

# King Chronicle

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"At King Our Lives Have Strong Beginnings."

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## King is AWESOME!!

In a recent article in *The Gazette*, King Elementary ranked 27th in the State of Colorado for overall performance out of over 2000 elementary schools! In 158 surrounding area schools, we were ranked 3rd in Language Arts and 4th in Math for individual student growth. Thank you to our supporters and our King Family. If you would like to read the article follow the [https://gazette.com/news/cheyenne-mountain-schools-lose-top-ratings-title-to-smaller-foes/article\\_6f89d758-c864-11e9-a223-67f49298008e.html](https://gazette.com/news/cheyenne-mountain-schools-lose-top-ratings-title-to-smaller-foes/article_6f89d758-c864-11e9-a223-67f49298008e.html)

## PARKING LOT SAFETY

- ⇒ **Dropping Off Curbside:** Please pull to the side, park, and let your child out at the sidewalk on Defoe or to the East side of the school on Fielding.
- ⇒ **Dropping Off at Pull Through Lanes:** If using the southwest parking lot, please let your child out of the car when you are at the front of the line. This will keep students from walking through the parking lot with moving cars.
- ⇒ **Picking Up at Pull Through Lanes:** Students will be kept at the sidewalk until your vehicle is one of the first two in line.
- ⇒ **When Using Pull Through Lanes:** Students cross in front of the exit, please be careful when leaving this parking lot.
- ⇒ **The Back Parking Lot:** (north east) is only for staff and handicap parking. Safety of our children is a priority and parents should not enter this lot during student drop off or pick up. Thank you for your cooperation.
- ⇒ **Day care drop off and pick up** will not interfere with these times. You may use the back parking lot.
- ⇒ **Bus Lane:** Do not walk through, or park near, the entrance or exit.
- ⇒ Please do NOT drop off/pick up students near the bus lane.
- ⇒ Please do NOT block residential driveways.



## Principal's Message

Dear Families,

Welcome to King Elementary, a Project Based Learning School. Our motto is **King Pride; One Team, One Dream, where children think, learn, grow, and succeed every day.** We are committed to providing the best possible education to the children of this community. King is full of outstanding staff members that are dedicated to providing a safe environment and quality education for every child, in every classroom, every day. Our new journey into Project Based Learning will continue to keep our kids striving for excellence. As a staff, we have participated in over 80 hours of training.

We are committed to working in partnership with our King families. Several items were sent home at the beginning of the year to provide you with information about our policies and procedures. We try our best to communicate with families through multiple means including our school calendar/handbook. We consistently use Class Dojo at the school and classroom level. You will be able to track your student's daily behavior and receive instant messages from your child's teacher. **Please utilize our website; it is updated regularly.** Our family nights are one way we reach out to promote our programs, have fun with academics and involve, and bring knowledge to you as a parent. Lastly, we encourage our families to work closely with the school and classroom teachers through continuous communication and support in the classroom as needed. We welcome all parents to become a part of our team.

We look forward to a great 2019-2020 school year.

## End of the Day Messages for Students:

(Please honor our hours and keep your child(ren) in school all day)

Please call the office BEFORE 3:00 pm.

Thank you.

## **BAAC: Building Accountability and Advisory Committee**

Parents, you are invited to join King's Building accountability and Advisory Committee (BAAC). This is an advisory group that meets quarterly and provides you the opportunity to be updated about the programs being offered for your child. The first BAAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept 3rd at 3:30 pm. Please join us, your attendance allows you to give input on school issues.

## **PTO: Parent Teacher Organization**

Please join us at our next PTO meeting on Tuesday, September 3rd at 3:30 pm. Most meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month, depending on when school is in session. Please see the calendar sent home, and online, to verify dates. Our PTO is extremely supportive and offers many opportunities for our teachers and students.

We hope you will join us!

Find us on Facebook at *King Elementary PTO*



## **From the Nurse**



Hello King Elementary students and families,

my name is Janine Kappelmann and I am the new school nurse for King this year. I have already had the pleasure of meeting some of you, but look forward to getting to know all of you better as the year progresses. I wanted to let you know that there are several classes and offices that will have guinea pigs this year. The guinea pigs are hairless but please let me know or your child's teacher know if you have any questions or concerns regarding this. Thank you!

