



*King Traditional*

Parent Memo

*April 2025*

**Welcome Back!**

Spring Break has come and gone, and we are thrilled to welcome everyone back for an exciting and productive April at King Traditional! We hope your time away was filled with rest, relaxation, and meaningful moments with loved ones. As we return to our routines, we find ourselves entering the final stretch of the school year—a time filled with incredible learning, special events, and opportunities to celebrate the hard work and progress of our students. These next few months will fly by, and before we know it, summer will be here, marking the end of another successful and rewarding year together.

As we settle back into our routines, this is a great time to set **fresh goals**, and one of the most impactful areas to focus on is **consistent school attendance**. At King Traditional, we believe that every school day matters. Each lesson builds upon the last, and regular attendance ensures that students stay engaged, confident, and on track with their learning. When a child misses a day, they miss valuable opportunities to explore new concepts, collaborate with peers, and develop important skills.

Families play a key role in helping children develop strong attendance habits. Here are a few simple ways you can support your child in being present and on time every day:

- **Set a predictable routine:** A good night's sleep and a consistent morning schedule help make school mornings smoother.
- **Plan appointments wisely:** Whenever possible, try to schedule doctor or dentist visits outside of school hours.
- **Communicate with us:** If your child is facing challenges that affect their attendance, let us know! We're here to support you.
- **Celebrate small wins:** Encouraging and recognizing good attendance can help motivate your child to stay committed to being in class every day.

Thank you for being such dedicated partners in your child's education. Let's make the most of these last few months of school together!





## April's Virtue of the month is: Truthfulness

At King Traditional School we believe that character development is just as important as academic success. This month, we are focusing on the virtue of **truthfulness**—the foundation of trust, respect, and strong relationships.

For elementary-aged children, learning to be truthful is an essential part of their growth. Whether it's being honest about their actions, expressing their feelings sincerely, or standing up for what is right, truthfulness helps children build integrity and confidence. By practicing truthfulness in daily life, our students learn that honesty is not just about avoiding trouble—it's about building trust and strengthening their connections with others.

### **How We Celebrate Truthfulness at School**

Throughout the month, students will engage in activities that highlight the importance of truthfulness, including:

- **Classroom Discussions and lessons:** Teachers will share stories that demonstrate honesty and help students explore why truthfulness matters.
- **The power of literacy:** Examining children's stories in the classroom where the moral of the story helps reinforce the importance of honesty and truthfulness.
- **Recognition and Encouragement:** We will spotlight examples of students demonstrating honesty and encourage conversations about real-life scenarios. We also honor students 'caught' modeling this virtue in an effective way with: social responsibility recognition forms which are later used in a draw to give away books.
- **Role-Playing & Reflection Activities:** Students will practice making honest choices and discuss how truthfulness strengthens friendships and school culture. They are also challenged to set goals for themselves, or reflect on times where honesty and truthfulness were used in their lives for things like journal prompts.

### **How Families Can Support Truthfulness at Home**

Truthfulness is a virtue that grows strongest when reinforced both at school and at home. Here are some ways families can nurture honesty in everyday life:

- **Model Honesty:** Children learn from what they see. Share moments when you've had to be honest, even when it was difficult, and talk about why it mattered.
- **Encourage Open Conversations:** Create a safe space where your child feels comfortable telling the truth without fear of punishment. Praise honesty, even in challenging situations.





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- **Use Stories & Media:** Read books or watch shows that emphasize the importance of truthfulness and discuss the characters' choices.
- **Practice "Truth Moments":** When your child tells the truth, especially in a tough situation, acknowledge their honesty and reinforce the trust it builds.

By working together as a school and family community, we can help our children develop truthfulness as a lifelong virtue—one that will guide them in their friendships, schoolwork, and future decision-making.

Thank you for partnering with us to nurture honesty and integrity in our students!

### Want to be a Noon Hour Supervisor? Join our team!

- Regular, paid noon hour supervisors needed for 1 hour a day
- Keep our students safe while they eat (in the classroom) and play outside
- help support children with everything from band-aids to peer mediation when conflict arises.
- Criminal record check needed
- You can help out for a certain day of the week that works for you, or a range of days!
- Back ups needed to! Why not help out by being on call?

Attention parents! At King Traditional, we would really love to get few more parents to help out as noon hour supervisors. Do you have a day or two that you can help us?

We are looking for help in the following areas:

- a full time noon hour supervisor (someone who can help 5 days a week during lunchtime)
- a few parents who would like to help **part time**, (for example: every Monday, or a certain day or two that work for you).





- a few more parents to **just be 'on call'** and who are willing to support as supervisors when others call in sick (we use an app to communicate with one another).

By expanding our team, we can ensure that there are always plenty of adults ready and willing to watch over our students and keep them safe.

If you are interested in helping out for: a range of days, a single day, or even just being on our 'on call' list please let us know right away! The onboarding process is the same regardless. It involves a chat with the Principal to discuss suitability, go over responsibilities and expectations, the completion of a noon hour supervisor package (available in the office), and a special noon hour supervisor criminal record check which is completed through the School District. This is a separate and more extensive check than our regular volunteer criminal record check. The process of getting a criminal record check is free, but can often take many weeks, so if you are interested, why not get the process started now! We love connection with our parents and this is such a great way to be a closer part of the team.

**A note from PAC:**

The King PAC would like to remind parents that their voice is valued. To help unpack the importance of participating in our Parent Advisory Council here is a message from Ruby Mann, our PAC president:

As we welcome April and the excitement of spring, it's a great time to reflect on the importance of community involvement in our school. The Parent Advisory Council (PAC) plays a vital role in enhancing our children's educational experience. By joining PAC, parents not only stay informed about school activities and initiatives but also have the opportunity to contribute their ideas and energy to support our students and staff.

