

King Chronicle

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"At King Our Lives Have Strong Beginnings."

March & April 2020

Tracy Vsetecka Read-A-Thon

The students have been reading with a school buddy for 15 minutes each week this past month. This was in memory of Tracy Vsetecka, a dedicated community member and Widefield District 3 Principal. Students will have the opportunity to dress up as their favorite literary character on Monday, March 2 for a \$1 donation to the Tracy Vsetecka Scholarship Fund.



Teacher Input Forms

If you would like to provide input to help us place your child please complete the following steps.

1. Parent /Guardian must come in to **observe ALL** teachers in grade level. (This is not a conference time, this is a time to watch them in action working with students)
2. Parent/Guardian will need to pick up a teacher input form from the front office starting **April 20th**.
3. Parent/Guardian must turn in form to the front office by **May 1st**.

Exception to observations:

-You've already had a child in the requested teacher's classroom.

Reminder:

This process does not guarantee placement but we value your input.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

March 6th

Due to conferences there will be no school for students on this date.

Teachers will schedule conferences for those students who enrolled after October conferences, or any special requests by the teachers or parents.

Not all students will require a conference.

If you would like to schedule a conference, please contact your student's teacher directly.

AFTER SCHOOL SAFETY

Please help us in talking to your students about staying on the sidewalks, crossing at the cross-walk, and being safe with friends. For your child's safety, parents **MUST** be pulled over to the curb to pick up children.

Welcome to Kindergarten!

Kindergarten Round-Up will be on **May 8, 2020 at 2:15 pm**. Parents will go to the all purpose room (gym) to hear from the Principal, meet the teachers, and learn more about King's Kindergarten program. Parents will then be dismissed to go to the classrooms with their child to rotate through stations; alphabet arc, math dice, handwriting exercises, and a first sounds activity. Rotations will last approximately 10 minutes each.

It is our hope that your online registration will be done prior to May 8th. If you do not have a computer, you may go to the district registrar's office before May 8th and use one of the computers there. Once your online registration is complete, you may drop by Central Registration to finish the enrollment process and turn in required paperwork (birth certificate, immunization records, and proof of residence). These must be turned in **BEFORE** your student can start school. Central registration is located in the S.A. Wilson building at 930 Leta Dr, Colo Spgs, CO 80911.

- Students entering Kindergarten for the 2020-2021 school year must be 5 years old by October 1, 2020.
- WSD3 will continue to offer free FULL DAY kindergarten.
- Kindergarten Round-Up is open to any and all eligible new kindergarten students.
- Please call the school at 719-391-3455 with any questions.

From the Nurse

Greetings King Students and Families!

It's already March! Spring Break is right around the corner and hopefully some warmer weather as well. March is National Nutrition Month! It is also the beginning of the Kid's Heart Challenge here at King Elementary. More information will be provided to you about this fun fundraiser. This month is a great time to speak with your kids about the importance of healthy eating and exercise. Are you familiar with the Widefield District 3 wellness policy? It can be found at <https://wsd3ns.com/index.php?sid=1493659831050&page=wellnesspolicy>. This document will give you a look into all the ways WSD3 works to keep our students healthy! For questions regarding the policy, please feel free to contact me.



Warm Regards,
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For more information about the American Heart Association go to heart.org



Book Fair

Monday 4/27-Thursday 4/30
7:45 AM-10:50 AM
1:00 PM-4:00 PM

Friday 5/1
7:45 AM-11:30 AM

Volunteers Needed for Track and Field Day

Field Day is Thursday, May 14th!

With your help, we plan on making this year's field day one to remember. Half day or full day volunteers are needed to run the 12 events. Contact Coach Redlinger if you are interested in volunteering by emailing redlingerjoshua@wsd3.org.

Kindergarten is from 9:50-11:10 am
Grades 1-2 is from 8:50-11:10 am
Grades 3-5 is from 1-3 pm

Thank you for your support!

Last day for lunch charges is May 1st.

April

Month of the Military Child

From deployments to new schools, military children are faced with unique challenges that ordinary youth their age never experience. Their ability to adapt to present and future changes deserves our respect and admiration. In an effort to recognize the hard work, but also applaud the courage of military children, the Department of Defense (DOD) has deemed April as the Month of the Military Child. To honor the sacrifices made by the military children at our school and in our communities, please consider wearing purple each Friday throughout the month of April. For military families looking to participate in events during the month of April on Fort Carson, use this link: <https://carson.armymwr.com/#PurpleUp>

Rude –vs- Mean –vs- Bullying

Because everything is not bullying The word bullying is over-used. Often, the behavior can be classified as just normal conflict with two different sides to the story. True bullying behaviors must be addressed and stopped. Recently King Elementary Counselors presented students with a presentation titled, "Rude, Mean, and Bully...because everything is not bullying." This presentation explained the difference between the three types of behaviors. Author Signe Whitson wrote a book titled, "8 Keys to End Bullying: Strategies for Parents & Schools." Signe makes a distinction between behaviors that are rude, behaviors that are mean, and behaviors that are true examples of bullying and discusses why it is critical that adults do so when working with young people.