## **FUND RUN \*Volunteers Needed\***

We are looking for volunteers to help support our FUND run this year. If you would like to volunteer to support us, please contact Coach Redlinger. We are also looking for businesses to help sponsor King. If you know of any that would be interested please let us know. Join us at the PTO meeting on September 3rd at 3:30 pm for more information.

**FUND RUN Date - Thursday, October 10th**

## **Birthday Celebrations**

All treats for birthdays and designated school-wide celebrations must be brought to the Front Office 24 hours in advance or notify the teacher 24 hours in advance with what food item is being brought. In order to be delivered, please obey the following. Food items must be store purchased and have both an ingredient label and a Nutrition Facts label on the packaging. There must be 0 Trans Fat in the product. This is in accordance with WSD3's Student Wellness Policy. Treats brought to the office without 24 hours notice or without both labels, cannot be served to students.



Thank you for your assistance in keeping our students healthy and safe!

## **Parents and Visitors to King Elementary**

Welcome to King Elementary. We are happy you are here! Please remember when visiting King you **must** sign in at the front office. This includes those parents who come in the morning to drop their kids off at their classrooms. All doors are locked during school hours, and a **picture I.D. must be presented to enter the building during school hours.**

## **Attendance & Tardies**

Please honor our hours and keep your child(ren) in school for the entire day.

**School hours are 8:20 a.m. to 3:20 p.m.**  
(1st bell is at 8:15)

- Please try to schedule appointments outside of school hours.
- Please call the school 719-391-3456, or text 719-482-6446 before 9:00 a.m. if your student(s) are going to be late or absent.
- Any student who is not in attendance, and we have not heard from a parent or guardian, will be contacted by phone.
- **Students arriving late (after 8:25) will be counted as tardy on attendance records. Leaving early (before 3:20) will be counted as a reverse tardy on attendance records.**
- As part of our Renaissance Program, students with zero absences, and fewer than 3 tardies, will receive excellent attendance awards quarterly.

**Students are not to arrive at school before 8:00 a.m. in the morning as there is NO playground supervision until that time.**

*Thank you for your support in this matter.*

Students who eat breakfast need to enter through the cafeteria doors on the backside of the building.

# September 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Labor Day No School	3 Blue  Choir 7:30 am PTO/BAAC Meeting 3:30	4 Gold  Choir 7:30 am	5 Cougar	6 Blue	7
8	9 Gold  3rd-5th Intramurals	10 Cougar  Choir 7:30 am 1st-2nd Intramurals	11 Blue  Choir 7:30 am	12 Gold  Family Picnic 4:30-6:00	13 Professional Development No School	14
15	16 Cougar  3rd-5th Intramurals	17 Blue  Choir 7:30 am 1st-2nd Intramurals	18 Gold  Choir 7:30 am (Midterms go home)	19 Cougar	20 Blue	21
22	23 Gold  3rd-5th Intramurals	24 Cougar  Choir 7:30 am 1st-2nd Intramurals	25 Blue  Choir 7:30 am	26 Gold	27 Cougar	28 WSD3 Community Parade 10:00 am-Big R
29	30 Gold					

## IMPORTANT DATES

- Monday, 9/3 Labor Day NO SCHOOL
- Tuesday, 9/3 PTO/BAAC Meeting
- Thursday, 9/12 Family Picnic
- Friday, 9/13 Professional Development NO SCHOOL
- Saturday, 9/28 WSD3 Community Parade



### **Annual FERPA Notice**

The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records.

