



King Traditional

Parent Memo

October 25th, 2024

Virtue of the Month: Thankfulness

At King Traditional School, we value the importance of learning about what it means to be socially responsible. Every month, we focus on a different virtue that helps guide us in creating a positive and caring learning environment. This month, we are focusing on Thankfulness.

Throughout October, both students and staff will be exploring what it truly means to be thankful. This learning will happen in many ways—through thoughtful classroom discussions, inspiring stories, and even special books that highlight the power of gratitude. At the end of the month, we'll come together to celebrate this learning during our Student of the Month assembly, where we recognize students who demonstrate this virtue.

By taking the time to reflect on these important values, we hope to create a community where our students feel confident in interacting with their peers in a respectful and thoughtful manner.

We encourage you, as partners in your child's education, to join us in this journey. Talk to your child about what thankfulness means to your family. Ask questions like:

- What are some things you feel thankful for at home?
- Why is it important to show gratitude to others?
- How does being thankful make you feel?

We believe that by working together, both at school and at home, we can help our students understand what it means to be responsible individuals. Thank you for your continued support!

Halloween Costumes

Halloween is just around the corner! On October 31st, both students and staff at King Traditional School are welcome to celebrate by dressing up in fun, festive costumes. Students have the option to wear either their school uniform or an elementary school-appropriate Halloween costume for the day.

To make the celebration even more exciting, we'll be holding a costume parade around the school, giving students the chance to show off their creative outfits to their classmates and teachers!

To ensure that everyone has a fun and welcoming experience, we kindly ask for your help in following our costume guidelines:





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- No blood or overly scary costumes (we want to keep things lighthearted for everyone!)
- No full-face masks (so we can easily see and recognize everyone)
- No weapons (including props like toy guns, knives, or swords)

Our goal is for all students to enjoy this festive time while ensuring that the atmosphere remains positive, safe, and professional.

Reminder: King Traditional is a Nut-Free School

As we approach Halloween, there's often an increase in treats being brought to school. We want to remind all families that King Traditional is a strict nut-free school. Absolutely no treats containing or possibly containing nuts should be brought on campus. This rule is in place to protect the safety of students with severe allergies.

With this in mind, we ask that you be extra cautious when selecting Halloween treats or birthday goodies that might end up at school. To keep everyone safe, please only bring treats that are 100% guaranteed to be nut-free.

Your cooperation is essential in ensuring that our school remains a safe environment for all students. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Dressing for the Weather

Now that we have entered Fall, the rainy fall weather is here to stay! As we get into the wetter months, it's important to make sure students are dressed appropriately for the changing conditions.

At King Traditional School, we believe that outdoor play and fresh air are important, so students will still be heading outside for recess on days that aren't too rainy! That's why it's essential for your child to come to school prepared for the elements.

Please remind your child to wear a warm, weather-appropriate jacket each day, as the fall temperatures drop. On rainy days, be sure their jacket has a hood or that they bring an umbrella to stay dry. Proper footwear is also important—our field and track can get muddy, and puddles are bound to form, so waterproof boots or shoes are a great idea.

Your help in ensuring your child is ready for the weather will go a long way in keeping them comfortable and happy throughout the day. Thank you for your support in helping us ensure outdoor play safe and comfortable!

Terry Fox Fundraiser: For the past several weeks, our school has been actively collecting donations to send to the Terry Fox Foundation in the name of furthering Cancer research. Our fundraiser is now finished. Thank you to everyone who donated. We managed to raise over \$1500.





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And now for the fun part! As you might remember, for each dollar brought in by students, they were given 1 vote to cast for a staff member to get splattered with paint. The staff member with the most votes (and the one who we splattered on Tuesday) was MR. TOD! See the photo below. We all enjoyed the event together as a school outside on our field, and would like to thank Mr. Tod once for being such a good sport, and being willing to model commitment and bravery in support of such a great cause.



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YOU

FOR
HELPING US
RAISE
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RESEARCH !

Diwali Assembly: This November 1st, King Traditional will be putting on an Assembly aimed at learning about and exploring Diwali. This assembly is entirely student run, and features the hard work and determination of our students in many ways. Our students will play the part of the MCs (organizational speakers), speech writers, singers, musicians, fashion experts and more. The assembly will also be the first time this year's Bhangra dancers get to show off the choreography they have been practicing with our local artist in residence Arsh. Seating will be limited, but parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. The assembly is on Friday, November 1st at 1:30 sharp. In order to fit the assembly into the day and having it end before dismissal, no delay will be permitted. Parents choosing to attend should give themselves the time need to find parking and be seated at exactly 1:30 or they will miss the beginning of the assembly. This assembly will feature Kindergarten singers, and acts done by our intermediate students (grade 4 and 5).

We are looking for a Parent or two to Take over Yearbook! Every year, we are lucky enough to have the many wonderful events, stories and adventures we share together at King Traditional captured in a **yearbook**. These memories from our educational journey are collected and put together 100% by a parent organizer. The parent who is currently running our yearbook is looking to train a new parent or





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two so that she can pass along her knowledge and training and ensure that this wonderful opportunity carries on with the next wave of parents in our school. We are looking for a new yearbook coordinator. If you are interested in helping with Yearbook and learning more about how this works and what it entails, please contact the office by November 1st.

To further explain the role, here is a letter from the current yearbook parent:

“Dear Parents,

The yearbook advisor's role has always been volunteered by parents over the years. Mrs. Sharma has been the yearbook Advisor for King Traditional Elementary for the past 5 years. Her Kids graduated from King so she wouldn't be doing the yearbook this year. Please let us know if you are comfortable with technology and willing to take the responsibility for the 2024-2025 yearbook. We will forward your name to Jostens: the yearbook company. The yearbook company specialist will support you with any questions and concerns anytime you need. They will get you started, and also Mrs. Sharma can help you with any questions. We really need someone who can take the job in order to continue the yearbook for King. Please let Mr. Horner or Ms. Hathaway know by November 1st if you are interested to be the yearbook advisor for King Traditional Elementary.”

Coming up:

- **October 29th**: Fire drill at 10am
- **October 31st**: Halloween and costume parade
- **November 1st**: Student of the month assembly at 9am, Diwali assembly at 1:30pm
- **November 6th**: Grade 4 and 5 students visiting ATS to learn about Middle school.
- **November 7th**: King Traditional Remembrance Day assembly
- **November 8th**: Professional Development Day (no school for students)
- **November 11th**: Remembrance Day
- **November 12th**: Photo retake day
- **November 20th**: Tri-Traditional Soccer Cup at ATS
- **November 25th**: November PAC meeting

