



King Traditional Parent Memo

May 27 to June 27

Can you believe its almost June!?

It seems like yesterday school was only starting. Students were saying hello to their classmates and catching up on sharing about their summer adventures. Teachers were welcoming their new students and our learning journey together was at its beginning. Now... we are on the cusp of June and almost at the end of another wonderful year. Don't worry though! We still have 4 weeks packed full of activities, events and learning so keep up the attendance, the communication, and the commitment to your child's education. Teachers are still full speed into their curriculum and will need your help to make sure that the students are here and maximizing every instructional moment right until the last day.

Reinforcing our Traditional Values

As you know, each month here at King Traditional School, our entire learning community explores a key virtue. The virtue this month is "Responsibility". The teachers have been busy incorporating learning on this topic by integrating it into their daily lessons. From reading books that connect to this theme to discussion and activities, respect is the virtue that we are all keeping an extra close eye on this month.

One of the ways we were able to celebrate the learning happening around virtues this year was to take almost our entire school on a field trip to see the musical "Honk". Our school bussed to the Abbotsford Arts Center, where we were able to enjoy recess outside and throw a Frisby around (it was like a giant family picnic!) and enjoy the amazing weather before entering the theatre and watching the show. The story contained messages that connect to each of the social responsibility virtues we celebrate here at King throughout the year. The heart-felt tale did an amazing job of reflecting the importance of treating others with kindness, the power of self-discovery, and promoting acceptance and belonging.

We are so proud of our students! The level of behaviour and professionalism demonstrated by your children was a joy to see. Not only did they show responsibility, they seemed to really enjoy the show and understand the central messages contained within. In the weeks that followed we had some amazing discussions, journal entries, and activities that connected to this learning and the importance of the virtues we celebrate at King each month. Everyone who participated should feel very proud of how well they represented out school. Congratulations also to the students and staff involved in the musical production of "Honk". It was a truly exceptional show!

Dress Code

Recently, we sent home a visual document outlining the expectations we have here regarding student dress code. As we move into June (and hopefully some amazing sun and warmer weather!) it is important to dress for the weather, while respecting our dress code. If you are





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ever unsure of if an option is appropriate, give us a call! Thanks for helping to set your child up for success by choosing approved uniform options that are appropriate for the weather.

In addition, if your child is going to be outside for extended periods of time (on Sports Day or outdoor fieldtrips for example), please remember to have your child apply sunscreen before coming to school and send a hat to school to help avoid sunburns and overheating. Ensuring they have a water bottle (and are frequently using it) is also a great idea as things begin to heat up.

Parking and Drop off:

Throughout the year, we offer reminders and tips about the safest ways to drop off/pick up students at school. Please find attached to this email a detailed map of our site that offers insight regarding the various drop off/pick up locations. A reminder also that the parking lot in front of our building is for staff, and that parents who need to drop off students or park should use the parent lot located by our basketball court.

In addition, here are a few tips for drop off if you choose to use the public road across from our bus loop. These tips come directly from parents who have been coming to our school for some time so please strongly consider them:

-If you are parking on the far side of the road, please **back** into your spot along the wooden fence. This allows you to not only easily re-enter the road when you are finished dropping off your child, it improves your visibility. These parking spots are steep so backing out of the 'fence' spots across the road results in poor visibility. Backing in is the best way to keep kids safe!

-When parking along the chain-link fence closest to the bus lane: Please make sure that you are parallel parked correctly. If you park at an angle, the back of your car can sometimes impede traffic which could result in an accident. Please also do not double park in this area (park beside someone who is already parked) as the space is not sufficient for this, and traffic becomes blocked.

-Lastly, please do not stop on the road to drop students off. This is unsafe as many people are driving and turning around during drop off/pick up time.

Remember, although the public road across from the bus loop area may be the most convenient area to drop off, it is not the safest. We highly recommend that families use the actual drop off lanes that are located on campus across from the field. There is a sidewalk that students can use, and no one needs to cross a busy road!





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Movie Night: PAC is pleased to announce that they are starting up family movie nights here at King Traditional Elementary. On June 7th, starting at 5pm, we will be hosting a movie night in our gym. There is no cost to attend movie night, but there will be some concession available for purchase should you wish to support the PAC. King movie nights are meant to be an event that bring the families in our learning community together. For this reason, students are not permitted to be dropped off on their own. All students who want to attend a movie night must be accompanied by their adult guardian at all times. Again there is no cost at all. The PAC hopes that events such as this will help to bring our families together, create connections, and provide some wholesome family fun.

Parent Volunteer Appreciation Tea: On June 4th, King will be hosting a parent volunteer appreciation tea. This tea is by invitation only. Teachers have nominated parents who have helped support our learning community throughout the year. They may have helped with PAC events, Hot lunch, field trips and more. Invitations have already gone home. If you feel you should have received an invitation and did not, please contact the office. This by-invitation-only event is our small way of saying thank you to the many parents who give of their time regularly to make King an even more special place to learn.

Fair Games Blurb: On May 31st, PAC will be running some fun fair games in our gym for each classroom to enjoy. Classrooms will take turns visiting the gym to play a variety of games. This event is the PAC's way of providing some fun on a Friday while raising funds to support our classrooms here at King Traditional. Each of our classes will take turns visiting the gym, where students are welcome to play all of the games, as many times as they like.

This event is a PAC fundraiser. The PAC asks that families consider making a \$5 donation on schoolcashonline for each child. These funds will be added to the PAC's fundraising account which all goes 100% back to the students in the form of supporting classrooms.

This event is during the school day and is for students only. Although the PAC requests a \$5 donation, they would like families to know that all students and classes can participate regardless of if they donate. No one will be left out regardless of donation, and all classrooms will be given the chance to visit the Carnival games and play together.

Please consider logging on to schoolcashonline and making a \$5 donation today to support the Fun fair games and PAC fundraising here at King Traditional Elementary. If a \$5 donation was collected from each student at our school, we would be able to raise over \$1700 in support of programming for our kids.

Rock Wall: On June 3rd and June 4th, we will have a rock wall and climbing professionals on site to teach the students to safely enjoy some rock climbing. Classes from Grade 2 and up will be





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given several opportunities to enjoy the rock climbing wall while it is here with us. There is no cost to families (this is an example of what we raise funds for!) but permission forms are required for all students who would like to participate. These permission forms have already been sent home. If you need another, please contact our office. Please carefully complete and return these permission forms to your child's teacher.

Coming up:

- May 30: ATS Grads visiting our school
- May 31: King Karnival
- June 3-4: Climbing Wall at King
- June 5: Track and Field at Hansen (Intermediate)
- June 7: King Family Movie Night 5:00pm
- June 12: Grade 5 celebration evening, also, all Library books due back.
- June 21: Sports Day at King, PAC concession
- June 27: Year End Assembly and Last Day for students, Term 3 Final reports go home

