



COUGAR CONNECTION

CLARA J. KING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

November/December 2025

Mark Your Calendar!

December 18

Second Harvest Farmers' Market
3:45-4:45 p.m.

December 19

Early Dismissal

December 22-January 9

Winter Break

January 12

School Resumes

January 15

Second Harvest Farmers' Market
3:45-4:45 p.m.

January 19

School Holiday for Martin Luther King Day

Questions?

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Understanding Bullying and how we can work together to support children.

At King School, student safety and well-being are at the heart of everything we do. We strive to create a positive, welcoming environment where every child feels confident, supported, and ready to learn. A key part of maintaining this kind of community is helping students and families understand what bullying is and how we can all respond when concerns arise.

Bullying is more than a simple disagreement or a one-time unkind moment. According to California Education Code, bullying involves repeated behavior and a real or perceived imbalance of power, and it causes another student to feel hurt, scared, or threatened. These behaviors can show up in different ways, including physical actions like pushing or hitting, verbal actions such as name-calling or threats, social behaviors like spreading rumors or intentionally excluding others, and cyberbullying through hurtful messages or posts shared online.

Families play an essential role in supporting children. Talking openly and regularly about school helps children feel comfortable sharing both positive experiences and challenging moments. Letting them know they can come to you anytime builds trust and empowers them to speak up when something feels wrong. When bullying does occur, children can practice using a clear voice to say, "Please stop. I don't like that," walk away to a safe place, or seek help from a trusted adult—reminding students that reporting concerns is not "tattling," but an important part of self-care.

In today's digital world, safe online habits are equally important. Families can help by monitoring online activity and encouraging children never to post or share hurtful messages. If they see something upsetting, they should always tell a trusted adult.

At school, every report of bullying is taken seriously. Our team listens carefully, investigates promptly, and works closely with students and families to ensure safety and support. We focus on helping students learn positive behaviors and repairing harm when it occurs. We believe all students are capable of growth, and we are committed to addressing concerns in a supportive and restorative way because every child deserves to feel safe, valued, and ready to thrive at King School.

Sincerely,

Jacki Teschke

Celebrating Creativity: King Students Shine in PTA Reflections Program

On November 4, King School proudly celebrated our students at the annual PTA Reflections Recognition Ceremony. The National PTA Reflections Program is a nationwide arts initiative that encourages students to explore their creativity and express themselves through a variety of categories, including visual arts, photography, literature, music composition, film production, and dance choreography.

Each year, students create original works inspired by a common theme. This year's theme, "I Belong," inspired imaginative pieces from King students across all grade levels. Our young artists shared meaningful stories, emotions, and perspectives through their artwork, poetry, literature, and photography

Congratulations to all participants and to our award recipients whose entries will advance to compete with other schools in Cypress. We are so proud of every student who took part in this uplifting celebration of creativity and self-expression!



At an evening ceremony, King students were recognized for their participation in the PTA Reflections Program.



Next year's Reflections theme: *What my culture means to me.*

Music Comes Alive at King with Pacific Symphony's Onsite Musician

The Class Act program from the Pacific Symphony of Orange County brings excellent music experiences to students at King School. Jenise Hwang, our on-site musician, led engaging lessons that got students excited about symphonic music. She introduced students to the American songwriter Aaron Copland, helping them explore his music and the Americana style through the lens of the violin.



King's onsite musician, Jenise Hwang, brings the Americana music genre to life for our students.

5th Graders Experience STEM in Action at STARBASE

5th graders recently participated in the exciting STARBASE program at the Joint Forces Training Base in Los Alamitos. STARBASE provides students with a hands-on, high-energy introduction to STEM through activities in physics, chemistry, engineering, robotics, and computer technology. Throughout the week, students engaged in problem-solving challenges, built and tested prototypes, explored scientific concepts through experiments, and strengthened their collaboration skills.



Students build models of molecules while learning about chemistry at STARBASE.