



Newsletter – October 2023



OCTOBER IS AWARENESS MONTH



Dear King Center Community,

We are settling into the school year with a new mission focused on academic excellence, and a recharged passion for all things King Center. We have been excited to have more parent involvement this year with our fathers supporting the first day and our first Parent Teacher Organization meeting last month. We are looking forward to an amazing school year filled with innovation, excellence, and joy!

There are 3 things we all can do to help this effort:

1. **SHOW UP!** We need students in attendance EVERY DAY to have as many opportunities as possible for academic support. We need parents present for meetings, conferences, school events, and volunteer request- we can't do this without you! Staff -keep bringing your energy, commitment, and talents into this community because you are a vital part of King Center. Community partners, we need your continued support as we lift up our community and expand our impact for our students and families.
2. **SPEAK UP!** Share your ideas, suggestions, and feedback. Your voice matters and we want to hear from you. Multiple surveys will launch this year to give everyone a chance to share feedback. Parent meetings and conferences are scheduled to build communication, and my door is always open if you wish to stop by and chat.
3. **LOOK UP!** After 24 years in the community, King Center has a long history of success and a legacy we are very proud of. However, our future is just as important as our past. We must continue to look forward to what's next and what's new for King Center. As trailblazers, we set the path for others to follow. We must continue to press forward and LEAD THE WAY for our students, families, and community. Our mission is to create a community of lifelong learners and leaders through academic success and personal development. This mission is very possible if we continue our work TOGETHER.

This is year 24 and we have never been more ready to continue being a light for our community and a light for each other. We are King Center Strong!!

Ready to Serve,

Tamaira Coleman, Executive Director

Welcome
to our **Team!**

Mr. Hill
School Security

Ms. C. Robinson
8th Grade Lead Teacher

Ms. Baginski
3rd Grade Support Staff

Ms. Storm
1st Grade Support Staff

Ms. Leonard
6th Grade Support Staff

Mr. Murray
3rd Grade Support Staff

Mr. Gath
4th Grade Support Staff

Ms. Zaprowski
4th Grade Lead Teacher

Ms. Wright
Kindergarten Lead Teacher

Ms. D'Monte
2nd Grade Support Staff

Getting Involved at School: Volunteering

Volunteering is a great way to show your kids that you take an interest in their education. The best part is that volunteering doesn't have to be "in-person." Parent volunteers offer a huge resource and support base for the school community while showing their kids the importance of participating in the larger community. Even if you haven't been involved in the past, start now!

Four questions to consider:

1. What does the ideal volunteer experience look like to you?
2. What are your strengths and interests?
3. How many hours can you volunteer?
4. Is it better for you to be in the school or take things home to work on?

Consider some suggestions:

- Help in your student's classroom
- Have goal setting talks with student/teacher
- Mentor or tutor students
- Use weekly data-sharing folders
- Help organize, cater, or work at fundraising activities
- Help to plan and chaperone field trips
- Organize or assist with a specific club or interest group
- Have regular personalized communication with teacher/school
- Sew costumes or build sets for theatrical and musical productions
- Volunteer to speak in the classroom or at a career day
- Supervise or judge experiments at a science fair
- Be at parent training events
- Invite school visits to your home
- Be involved in interactive homework, tips, and tools for home learning

Volunteering not only benefits your students, you also benefit by making the school a more positive place. Through your modeling, relationship building, and support, you will be helping in ways that will reap benefits for everyone.



KCCS PARENT TEACHER
ORG. PRESENTS



Breast Cancer Bake sale

OCTOBER 18TH-20TH, 2023

**50% of the proceeds
will go to the Young
Adult Program
@Roswell Park**

KING CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL

PRESENTS




**FADES
&
BRAIDS**

OCTOBER 10, 2023

3PM - 8PM

APPLY HERE



 **SCAN ME**

KING CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL

GYMNASIUM

156 NEWBURGH AVENUE

BUFFALO, NEW YORK 14211



Parents/Students,

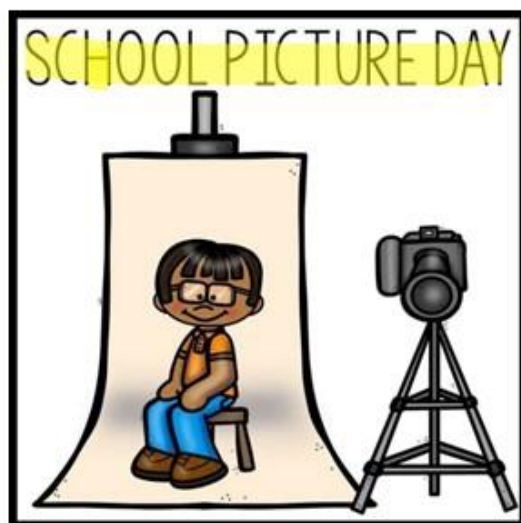
8th grade students will receive information for Public, Charter, and Private Schools through a google classroom which will include open house dates, scholarship information, admission requirements, and more. Students were granted access to this online classroom on September 14th and must check the classroom regularly.