Rude is defined as, "Inadvertently saying or doing something that hurts some-one else."

From kids, rudeness might look more like burping in someone's face, jumping ahead in line, bragging about achieving the highest grade, or even throwing a crushed up pile of leaves in someone's face. On their own, any of these behaviors could appear as elements of bullying, but when looked at in context, incidents of rudeness are usually spontaneous, unplanned inconsideration, based on thoughtlessness, poor manners, or narcissism, but not meant to actually hurt someone.

Mean is defined as, "Purposefully saying or doing something to hurt someone once (or maybe twice)."

The main distinction between "rude" and "mean" behavior has to do with intention; while rudeness is often unintentional, mean behavior very much aims to hurt or depreciate someone. Kids are mean to each other when they criticize clothing, appearance, intelligence, coolness, or just about anything else they can find to denigrate. Meanness also sounds like words spoken in anger—impulsive cruelty that is often regretted in short order. Very often, mean behavior in kids is motivated by angry feelings and/or the misguided goal of propping themselves up in comparison to the person they are putting down.

Bullying = Intentionally aggressive behavior, repeated over time, that involves an imbalance of power.

Experts agree that bullying entails three key elements: an intent to harm, a power imbalance, and repeated acts or threats of aggressive behavior. Kids who bully say or do something intentionally hurtful to others and they keep doing it, with no sense of regret or remorse—even when targets of bullying show or express their hurt or tell the aggressors to stop. Bullying may be physical, verbal, relational, or carried out via technology. Please contact the King elementary counseling center with any questions you may have by calling (719) 391-3458.

Cynthia Stebbins
King Elementary Counselor









Thank you, King Families!

With your help, King students raised \$2022.93 for Pennies4Patients!

March



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <i>Gold</i> <i>Tracy Vsetecka</i> <i>Read-A-Thon</i> <i>Dress up Day</i> <i>3rd-5th Intramurals</i>	3 <i>Cougar</i> <i>Choir 7:30 am</i> <i>PTO Meeting</i> <i>1st-2nd Intramurals</i> <i>Kids Heart Challenge</i> <i>Kickoff</i>	4 <i>Blue</i> <i>Choir 7:30 am</i>	5 <i>Gold</i> <i>3rd quarter ends</i>	6 <i>Parent Teacher</i> <i>Conferences</i> NO SCHOOL	7 <i>Coding in Action A</i> <i>8:00 am @JJH</i> 
8 	9 <i>Cougar</i> <i>4th quarter be-</i> <i>gins</i>	10 <i>Blue</i> <i>Choir 7:30 am</i>	11 <i>Gold</i> <i>Choir 7:30 am</i>	12 <i>Cougar</i>	13 <i>Blue</i> <i>Renaissance</i> <i>Assemblies</i> <i>K-2 9-10 am</i> <i>3-5 10-11 am</i> <i>(Report cards go home)</i>	14 <i>Coding in Action B</i> <i>8:00 am @JJH</i> 
15	16 <i>Gold</i>	17 <i>Cougar</i> <i>Choir 7:30 am</i> <i>CMAS 3rd Grade</i> <i>St Patrick's Day</i> 	18 <i>Blue</i> <i>Choir 7:30 am</i> <i>CMAS 3rd Grade</i>	19 <i>Gold</i> <i>3rd grade</i> <i>music performance</i> <i>CMAS 3rd Grade</i>	20 <i>Cougar</i> <i>CMAS Make-ups</i>	21
22 	23	24	25	26	27	28 
29	30 <i>Blue</i> <i>CMAS 5th grade</i>	31 <i>Gold</i> <i>CMAS 5th grade</i> <i>Choir 7:30 am</i>				

Important Dates

- March 5-3rd quarter ends
- March 6-Parent Teacher Conferences, NO STUDENTS
- March 7-Coding in Action A, 8:00 am @ JJH
- March 8-Daylight Savings, Spring Ahead
- March 9-4th quarter begins
- March 13-Report cards go home, Renaissance Assemblies
- March 14-Coding in Action B, 8:00 am @ JJH
- March 17-CMAS Testing begins (see schedule attached)
- March 23—27-SPRING BREAK





