



**DOORS OPEN TUESDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 3, 2024  
7:55AM**



# WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

**DISMISSAL STARTS  
3:15PM  
(ALL PICK-UPS MUST BE PICKED UP BY 3:30PM)**



**Kindergarten - Mrs. Hoak**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade - Ms. Blatner**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – Ms. McClam**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Mrs. Cook**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – Ms. Seibold**

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade – Ms. Gerrity**



## September 2024 Newsletter



***KING CENTER 2024-2025: Happy 25th Birthday KCCS!***  
***One Legacy, One Dream, One Team***

Dear King Center Families:

Welcome to the **25th school year** at King Center Charter School. We are so excited that you decided to journey with us! Below you will find some helpful information about our school's mission, vision, values, and other pertinent information starting with the first day of school. Please read carefully for all updates for this school year. We look forward to seeing you soon!

### **Mission Statement**

The King Center Charter School strives to create a community of lifelong learners and leaders through academic excellence and personal development.

### **Vision Statement**

To be the charter school of choice for Buffalo K-8 families and students.

### **Values Statement**

- **INNOVATION**- Transforming the way we think, act, and utilize resources.
- **COMMITMENT**- Pledge to show up and live the mission.
- **GRIT**- The passion and perseverance to overcome challenges.
- **RESPECT**- Create a safe environment by embracing others' differences and perspectives.
- **ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE**- A belief in all students that yields high-performance and superior outcomes.
- **LEADERSHIP**- The capacity to influence others to achieve a common goal.
- **ACCOUNTABILITY** – Doing your part to achieve a personal or collective goal and the willingness to accept responsibility for your actions.
- **COMPASSION**- Allow others to grow by showing kindness, caring, and seeking first to understand.

As we prepare to return in September, please keep in mind the following:

1.           **First Day of School:** The first day of school is **Tuesday, September 3, 2024**
2.           **2024-2025 School Hours:** King Center Charter School will operate under our **normal hours** of 8 am to 3:15 pm for grades K-8. (Doors open at 7:55 am)
3.           **Classroom Supply Drop-off:** Supply drop-off for all grades will be held from **12pm-5pm on August 27<sup>th</sup> and 9am-12pm on August 28<sup>th</sup>**. Please mark your calendars.
4.           **School Uniform Shirts:** Please note only the KCCS Logo UNIFORM SHIRTS ARE PERMITTED. The full uniform policy is listed on our website. Shirts are

available at McKay's Clothing (851 Abbott Rd) or uniform shirts can be ordered from the French Toast Site:

<https://www.frenchtoast.com/schoolbox/schools/king-center-charter-school-OS47EHJ>

5. **School Supply List:** The school supply lists can be found on our website: [www.kccs.org](http://www.kccs.org) or you can pick one up at the Main Office between the hours of 8am-2pm.
6. **Address Change:** If you have moved recently, please provide updated address and telephone numbers, and emails to **Mrs. Marcella at (716) 891-7912 ext. 230.**
7. **Physicals and Shot Records:** By law, all students must have a physical on file and an updated shot record by the time students enter school. If you need help with this process, please contact Nurse Marshall at (716) 891-7912 ext. 501.
8. **Breakfast/Lunch:** All applications for free and/or reduced-price meals are due to Mr. Fernand Joseph by **September 3, 2024.**
9. **Transportation Issues:** If you have recently moved or if your child's pick-up or drop-off address is different from your home address, such as in cases of daycare and after-school program drop-offs, please call Ms. Debbie Smith at (716) 891-7912 ext. 200 as soon as possible.
10. **Pick-up policy:** If we have not received notification about a change in transportation (pick up) by 1:00 pm your child will be placed on his or her bus. After 1pm we will be in dismissal mode ensuring that all children arrive at their destination safely. Please respect our policy and know that we want to ensure that all children make it to their destination in a safe and timely manner. **All students must be picked up by 3:30 pm. Office hours for Ms. Debbie Smith are from 7:45 am – 3:45 pm.**
11. **Early Release Policy:** To help us execute our early release process more effectively we are asking all parents/guardians to contact the school for early release by way of letter or phone call. If we do not know in advance, there will be a delay in picking up your child.
12. **Office Summer Schedule:** The King Center Charter School office will be open during the Summer from 8 am to 2 pm.
13. **Attendance:** It is important that your child attends school each day **for all 180 days of school.** Make sure students come to school each day ready to learn unless students are sick. If your child is absent, please have them return with a letter stating why students were absent. Contact Ms. Wilson at (716) 891-7912 ext. 270 for support and help with attendance issues.