Ms. Daniels and Ms. Wilson are in the process of meeting with students to review high school interest lists. You will receive a call from a counselor within the next few weeks regarding the next steps of the application process. Please continue to check the google classroom for updates.

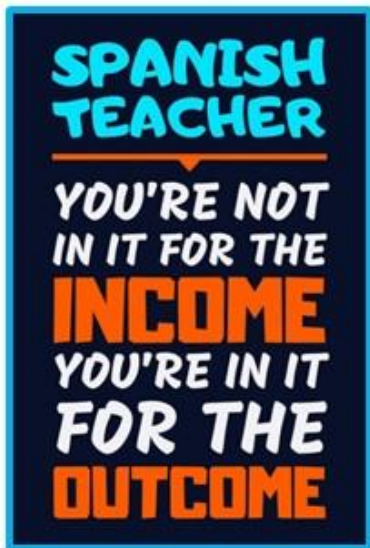
Thank you!

PICTURE DAY IS COMING!

Wednesday, October 11th
Dress to Impress
KCCS is Best from the Rest!



Recognizing
HISPANIC • LATINO
HERITAGES
September 15 - October 15



Dear parents and guardians,

Be Proactive and Synergize By Putting First Thing First

We're using our time proactively and productively. This month, our students will continue learning about the **CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING Standard** (Students will develop cross-cultural skills and understanding and learn how to use them) by celebrating:

"EL MES DE LA HISPANIDAD."

I am so happy to see our students' reactions about what, why, how, and where the **HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH** is celebrated.

This month, our students will be working on their **PROJECTS** and the **HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION**. The students will have the opportunity to present the knowledge and experiences they have gained by October 13, 2023.

- The Hispanic Heritage Month
- When is Hispanic Heritage Month?
- History of Hispanic Heritage Month
- Traditions of the Day
- How to observe and celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month
- Why Hispanic Heritage Month is Important

I am very excited that we will add up to **BIG** results. I encourage you to study, review, and learn the importance about:

"EL MES DE LA HISPANIDAD" - HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

I encourage you to contact me should you have any questions or concerns or just to say hello! You can reach me via email at mfancher@kingcentercharterschool.org or by my cellular phone at (716) 710-2990. Thank you for allowing me the privilege of working with your children!

With love and respect,
Señorita Fancher

**UPCOMING
Half Days**

King Center Charter School

**Columbus Day
Indigenous
People Day
NO SCHOOL**

Monday, October 9th

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**

**Friday
October 27, 2023**

**Friday
December 1, 2023**

**Friday
February 2, 2024**

**Friday
March 1, 2024**

**Wednesday
April 24, 2024**

Half days for students – pick-ups at 12noon and buses load at 12:15pm

From the desk of Mr. Gordon, Athletics

To KCCS Parents/Guardians:

KCCS is excited to welcome Lawrence Mentkowski to our school for the 7th year! Mr. Mentkowski will be training some of our third and fourth graders in **Kung Fu Self Defense**. Mr. Mentkowski received his black belt and has been training at Mandarin Kung Fu for almost 50 years. The benefits of China's martial arts include self-defense training, increased confidence, cardio-vascular improvement, and improved balance and movement. Mr. Mentkowski's style is Shaolin Temple style of Kung Fu, from the south of China.

Kung Fu is open to all 3rd and 4th grade KCCS students. Classes will be offered on **Thursdays** on the following six dates: **10/19, 10/26, 11/2, 11/9, 11/16, and 11/30**. The sessions will be held at KCCS (156 Newburgh Ave.) from 3:15-4:15 PM. Parents are responsible for picking up their children by 4:30 p.m. at the school on the practice days.

The spots will be given to the first twenty 3rd and 4th graders who return a permission slip to Mr. Gordon. Once we are at capacity (20 maximum), registration will be closed.