Renaissance Assemblies

K-2 9-10 am
3-5 10-11 am



April 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <i>Cougar</i> <i>Choir 7:30 am</i> <i>CMAS 5th grade</i>	2 <i>Blue</i> <i>Battle of the Books</i> <i>6 pm @ French</i> <i>CMAS Make-ups</i> 	3 <i>Gold</i>	4
5	6 <i>Cougar</i>	7 <i>Blue</i> <i>Choir 7:30 am</i> <i>CMAS grades 3,4,5</i> <i>PTO Meeting</i>	8 <i>Gold</i> <i>Choir 7:30 am</i> <i>CMAS grades 3,4,5</i>	9 <i>Cougar</i> <i>CMAS grades 3,4,5</i>	10 <i>Blue</i> <i>CMAS Make-ups</i>	11
12  <i>Easter</i>	13 <i>Gold</i>	14 <i>Cougar</i> <i>Choir 7:30 am</i> <i>CMAS grades 4,5</i>	15 <i>Blue</i> <i>Choir 7:30 am</i> <i>CMAS grades 4,5</i> <i>(Midterms go home)</i>	16 <i>Gold</i> <i>CMAS grades 4,5</i> <i>4th grade</i> <i>music performance</i>	17 <i>Cougar</i> <i>CMAS Make-ups</i> <i>PBL Showcase</i> <i>Day</i> 	18  <i>District Art Fair</i> <i>10:00 am @</i> <i>French</i>
19	20 <i>Blue</i> <i>Parent Input</i> <i>Begins</i>	21 <i>Gold</i> <i>Choir 7:30 am</i>	22 <i>Cougar</i> <i>Choir 7:30 am</i>	23 <i>Blue</i>	24 <i>April Day</i> <i>NO SCHOOL</i>	25
26	27 <i>Gold</i>	28 <i>Cougar</i> <i>Choir 7:30 am</i>	29 <i>Blue</i> <i>Choir 7:30 am</i>	30 <i>Gold</i> <i>Choir concert</i>		

Important Dates

April 2-Battle of the Books, 6 pm @ French Elementary

April 12-Easter

April 15-Midterms go home

April 16-4th grade music performance

April 17-PBL Showcase

April 18-District Art Fair, 10:00 am @ French Elementary

April 24-NO SCHOOL April Day

April 30-Choir Concert

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CMAS Parent Newsletter

King Elementary Information and Testing Schedule for March and April

King Elementary 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders will be participating in the state Math and English Language Arts tests during March 16th-April 17th. During this time, the 5th grade students will also be taking a state Science test.

We would like to thank you in advance for working with us to ensure your student(s) are ready for testing. It is extremely important for students to get a good night's sleep and have a nutritious breakfast. You may also send a snack for your student. As always, please have your students to school on time. We also appreciate you scheduling appointments outside of testing time.

If you would like to "opt out", please contact Mrs. Bentley bentleyt@wsd3.org or Mrs. Donelson donelsonl@wsd3.org

How Parents Can Help:

Please have your student(s) here on time

Please schedule appointments outside of the testing times

If your student(s) are late, they will have to wait in the office and do a make-up test

Remember the importance of the test, it is a good snap shot of their skills

Encourage your student(s) to do their best on all the tests daily

Attendance and timeliness are of the utmost importance!

Week 1		
Date	Time	Test
Tuesday, March 17 th	8:45-11:00	3 rd grade ELA Session 1
Wednesday, March 18 th	8:45-11:00	3 rd grade ELA Session 2
Thursday, March 19 th	8:45-11:00	3 rd grade ELA Session 3
Friday, March 20 th	8:45-11:00	Make-ups

Week 2		
Date	Time	Test
Monday, March 30 th	8:45-11:00	5 th grade ELA Session 1
Tuesday, March 31 st	8:45-11:00	5 th grade ELA Session 2
Wednesday, April 1 st	8:45-11:00	5 th grade ELA Session 3
Thursday, April 2 nd	8:45-11:00	Make-ups

Week 3		
Date	Time	Test
Tuesday, April 7 th	8:45-11:00	4 th grade ELA Session 1
	8:45-11:00	3 rd grade Math Session 1
	12:45-3:00	5 th grade Science Session 1
Wednesday, April 8 th	8:45-11:00	4 th grade ELA Session 2
	8:45-11:00	3 rd grade Math Session 2
	12:45-3:00	5 th grade Science Session 2
Thursday, April 9 th	8:45-11:00	4 th grade ELA Session 3
	8:45-11:00	3 rd grade Math Session 3
	12:45-3:00	5 th grade Science Session 3
Friday, April 10 th	8:45-11:00	Make-ups
	12:45-3:00	

Week 4		
Date	Time	Test
Tuesday, April 14 th	8:45-11:00	4 th grade Math Session 1
	12:45-3:00	5 th grade Math Session 1
Wednesday, April 15 th	8:45-11:00	4 th grade Math Session 2
	12:45-3:00	5 th grade Math Session 2
Thursday, April 16 th	8:45-11:00	4 th grade Math Session 3
	12:45-3:00	5 th grade Math Session 3
Friday, April 17 th	8:45-11:00	Make-ups
	12:45-3:00	

Thank you Parents for your Support!!