14. **At-Home Reading and Homework Completion:** The King Center Curriculum is very rigorous and expects all students to be reading above grade level. There are two simple things parents can do to help their children achieve academically:

- Require that students read at home for at least 20 minutes a day
- Make sure students complete all homework assignments

**\* Please look at the label on your envelope, your child's classroom will be at the bottom (ex. 2A).**

15. **Classroom Teachers:**

K-2 Leads		3-6 Leads	
KA	Mrs. Hoak	3A (ELA/Social Studies)	Mrs. Cook
KB	Ms. Wright	3B (Math/Science)	Ms. Seibold
KC	Ms. Marshall	4A (ELA/Social Studies)	Mrs. Zaprowski
1A	Ms. Trombitas	4B (Math/Science)	Ms. Young
1B	Mrs. Greene	5A (ELA/Social Studies)	Ms. Jones
1C	Ms. Moss	5B (Math/Science)	Mrs. Fulgham
2A	Ms. Wagstaff	6A (ELA/Social Studies)	Ms. Pryor
2B	Ms. Blatner	6B (Math/Science)	Ms. Carrero & Ms. Gerrity
2C	Ms. McClam		
Middle School Leads			
7A ELA	Ms. Bunton	8A ELA	Mr. Brown
7B Math	Mr. Sturm	8B Math	Mr. Reinhardt
7C Social Studies	Mr. Sandecki	8C Social Studies	Ms. Mulligan
7D Science	Ms. Threet	8D Science	Mr. Keem

We are looking forward to a school year filled with possibility and excellence!!

**Board Meeting**  
**KCCS Board of Trustees**  
**Wednesday, September 18, 2024**  
**Conference Room**  
**5:00pm**

# King Center Charter School SCHOOL UNIFORMS PRICE GUIDE 2024 - 2025

## McKay's Clothing

851 Abbott Rd.  
Buffalo, N.Y. 14220  
824-7900

[www.mckaysworkclothing.com](http://www.mckaysworkclothing.com)

Website ordering for uniforms  
available in April

School uniforms 2024 - 2025  
King Center Charter School

### Store Hours:

Monday, Thursday, Friday - 10 am-9pm  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday- 10am- 6pm  
(July & August- Monday 10am- 6pm)

Best selections before August  
Shop early for special sizes  
Layaway available

Located on Abbott Rd. between Ridge Rd. and  
Mercy Hospital- next to Rite Aid

Boys and Girls	Price
Polos - Gray & Gold	Youth - S/S \$14.99 Adult - S/S \$16.99
Fleece - Full Zip - Black	Youth - \$26.99 Adult - \$28.99

Girls	Price
Skorts - Khaki & Black	\$9.99 - \$12.99
Jumpers - Khaki	\$12.99
Pants - Khaki & Black	\$13.99 - \$19.99

Boys	Price
Pants - Khaki & Black	\$11.99
Jogger Pants	\$13.99



# KING CENTER CHARTER SCHOOL 24-25 BACK TO SCHOOL SPIRIT WEEK

THIS YEAR KING CENTER TURNS 25!!  
*ONE LEGACY, ONE DREAM, ONE TEAM!*

## Tuesday, September 3rd *"Legacy Day"*

Leave your legacy by sporting your  
signature L<sup>CK</sup> K!



## Wednesday, September 4th *"Day Dream"*

Dress as the special person  
you've always wanted to be.



## Thursday, September 5th *"Sweet Dreams Day"*

Wear pajamas or cozy, comfortable clothing!



## Friday, September 6th *"Hometown Team"*

Let's see that Buffalo Bills apparel!



Students are invited to participate in all four days of spirit week. If students choose not to participate in the themed days, regular school uniforms should be worn.

Anytime there is a spirit week or dress down day please observe the following parameters:

- All items must be elementary school appropriate.
- Shoes must have backs on them (no flip flops, slides etc).
  - Crocs/foams are not permitted.
  - No short tops, shorts, or skirts.
    - No spaghetti strap tops.
- Ripped jeans are not permitted, even if there is cloth underneath the rip.





# WELCOME

**W**hen You  
**E**nter this Room  
**L**earning is Fun and  
**C**ooperation is Expected  
**O**ur positive Attitude and  
**M**utual Respect are part of  
**E**verything we do and say

We are all enrolled.  
Every day of life holds a  
lesson to be learned and an  
education to be had.

