



# KING MIDDLE SCHOOL

92 Deering Avenue, Portland, ME 04102

## Principal's Update November 13, 2017

Dear Families,

I hope that everyone enjoyed the long weekend and observance of Veteran's Day. There is certainly a lot happening within the walls of King, especially as we head toward portfolio conferences next week. Please take advantage of the opportunity to hear first-hand from your student on the progress they are making toward targets and standards.



Last week we hosted our annual Fall Institute. 40 visitors from different states on the east coast for two full days of professional development. 30 students participated in the Institute. They provided tours and presented their work. The visitors were very impressed with our students and their ability to articulate their learning.

### Expeditions:

On Thursday, Windsor 8 and York 6 students attended a student performance of Portland Ovation's Living Voices: Within the Silence. The show, performed at USM, looked at the the impact World War II had on Japanese-Americans and the history of anti-Asian sentiment in the United States. The show had direct connections to each team's expeditions: Y6's *Words to Live By*, as well as W8's *Truth or Consequences*.

### Student Led Parent Teacher Conferences:

Crew teachers will be contacting families to schedule conferences in the coming weeks. Students will be dismissed at 11:30am on Monday and Tuesday November 20 & 21 for conferences. Multilingual Interpreter Conferences will be Tuesday & Wednesday November 28 & 29. Interpreters will be contacting families soon to schedule conferences.

## Food Pantry:

Our food pantry needs donations. Non-perishable items are greatly appreciated. King students benefit from this community resource, especially as we enter into the holiday season.



## Winter Coats, Mittens &

**Boots:** As you can see in the photo above, Ms. Roland's was very excited to see the first snowflakes of the season. Their arrival is a reminder that winter is indeed coming. At this time of year we are collecting new or gently used jackets, mittens, and hats for students. Please bring donated items to the main office.

## Pictures are in!:

Pictures from Photo Day have arrived! They will be coming home with students this week. If you ordered a digital file they will be emailed directly to the email address provided. **Retake Day has been scheduled for Tuesday, December 5.** If you would like a retake they must keep their photo pack together and return it to the photographers on that day.

## Lost and Found:

King's lost and found is located near the vending machine and it is overflowing. Please be sure to check it as we will be donating items to charity on **Wednesday, November 15th.**

## Upcoming Events:

- Mon. & Tues. Nov. 20 & 21 - Student Led Conferences
  - Teachers will be sending out sign up forms to schedule conferences
- Mon. & Tues. Nov. 20 & 21 - 11:30am dismissal
- Wed. - Fri. Nov. 22-24 -**NO SCHOOL**, Thanksgiving Break
- Tues. & Wed. Nov. 28 & 29 - Multilingual Interpreter Conferences
- Tues. Dec. 5 - Photo Retake Day
- Fri. Dec. 8 - School Dance, 3:00-5:00pm

**Have a great week!**

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Principal