***Students must bring shorts or sweatpants and a clean t-shirt to practice in.



Volleyball Schedule

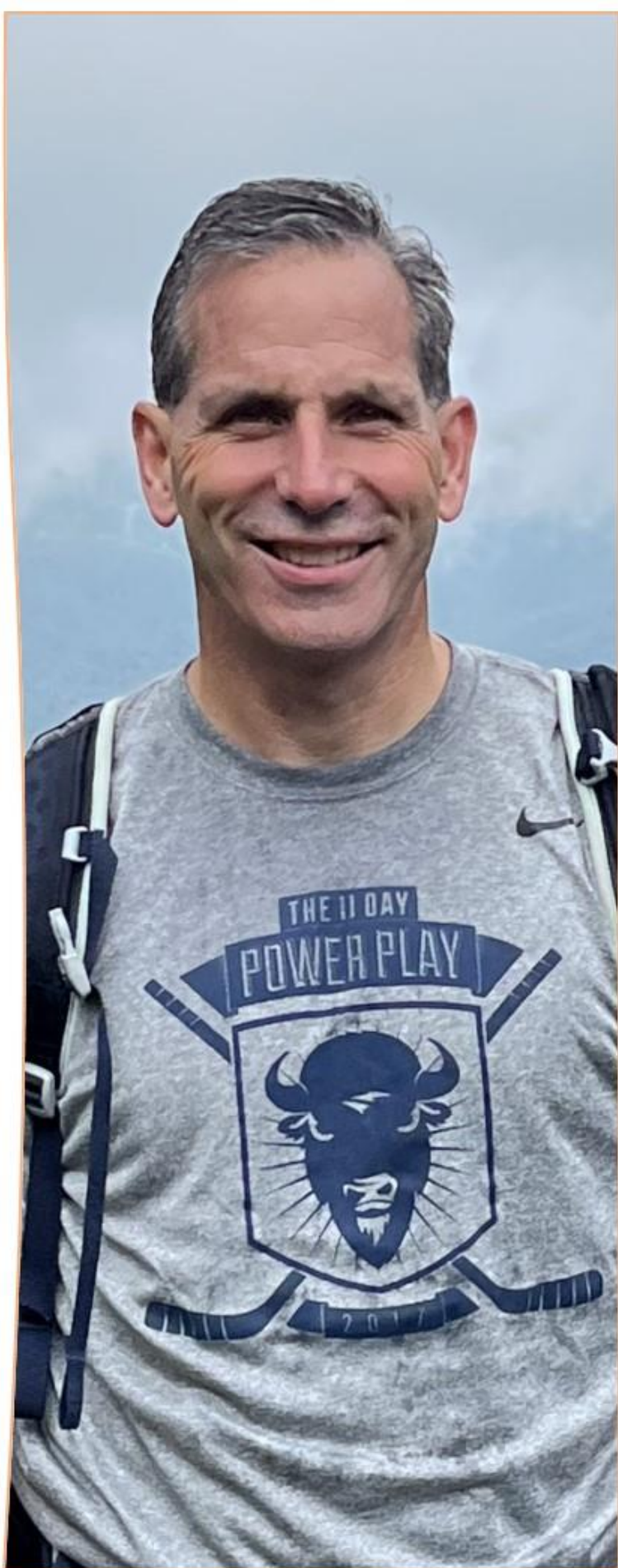
| Volleyball Schedule | | | | |
|---------------------|---|---------|---|--|
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | |
| 1 | 2 Practice 3:45-4:45 | 3 | 4 Practice 3:45-4:45 | |
| 8 | 9 No School/No Practice | 10 | 11 Practice 3:45-4:45 | |
| 15 | 16 Practice 3:45-3:45 | 17 | 18 Match VS South Buffalo @ South Buffalo | |
| 22 | 23 Match VS West Buffalo @ West Buffalo | 24 | 25 Match VS South Buffalo @ KCCS | |
| 29 | 30 Match VS Elmwood Village @ KCCS | | | |



Introducing

Scott Saperston grew up in Buffalo and enjoyed getting pelted with hockey pucks in his youth as he was a hockey goalie. The sport led him to Trinity College in Hartford, CT graduating with a degree in History in 1994. He migrated to Chicago and worked in advertising before receiving his MBA at Washington University in St. Louis in 2000. Scott then began his career in wealth management initially at Goldman Sachs Chicago and after returning to WNY to be closer to family in 2005 he joined Morgan Stanley where he is currently a Senior Vice President. Scott is entering his tenth year on the KCCS Board, fifth as Co-President, and has also served on the Boards of the Olmsted Center for Sight, the Elmwood Franklin School and the Nichols School. He resides in Amherst, NY with his wife Kristin, who teaches at Buffalo State, while his two children are in college. Max is a senior at Boston University intending to enter the military upon graduation and Rose is a sophomore at the University of Michigan.

KCCS Board Meeting
Conference Room
Wednesday, October 18th
5:00pm



ACP Affordable Connectivity Program

Save up to \$30 a month on your internet service bill

The Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) is a new federal program that helps low income families afford the cost of having internet service at home.

ACP Participants Receive:

- Up to a \$30/month discount on your internet service
- Up to a \$75/month discount if your household is on qualifying Tribal lands
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, tablet, or desktop computer (with a co-payment of more than \$10 but less than \$50)

Who Qualifies?

There are four ways your household can qualify for the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP):

- Based on your household income
- If you or your child or dependent participate in certain government assistance programs such as SNAP, Medicaid, WIC, or other programs
- If you or your child or dependent already receives a Lifeline benefit
- You may also qualify for the ACP through a participating internet provider's existing low-income program.

If you or someone in your household participates in one of these programs you are automatically eligible for ACP:

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Medicaid
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Federal Public Housing Assistance (FPHA)
- Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit
- Free and Reduced-Price School Lunch Program or School Breakfast Program, including at U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Community Eligibility Provision schools
- Received a Federal Pell Grant in the current award year

Enroll Today

www.affordableconnectivity.gov

King Center CS is no longer providing MiFi Box for home internet services.