LeaRning  
= TODAY =  
LeaDing  
tomorrow

# Welcome to *Leader in Me*

Each new school year brings opportunities for academic growth and growth in all areas of development. Although children must be knowledgeable when they graduate, they must also be healthy, engaged, responsible, and caring people.

We're grateful you're here at our school and we're excited to partner with you and your child. As a *Leader in Me* School, we believe that every member of your family has greatness and we can't wait to learn and grow from you! *Leader in Me* (LiM) is an evidence-based, comprehensive school-improvement model—developed in partnership with educators and FranklinCovey—that empowers students with the leadership and life skills they need to thrive in a global community.

Our school has chosen to operate through a uniquely different lens. *Leader in Me* is about empowering your child to reach their full potential while ultimately finding their voice. As a school, the staff in this building have made five core commitments to your child. We call these our Core Paradigms. In these paradigms you will find the belief and way we view all students. At this school we see that:

- Everyone is a leader.
- Everyone has genius.
- Change starts with me.
- We empower students to lead their own learning.
- Educators and families partner to develop the whole person.

Not only do these paradigms apply to your student, they apply to all of us!

*Leader in Me* provides our school with the vision and language to lead the school in a way that addresses all areas of development. As each child discovers and develops their unique gifts and talents, they are given opportunities to lead. As leaders, they become active, engaged partners in their own education, and their self-confidence, responsibility, and initiative grows. The children quickly understand the benefits of different gifts and talents; they learn to listen to new ideas, work together to achieve results, and motivate one another to be the best.

We hope your school enjoys sharing these new opportunities. Together, we will see each child grow throughout the year.



# Bienvenido a *Leader in Me*

Cada nuevo año escolar brinda oportunidades para el crecimiento académico y el crecimiento en todas las áreas de desarrollo. Aunque los niños deben estar bien informados cuando se gradúen, también deben ser personas saludables, comprometidas, responsables y bondadosas.

Estamos agradecidos de que esté aquí en nuestra escuela y estamos emocionados de asociarnos con usted y su hijo. Como una escuela *Leader in Me* (*El líder en mí*), creemos que cada miembro de su familia tiene excelencia y estamos ansiosos por aprender y crecer de usted. *Leader in Me* es un modelo integral de mejoramiento escolar basado en evidencia, desarrollado en asociación con educadores y Franklin Covey, que capacita a los estudiantes con el liderazgo y las habilidades para la vida que necesitan para prosperar en una comunidad global.

Nuestra escuela ha optado por operar a través de una lente única y diferente. *Leader in Me* se trata de capacitar a su hijo para que alcance su máximo potencial y encuentre su voz. Como escuela, el personal de esta institución ha hecho cinco compromisos básicos con su hijo. A estos los llamamos nuestros paradigmas principales. En estos paradigmas encontrará la creencia y la forma en que vemos a todos los estudiantes. En esta escuela vemos que:

- Todo el mundo es un líder.
- Todo el mundo tiene genio.
- El cambio comienza con usted.
- Empoderamos a los estudiantes para que lideren su propio aprendizaje.
- Los educadores y las familias se asocian para desarrollar a la persona en su totalidad.

Estos paradigmas no solo se aplican a su estudiante, ¡se aplican a todos nosotros!

*Leader in Me* proporciona a nuestra escuela la visión y el lenguaje para dirigir la escuela de una manera que aborde todas las áreas de desarrollo. A medida que cada niño descubre y desarrolla sus dones y talentos únicos, se le brinda la oportunidad de liderar.

Como líderes, se convierten en socios activos y comprometidos en su propia educación, y crece su confianza en sí mismos, su responsabilidad y su iniciativa. Los niños comprenden rápidamente los beneficios de los diferentes dones y talentos; aprenden a escuchar nuevas ideas, trabajar juntos para lograr resultados y motivarse mutuamente para ser los mejores.

Esperamos que su escuela disfrute compartiendo estas nuevas oportunidades. Juntos veremos crecer a cada niño a lo largo del año.