Being part of PAC allows parents to connect with each other, build relationships, and collaborate on projects that benefit our school community. Whether it's organizing events, fundraising for resources, or advocating for our children's needs, every contribution makes a difference. We encourage all parents to consider joining PAC and being a part of this wonderful journey together. Your voice matters, and together we can create a positive impact on our school!

Regards

Ruby Mann

**King Traditional's Choir Club:** We are pleased to announce that the King Traditional Choir is up and running, and working hard to train for their big presentation at this year's District "Night's of Music" showcase at the Abbey Arts Theatre. The King Traditional Choir is musical opportunity that will allow those interested to develop musical skills that compliment those





already being taught in the student's music classes. The aim of the choral group is to practice and develop some musical repertoire to later be performed for the Nights of Music opportunity which is happening April 30th. The Choir is an extra curricular opportunity, and practices have been taking place Thursdays at lunch.

**King Traditional's Bhangra Club:** Choir is not the only talent that our students will be sharing at the Nights of Music showcase. Our King Traditional Bhangra Team will also be sharing several dances that evening for the audience. We are so very proud to be able share not only our students musical talent with the district, but their dance talent as well. Whether you wish to support the singers or the dancers, **EVERYONE is welcome** to come out and cheer them on at the Nights of Music happening on April 30<sup>th</sup> at the Abby Arts Center. Please note that they charge a **\$2** donation as an entrance fee so please bring some change.

**Even more Bhangra Dance opportunities:**

The Bhangra dancers at King Traditional are going to be very busy. King Traditional is having a Vaisakhi assembly on April 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be some student voice (What this festive time means to them and their families), some modeling of traditional suits, A Dohl drum demonstration, and our Bhangra boys and girls dance groups will each be doing a short dance. Not only that, but we are being joined by the dancers from the Abbotsford Traditional School (ATS) who will be also sharing their talents with our community. We are excited to have two Traditional school acts together in the same assembly. Its a fun time and you are welcome to attend! Seating is limited.

Please note that we are saving our non-uniform dress up day for Monday April 14, as this is the actual day of celebration. Students on this day are invited to dress up in their fancy suits (if they like) and we will deliver our Samosa hot lunch this day. For part of this day our Bhangra team are also visiting ATS who is hosting the Bhangra dancers from all our Traditional elementary schools. It is a great way to strengthen the connection between our two campuses, while celebrating the skills of our students and culturally responsive education. Dancers from South Poplar will also be joining in. We are very excited to have our Traditional family of schools come together in celebration.

**School Wide Expectations assembly:** Here at King Traditional, we maintain very high expectations of our students. These expectations keep our school safe, help our students enjoy their time at school, and help ensure a learning environment where everyone based on respect and active learning. We are planning to hold our latest school-wide expectations assembly on April 9<sup>th</sup>. To help us reinforce these rules, please consider talking to your children about what they learned about during this assembly.





**A reminder of a few school expectations:**

We are a Nut Free School. This means we would appreciate it if parents could carefully ensure that no products with nuts are put in lunches or brought to school. We have recently seen a few sandwiches come to school with Nutella spread and asked students to remind you, the parents, that this option can be dangerous for others in the classroom. As we get closer to the Easter holidays, candies should be carefully checked for nut ingredients before being permitted to come to school. Chocolates often contain hazelnuts or other tree nuts, and if they do, they should be **enjoyed at home and not come to school** as part of a snack. Thank you for your help in keeping our school safe for all of our learners.

**School Uniforms:** Part of what unites our learning community is our school uniform. We will be strictly reinforcing our dress code in the weeks after spring break to help remind everyone how they are expected to dress. If you would find it helpful, we have a small illustrated and informative document that outlines our student uniform guidelines available in our office.

**A small favor to ask: parents using the drop off lane:** We are very happy to see that an increased number of parents are choosing to use the long drop off lane located by the front of our school. It has a side walk, and is much safer to use than dropping students off across from the bus lanes. That said, we have a small ask: please only use the drop off lane for dropping students off and not for parking in. Sometimes, if too many people park their cars in the drop off lane to get out and wait with their children, the lane fills up and it is hard for other parents to enter campus. If you would like to park and exit the vehicle with your children that is ok, just consider using the parking lot. Thank you for your help.

**Please do not use the staff parking lot for drop off:** This is the parking lot that is closest to the office entrance and is often where parents drop students off when they are late. That said, this parking lot is a dead end and is not designed for quick drop offs. We have had some 'almost accidents' when parents drop students off at the office, then reverse or try to turn around in this parking lot. We have also seen parents parking in our handicap parking space out of convenience which is never appropriate (no matter how brief). Please do not use the staff parking lot. It is too tight a space to be used for drop off. The parent parking or drop off lane is a far safer space.

***Coming up:***

-April 9<sup>th</sup>: School-wide expectations assembly 9-930

-April 11<sup>th</sup>: King Vaisakhi assembly, ATS dancers visiting our campus





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- April 14<sup>th</sup>: Bhangra club students visiting ATS, Vaisakhi celebration day (no uni), Hot Lunch
- April 17<sup>th</sup>: Professional Development Day (no school)
- April 18<sup>th</sup>: Good Friday
- April 21<sup>st</sup>: Easter Monday
- April 30<sup>th</sup>: Nights of Music at the Abby Arts Theatre, \$2 admission

