



KING MIDDLE SCHOOL

92 Deering Avenue, Portland, ME 04102

Principal's Update **November 6, 2017**

Dear Families,

We hope that everyone who came out for the International Potluck Dinner had an enjoyable evening sharing food and conversation. Thank you to all of the families that came and supported this special event.

It is hard to believe that we are now in the midst of November. It is a busy month with expeditions in full swing, winter sports starting, student-led portfolio conferences, and of course Thanksgiving break. Please remember there is **NO SCHOOL this Friday** as we observe Veteran's Day. On behalf of the KMS staff I would like to recognize the contributions of our community members that have served the armed forces.



Last week York 8 kicked off their expedition *ReCharging Our World* with a discussion with Spencer Thibodeau, Portland City Councillor and the head of the City's Sustainability and Transportation Committee. In this expedition, students will be looking at how we should meet the challenges of a warming planet, and what we should be doing about our energy future.

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.

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 soon.

Please join us in congratulating Gus Goodwin, our technology education teacher on receiving the Sierra Club's Grassroots Leadership Award. It was presented to him along with current and former King students by Congresswoman Chellie Pingree last Friday. Congratulations, Gus!



Reporting an Absence:

Families are reminded that if a student is unable to attend school, a parent or guardian should inform the Main Office before 8:30am by leaving a message on the Attendance Line, 874-8141 or emailing kingsecretary@portlandschools.org.

Dismissing Students:

Families are also reminded that if a student is to be dismissed during the school day, he/she is required to bring a written note signed by a parent or guardian to the Main Office before school begins in the morning. Parents can also call the school on 874-8140 or email kingsecretary@portlandschools.org. Advanced notice will help ensure your student is dismissed at the appropriate time.

Upcoming Events:

- Fri. Nov. 10 - **NO SCHOOL** -Veteran's Day, observed
- Fri. Nov. 17 - School Dance, 3:00-5:00pm
- 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**
- Tues. & Wed. Nov. 28 & 29 - Multilingual Interpreter Conferences

Have a great week!

Caitlin LeClair
Principal