These rights are:

- The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the school receives a request for access. Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal [or appropriate school official] a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.
- The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate or misleading. Parents or eligible students may ask the school to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate or misleading. They should write the school principal [or appropriate official], clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the school will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.
- The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the school as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the School Board; a person or company with whom the school has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility. [Optional] Upon request, the school discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll. [NOTE: FERPA requires a school district to make a reasonable attempt to notify the parent or eligible student of the records request unless it states in its annual notification that it intends to forward records on request.]
- The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the school to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA are:

Family Policy Compliance Office  
U.S. Department of Education  
400 Maryland Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20202-4605

### **Notification of Rights Under the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA)**

PPRA affords parents and students who are 18 or emancipated minors ("eligible students") certain rights regarding our conduct of surveys, collection and use of information for marketing purposes, and certain physical exams. These include the right to:

\**Consent* before students are required to submit to a survey that concerns one or more of the following protected areas ("protected information survey") if the survey is funded in whole or in part by a program of the U. S. Department of Education (ED)—

Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's parent;

Mental or psychological problems of the student or student's family;

Sex behavior or attitudes;

Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;

Critical appraisals of others with whom respondents have close family relationships;

Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with a lawyer, doctors, or ministers;

Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parents; or

Income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility.

\**Receive notice and an opportunity to opt a student out of—*

Any other protected information survey, regardless of funding;

Any non-emergency, invasive physical exam or screening required as a condition of attendance, administered by the school or its agent, and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of a student, except for hearing, vision, or scoliosis screenings, or any physical exam or screening permitted or required under State law; and

Activities involving collection, disclosure, or use of personal information obtained from students for marketing or to sell or otherwise distribute the information to others.

\**Inspect, upon request and before administration or use—*

1. Protected information surveys of students;
2. Investments used to collect personal information from students for any of the above marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes; and
3. Instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum.

Widefield School District No. 3 will develop and adopt policies, in consultation with parents, regarding these rights, as well as arrangements to protect student privacy in the administration of protected surveys and the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes. Widefield School District No. 3 will directly notify parents and eligible students of these policies at least annually at the start of each school year and after any substantive changes. Widefield School District No. 3 will also directly notify parents and eligible students, such as through U. S. Mail or e-mail, at least annually at the start of each school year of the specific or approximate dates of the following activities and provide an opportunity to opt a student out of participating in:

\*Collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales or other distribution.

\*Administration of any protected information survey not funded in whole or in part by ED.

\*Any non-emergency, invasive physical examination or screening as described above.

*Parents/eligible students who believe their rights have been violated may file a complaint with:*

Family Policy Compliance Office  
U. S. Department of Education  
400 Maryland Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20202-4605

### **FERPA Compliance Guidelines for Teachers**

The following guidelines are offered to assist teachers in complying with the confidentiality requirements concerning student education records under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and the Colorado Public Records Act. For purposes of these guidelines, "education records" are defined to include all records, files, documents and other materials that are maintained by the School District and that contain personally identifiable information on any student, as well as the personally identifiable information itself.

#### **What Teachers Cannot Do:**

- Disclose education records to other School District employees who do not have a legitimate educational interest in the education records for purposes of carrying out their authorized duties, as determined by the School District.
- Disclose education records to college-level student teachers, consultants, or authorized community volunteers or agents who do not have a legitimate educational interest in the education records for purposes of carrying out their authorized duties, as determined by the School District.
- Disclose education records (including student addresses and/or telephone numbers) to persons who are not School District employees, college-level student teachers or authorized community volunteers or agents, unless permitted to do so by the building principal.
- Disclose education records (including student addresses and/or telephone numbers) to other students. This includes allowing any student to see both the name and grade on another student's work that has been recorded in the teacher's grade book or is otherwise being maintained by the School District as it is being handed back from the teacher.
- Display work with a student's name or other personally identifiable information on it, if the work shows the student's grade, corrections or other markings used to calculate a grade that has been recorded in the teacher's grade book or is otherwise being maintained by the School District.