**NATIONAL  
HISPANIC  
HERITAGE MONTH**  
SEPTEMBER 15 - OCTOBER 15



In 2017 Buffalo, New York, artist and educator Betsy Casañas was invited by the city's Albright-Knox Public Art Initiative, the Hispanic Heritage Council, and the Rich Family Foundation to create what became this mural celebrating the contributions made by the region's Hispanic and Latinx communities





# HISPANIC AMERICAN LEADERS



**CÉSAR CHAVEZ (1927-1993)**  
César Chávez dropped out of school in eighth grade to help his family pick crops. In 1962, he organized the National Farm Workers Association, a labor union that helped migrant workers get better pay.



**ALBERTO GONZALES (1955- )**  
Alberto Gonzales has served as a Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas and Secretary of State of Texas. In 2005, he became the first Hispanic American to hold the position of U.S. Attorney General.



**LINDA CHAVEZ-THOMPSON (1944- )**  
Linda Chavez-Thompson was the first Hispanic American woman elected executive vice president of the AFL-CIO, a group of labor unions. She works to improve the relationship between unions and minorities.



**ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN (1952- )**  
A former teacher and school administrator, Ileana Ros-Lehtinen is the first Hispanic American woman to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives. She is working to improve education for children of all races.



**ROY BENAVIDEZ (1935-1998)**  
During the Vietnam War, Roy Benavidez saved the lives of several members of his unit, even though he was severely injured. His heroic actions earned him many military awards.



**BILL RICHARDSON (1947- )**  
Bill Richardson has served as a U.S. Congressman, Ambassador to the United Nations, Secretary of Energy, and Governor of New Mexico. He has been nominated several times for the Nobel Peace Prize.

CELEBRATE



HISPANIC  
HERITAGE MONTH



# HISPANIC AMERICAN SCIENTISTS



**ANTONIA NOVELLO (1944- )**  
Antonia Novello was the first Hispanic American and the first woman to serve as the Surgeon General of the United States. President George Bush nominated her for the position, which she held from 1990 to 1993.



**MARIO MOLINA (1943- )**  
Mario Molina shared the 1995 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for his research on how pollution affects earth's atmosphere. His research showed that some chemicals damage the earth's ozone layer.



**LUIS WALTER ALVAREZ (1911-1988)**  
Luis Walter Alvarez was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1968 for his work in particle physics, the work that studies the smallest particles of matter. During World War II, he invented a radar system to help planes land safely.



**ELLEN OCHOA (1958- )**  
Ellen Ochoa is a highly respected scientist, inventor, astronaut, and engineer. In 1993, she became the first Hispanic American woman to space as part of the crew of the Space Shuttle *Discovery*.



**BARUJ BENACERRAF (1920- )**  
Baruj Benacerraf shared the 1960 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for his study of the human immune system. His work helped doctors understand more about how the body fights diseases and tumors.



**FRANKLIN CHANG-DÍAZ (1950- )**  
Award-winning astronaut and engineer Franklin Chang-Díaz logged more than 1600 hours in space during his seven space flights. He and other NASA scientists are working to improve rocket engines.



**ELLEN OCHOA (1958- )**

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# **Meet the Teacher Night**

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**You are invited to  
King Center Charter School's  
"Meet the Teacher Night"**

**Wednesday, September 18, 2024  
5:00pm – 6:00pm**

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# Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

## Did you know?

Attendance is essential to school success! Chronic absenteeism occurs when students miss at least 10% of school within a year.

Attendance in good standing is when students have a 95% attendance rate or miss less than 10 **excused** or **unexcused** absences.

Parents who have students with **10 or more unexcused absences** and are not passing academics can be reported to **Child Protection Services (CPS)** for educational neglect.

## Pros for Attendance in Good Standing

- 1.) Develop healthy social skills
- 2.) Elementary students have a high proficiency level by the end of grade 3
- 3.) Middle school students are more likely to pass common core subjects and graduate on time

## Cons for Chronic Absenteeism

- 1.) Contributes to lower academic performance
- 2.) Grades 2-8 have difficulty keeping up with peers which leads to lower self-esteem in academics and reduce class participation
- 3.) Students have a higher risk of being retained

Absences due to a religious observance, death in the family, student illness or hospitalization, and/or suspension are **excusable**. As a courtesy we will excuse two (2) absences without documentation.

If you need support or if there are barriers preventing your child from being present or on time, please let us know. Doors open at 7:55. Students are considered late after 8:30.

**Contact:** (716) 891-7912 You can reach Ms. Wilson at extension 270 or Mrs. Jackson at extension 269.





Library  
**LEARNERS**

**FREE BOOK  
FRIDAY!**

**September 27**

Remember  
to read  
20 minutes a day!