



King Traditional

Parent Memo

May, 2025

Embracing Responsibility

As we welcome the month of May, we find ourselves deep into the heart of the school year—a time when routines are well established, learning is in full bloom (just like our Cherry Trees!), and students begin to see the results of their hard work and perseverance. It's also a perfect time to reflect on the values that help our school community thrive. For the month of May, we are turning our attention to the important virtue of *responsibility*.

Virtue of the Month: Responsibility

Responsibility means being accountable for our actions, doing our part, and following through on our commitments. It is a cornerstone of personal growth and a key ingredient in creating a safe, respectful, and thriving learning environment. At school, responsibility looks like coming to class prepared, completing assignments on time, caring for our school and the materials within, and being a positive, dependable member of the classroom community. At home, it could mean being counted on to help with chores, manage obligations such as study time and other commitments, and even owning up to mistakes with honesty and integrity.

At King Traditional, we work hard each month to teach about the virtues connected to our model. Teaching about responsibility helps our students develop independence, confidence, and a strong sense of self. When students practice responsibility, they not only contribute positively to their school community here at King, but also build habits that will support their success even beyond their short time with us!

Here are some ways children can demonstrate responsibility in our learning community:

- Bringing necessary materials to school each day (like planners, homework, lunch and honoring our dress code)
- Completing classwork and homework to the best of their ability
- Following school and classroom rules, even when no one is watching
- Helping to clean up shared spaces and take care of classroom tools and supplies
- Being a reliable team member during group work
- Admitting to mistakes when they happen, but just as importantly: making an effort to improve





By working together, at home and at school, we can guide our children to become responsible individuals who understand the value of their choices and actions. Let's celebrate the many ways our students show responsibility each day!

Appreciation for Choir and Dance: As you know, at King Traditional there are many students who work hard to develop their skills, and sometimes that takes place on their own time! On top of students working hard in class at their studies, clubs such as Choir, Giddha, and Bhangra meet during lunch breaks and students choose to give up part of their breaks to continue to learn new skills. We are very proud of them. We are very proud of the extra time and commitment these students invest in learning new skills, and are thrilled when we get to see them perform and share their talent.

Recently it has been quite a busy time for our dancers and singers. Vaisakhi, for example, saw our dancers not only performing at our school during our celebration assembly, but also at Abbotsford Traditional School. King Traditional worked in collaboration with the other Traditional school sites to connect our dancers so that they could perform both at our school and at ATS. It was wonderful to see the students coming together in celebration of their talents and festivities.



Not too long afterward, the students of the Choir and dance clubs enjoyed another opportunity to preform. They presented together at our School District's Nights of Music showcase on April 30th. The choir and both dance groups worked hard to share several dance and choral numbers. They did a wonderful job and their time in the spotlight reflect the commitment and hard work they invested during their practices. A huge thank you is owed to all the students who work so hard to prepare for these events. A special thank you also to the many teachers who also give up their breaks to provide these extra learning opportunities for the students.





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Bussing for next year: If you are a family at King Traditional that requires bussing, please be aware that registration for Busing is **now open**! Communication from the Transportation department has already gone out to all bussing families explaining that next year's bus registration is happening. Registration must be completed each year, and does not automatically renew on its own. Now is the time to register for the fall! Please note that if you register late, spaces on the bus might fill up and you may not get a spot. This was the case for several of our families this year, and we certainly don't want to see this happen again. We strongly encourage everyone to register early and ensure your spot on the bus next year!

Please note that the Abbotsford School District Transportation department is completely separate from King Traditional. Their website containing useful information and the direct link for registration can be found here: <https://www.abbyschools.ca/student-transportation>

Ready, Set, Learn: On May 27th, King Traditional is pleased to be hosting our annual "Ready, Set, Learn" event for the families of the new Kindergarten students joining us in September.

Ready, Set, Learn is a special initiative sponsored by the Ministry of Education to help families with children just about to start Kindergarten to begin building strong, positive connections with the school community. We have already started to invite our next batch of Kindergarten students and their families for a visit, and look forward to seeing them again during the RSL event. This event is all about welcoming these new students and their families into our school, exploring early learning through play-based activities, and sharing helpful ideas and resources with them as they prepare for the exciting journey into kindergarten in the Fall.

At this event, the families of our (soon to be) Kindergarten student's starting in the fall, will have a chance to meet school staff, explore our learning spaces, and discover how we support young children through curiosity, creativity, and connection. Whether these new members of our learning community are attending a storytime, enjoying play-based activities, or simply connecting with other families, we hope they find this introduction to Kindergarten information session feeling confident, informed, and warmly welcomed.

A note on the staff parking lot: As part of our ongoing efforts to keep all students safe during drop-off and pick-up times, we kindly remind families that the staff parking lot is reserved for school staff only. This area is a dead-end lot and not designed for student drop-offs. When cars enter or attempt to turn around in this space, especially in the morning when it is busy, it creates unsafe conditions for both pedestrians and drivers. We have seen some almost-fender benders in this area as parents driving by the office are often running late and in a hurry. The Staff parking lot is not a safe place to drop students off.

For everyone's safety, we strongly encourage parents to use the clearly designated drop-off zones, which are purposely designed to support safe and efficient student arrival. To help reinforce this, we will be placing orange cones and a "Teachers Only" sign at the entrance to the staff lot, especially during busy times. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in keeping our school community safe.





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A note from the PAC: On June 2nd, we warmly invite all parents and guardians to attend our final Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meeting of the school year! This is an especially important meeting, as we will be reviewing PAC roles and selecting members for next year's positions. Whether you're a familiar face at PAC meetings or considering getting involved for the first time, your presence and voice matter. The PAC plays a vital role in supporting our school community, and this meeting is a great opportunity to learn more, ask questions, and consider how you might contribute. We hope to see many of you there as we plan ahead and continue working together to support our students' success! Again June 2nd is our very last meeting of the school year and we hope to see you there!

A few important dates in May:

- Each Tuesday after school @King: ATS Basketball training Camp
- May 5-9: National Teacher appreciation week (be kind to your teacher!)
- May 9: Grade 4 and 5 students visiting ATS to learn about Middle School
- May 13: Grade 5 field trip to Galaxy Bowling
- May 16: Professional Development Day
- May 19: Victoria Day
- May 20: Traditional Basketball Tri-Cup Tournament @ATS
- May 23: Fire Drill at 10am, No Uni for a toonie day
- May 27: Ready, Set, Learn (*for incoming new Kindergarten Families*)
- May 28: Div 12 and 13 Zoo field trip
- May 30: Hot lunch

