



KING MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Principal's Update **November 27, 2017**

Dear Families,

I hope that everyone enjoyed the Thanksgiving break and took the opportunity to enjoy time with family and friends. It was wonderful to see so many of our families attend student-led conferences last week. This week our interpreter conferences will happen on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Recently we have had a lot of experts at King working with students. Partnering with community experts is critical to a successful and fully engaging expedition. We are very appreciative of the time they spent working with our students. Check out some highlights below:

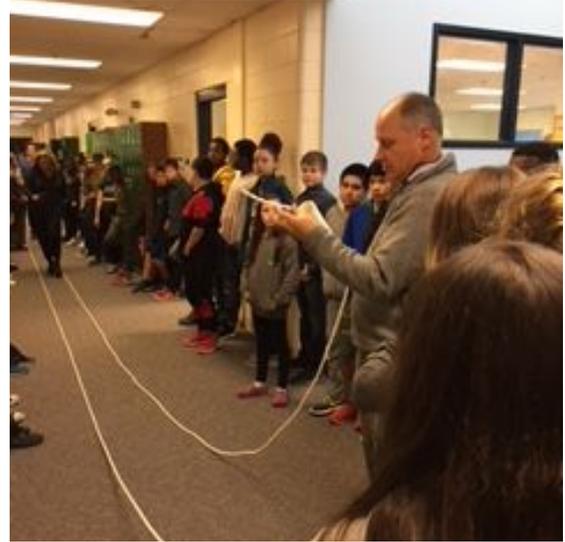


As part of the *Truth or Consequences* expedition, Adam Berinsky is a professor of political science and the director of the Political Experiments Research Lab at MIT. Through his research he studies public opinion aiming to understand how political information, disinformation,

and rumors are expressed and disseminated. In addition to his research and countless publications, he has worked closely with the Finnish government to combat fake news. Students will use their new learning as they create truth posters and look closely at why people manipulate the truth and how it impacts society. Margo Halverson, from MECA, also came in to talk about graphic design with Windsor 8.

Katrina Venhuizen from EcoMaine spoke with York 8 students about waste and recycling. Students will use this information as they examine energy sources and prepare for their upcoming debates.

For the *Pathway to the Plate* expedition, John Naylor from Rosemont Grocery was one of the speakers at the Windsor 7 Food Symposium on Friday. Students learned about the food system chains, including local and industrial organic. Paul Dobbins from Ocean Approved demonstrates how kelp lines are fed in Casco Bay. The students got to taste kelp salad, too!



Upcoming Events

- Tues. & Wed. Nov. 28 & 29 - Multilingual Interpreter Conferences
- Fri. Dec. 1 -York 6, Culminating Event "Words to Live By", 1:00-2:00pm
- Tues. Dec. 5 - Photo Retake Day
- Fri. Dec. 8 - School Dance, 3:00-5:00pm
- December 12- Report cards sent home with students
- Mon. Dec. 18 - Winter Concert, 6:00-7:00pm, King Cafetorium

Have a great week!

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Principal