

Dear Families and Friends,

We had a great turnout at last Wednesday's Open House. There was a lot of energy and questions around how parents can support King. I thought it might be helpful to present some of the budget scenarios and what might be done.

- Our operating budget for books, supplies, field experiences etc. has been cut by 10% for this year and may be reduced further.
- We have 15-20 more students this year and the equivalent of 2.5 less staff members.
- The cost of the Leadership School at Kieve for all seventh graders is \$21,000 with an extra \$4,000 in transportation costs. Some of these costs are covered by Title I and some by a Grant from the Cole Foundation. The rest will need to be supported by parents.
- Field experiences are an essential part of the curriculum here at King. The cost of transportation has more than doubled.
- Our use of technology at King is also part of the rich experience here. This is an area needing upgrades and financial support.

*How could you help?*

- We ask each parent of a seventh grader to contribute \$50 toward the Kieve experience if they are able. Any amount is welcomed. Many seventh grade parents in the past have doubled the amount to provide a camp scholarship for a student who cannot afford it.
- If you do want to make a contribution to King – simply make your check payable to “King Middle School”. We are a tax-exempt organization and therefore your contribution is tax-deductible.
- If you are involved in a business that may have resources that can support our expeditions (printing and reproduction, performance spaces, contributions, etc.) please call to learn how you can become a business partner.
- We are also always looking for volunteers to support our Learning Expeditions. You can *volunteer through your house teachers*.
- We are delighted by the interest among many parents to become involved in a King Parent Organization. We have scheduled an organizational meeting for Oct. 18 at 6:30 pm.
- Feel free to be in touch with your ideas or suggestions through our weblog at <http://kmsweb.wordpress.com/supporting-king>.

Thank You,

Michael J. McCarthy  
Principal