

**Estimate**: To closely calculate or to judge the value or price of something

**Evaluate**: To judge the amount or value of something

**Evidence**: Fact or information to show if something is true or not

**Exaggerate**: To describe something as being larger, better, or worse than it really is

**Examine**: To study something in detail

**Example**: To illustrate a point

**Exclude**: To keep someone or something away from a place or an activity

**Exhibit**: To put something on display in public

**Explain**: To make something clearer and more understandable

**Factor**: Something that contributes to a specific result of situation

**Feature**: A part or characteristic of something

**Focus**: The main point of interest, attention, or activity

**Foreshadow**: An event that predicts a future event

### Math Words for December

**Acute**: An angle less than 90 degrees

**Angle**: The space measured between two lines or plans

**Area**: The space coverage by the figure

**Coordinate**: an ordered pair (x,y) that represents a point on a graph

**Numerator**: The top number of a fraction

**Denominator**: The bottom number of a fraction

**Equation**: A mathematical statement with two expressions that are the same, must have an equal sign

**Expression**: A group of symbols that makes a mathematical statement

**Estimate**: An approximate calculation

**Fraction**: Part of a whole

**Integer**: Positive or negative whole numbers including zero

**Circumference**: That distance around a circle

**Congruent**: Same size and shape

**Equilateral**: Having all sides of the same length



WHEN LIFE  
gives you  
TOO MUCH SNOW  
MAKE  
snow angels

# King Center Closed for Winter Break

Friday, December 22, 2023 – January 2, 2024

**SEE YOU  
NEXT YEAR!**