#### **What Teachers Can Do:**

- Disclose education records to other School District employees who have a legitimate educational interest in the education records for purposes of carrying out their authorized duties, as determined by the School District.
- Disclose education records to college-level student teachers, consultants, and authorized community volunteers or agents who have a legitimate educational interest in the education records for purposes of carrying out their authorized duties, as determined by the School District.
- Direct students to grade, edit, and/or correct each other's work, with or without results subsequently communicated to and/or recording by the teacher. Once the grades are recorded in the teacher's grade book, however the teacher should not disclose the grades unless otherwise permitted by these guidelines. Grades may not be shared aloud.
- Display work with a student's name or other personally identifiable information on it, as long as the work does not show the student's grade, corrections, or other markings used to calculate a grade that has been recorded in the teacher's grade book or is otherwise being maintained by the School District.
- Display anonymous student work showing a grade, corrections, or other markings used to calculate a grade that has been recorded in the teacher's grade book or is otherwise being maintained by the School District (i.e., an example of quality work for other students to emulate).
- Allow students to grade, edit, and/or correct each other's work before the results are recorded in the teacher's grade book or otherwise maintained by the School District.
- Allow student assistants and student volunteers to grade, edit and/or correct student work before the results are recorded in the teacher's grade book or otherwise maintained by the School District.
- Disclose a student's grades, corrections or other markings used to calculate a grade that has been recorded in the teacher's grade book or is otherwise maintained by the School District if the parent of the student (or the student if he/she is 18 years of age or older) has given written permission to do so.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a Federal law, requires that Widefield School District No. 3 ("the District"), with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education records. However, the District may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent, unless you have advised the District to the contrary in accordance with District procedures. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow the District to include this type of information from your child's education records in certain school publications. Examples include:

- A playbill, showing your student's role in a drama production;
- The annual yearbook;
- Honor roll or other recognition lists;
- Graduation programs; and
- Sports activity sheets, such as for wrestling, showing weight and height of team members.

Directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks. In addition, two federal laws require local educational agencies (LEAs) receiving assistance under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) to provide military recruiters, upon request, with three directory information categories - names, addresses and telephone listings - unless parents have advised the LEA that they do not want their student's information disclosed without their prior written consent. If you do not want the District to disclose directory information from your child's education records without your prior written consent, you must notify the District in writing by September 20<sup>th</sup> each year. The District has designated the following information as directory information:

### **Opt-Out- Personal Identifiable Directory Information**

In Widefield School District #3, the practice regarding release of appropriate information about students has been to publish the names in various school publications or on a list posted in the school regarding the following: Student's name, date, and place of birth, participation in activities and sports, awards, honor roll, scholarships, photographs, etc.

A parent/guardian may elect to disallow directory information of this type listed above.

The parent /guardian may notify the principal to that effect by means of appropriate communication and /or by using a form that may be picked up in the business office.

### **Compulsory School Attendance**

In order to reduce the incidents of truancy, parents/guardians are hereby notified that:

**Every child who has attained the age of six (6) on or before August 1 of each school year and is under the age of seventeen (17) shall attend public school for at least the following number of hours.**

One thousand fifty –six (1056) if secondary school pupil;

Nine hundred sixty-eight (968) if an elementary school pupil in a grade other than kindergarten;

Nine hundred hours (900) if a full-day kindergarten pupil;

Four hundred fifty hours (450) if a half day kindergarten pupil;

(Except as otherwise provided in CRS 22-33-104)

### **Education of Children & Youth in Homeless Situations**

The federal McKinney-Vento Act protects the rights of children and youth in homeless situations to attend and succeed in school, including pre-school. The McKinney-Vento Act applies to all children and youth who do not have a fixed, regular and adequate residence, including children and youth who are: staying with friends or relatives because they lost their housing; awaiting foster placement; or living in emergency or transitional shelters, motels, domestic violence shelters, campgrounds, inadequate trailer parks, cars, public spaces, abandoned buildings and bus/train stations.

**Children and youth in homeless situations have the right to:**

Go to school, no matter where they live or how long they have lived there;

Choose between the local school where they are living, the school they attended before they lost their housing, or the school where they were last enrolled;

Enroll in school without proof of residency, immunizations, school records, or other documents;

Get transportation to school;

Get all the school services they need;

Be free from harassment and isolation; and

### **School of Choice & Boundary Waiver Information**

If you **live within** Widefield School District 3 boundaries and plan on attending a school other than your home school, you must complete a School of Choice Permit Application. Applications are available in the offices of all District 3 schools. They must be completed and returned to the school you wish to attend by the **last school day in February**. A copy of your child's most recent transcript or report card will be required.

If you are currently attending a school in District 3 on a School of Choice of Permit and would like to continue your education in District 3, you must reapply and return the permit to the appropriate school by the **last school day in February**. A copy of your child's most recent transcript or report card will be required.

If you live **outside** of Widefield School District 3 and wish to attend a District 3 school, a School of Choice permit must be completed and returned to the school you wish to attend by the **first Friday in May**. A copy of your child's most recent transcript or report card along with a copy of his/her birth certification and immunization record will be required.

If your student has **qualified for Special Education Services** a copy of the most recent or current Individualized Education Program (IEP) will be required.

A School of Choice Permit Application must be completed and returned every school year to the school you wish to attend.

If your student's application is received after the appropriate due date, his/her name will be placed on a waiting list.

### **Inclement Weather Procedure**

**District 3 will:**

- make inclement weather decision(s) based on students' safety,
- collect data at the earliest appropriate time,
- make the decision as to whether schools will be open and announce no later than 5:30 am by calling radio stations and TV stations.
- not penalize students if parents keep them home or pick them up from school early on questionable snow days.

**In the event the decision made earlier is to open schools and the storm worsens unexpectedly, District 3 will:**

- inform the same media as stated above that schools will dismiss students early,
- keep buildings open as long as necessary to evacuate all students safely,
- announce that if an early dismissal occurs, afternoon kindergarten, afternoon activities, and evening events will be cancelled.

**Parents are expected to:**

- be responsible for custody of children,
- listen to the news broadcasts on stormy days,
- decide whether or not to send children to school on threatening, stormy days.

**In the event the decision made earlier is to open schools and the storm worsens, parents are expected to:**

- know that students may be dismissed earlier than normal.
- listen for an early dismissal announcement,
- make sure children know what to do and where to go if dismissed early,
- not rely on telephones to make last minute arrangements for their children. (Lines tend to malfunction during storms.)



### **Two-Hour Late Starts**

Widefield District No. 3 may use a two-hour late start as an option between closing schools or starting at the normal times. A two-hour late start may be used when a storm is passing or when additional time may be needed to prepare for students and staff arriving at their schools. Two-hour late starts will be announced by 5:30 a.m. through the same channels as a school closure. These channels include television, radio, and the district's website.

When district officials announce a two-hour late start, all start times, bus pickup times, and other standard schedules will be moved back by two hours. Morning kindergarten and morning pre-school will be canceled for that day. Certified kindergarten and pre-school staff are to report with the rest of the instructional staff.

District maintenance staff will report as scheduled by the supervisor. Administrators, identified office staff, and 12-month employees are to report as soon as they can safely arrive at their responsibility centers. Instructional staff is to report as soon as it is safe to do so, but before students are to arrive at the conclusion of the delay.

### **Blue Flag Days**

As you know, we have been looking at blue flag days and consistency in the district. We appreciate all of your input, consideration, and flexibility in this matter. Consistency in the use of the blue flag day will assist our parent community.

We request that you adhere to the following guidelines regarding blue flag days:

The Blue Flag Temperature will be 25 degrees ***including*** wind chill. This is for all schools ***prior*** to the start of the school day.

Each school will have the flexibility to determine when they will take children out for their daily recesses - this may be when the temperature is between 10 and 25 degrees ***including*** wind chill.

Communicate this information to your staff and parent community in your newsletters, mailings, and handbooks.

WeatherChannel: This is the site we use at the district level to make weather related decisions. Use zip code 80911.

As a Medicaid provider, Widefield School District 3 will access Medicaid eligibility information for students enrolled in Widefield School District 3 from Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF). HCPF is the designated Medicaid agency in the state. Directory information of name and date of birth will be released to HCPF to verify Medicaid Eligibility of the students in the District. The description of health and health-related services delivered to Medicaid eligible students will be released to Medicaid and/or the District claiming agent for proper administration of the program.