



King Traditional
Elementary School

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Parent Memo

October 18-31st, 2025

Virtue of the month: Thankfulness!

At King Traditional School, we continue to prioritize the development of socially responsible students. Each month, we highlight a virtue that helps shape a positive, respectful, and caring school culture. For October, our focus is on **Thankfulness**.

Throughout the month, students and staff will explore what it means to be truly thankful. This learning will take many forms through meaningful classroom conversations, stories that inspire gratitude, and books that help us reflect on the importance of appreciating what we have and those around us.

To wrap up the month, we will gather for our Student of the Month assembly where we will celebrate students who have shown thankfulness in their words and actions.

We invite you, as partners in your child's learning journey, to continue this conversation at home. Here are a few questions you might ask to spark reflection:

- What are some things you feel thankful for in your life?
- How do you show gratitude to others?
- How does it feel when someone thanks you?

You can also encourage your child to express their thankfulness through writing. Whether it is a journal entry or a heartfelt note to someone they appreciate, these small acts help build empathy and strengthen our school-wide focus on literacy.

Together, at home and at school, we can help our students grow into thoughtful, responsible individuals. Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership.

The Pumpkin Patch is coming to King Traditional!

We're excited to share that on **October 27th**, King Traditional will be hosting its very own **Pumpkin Patch** right on school grounds! We know that not all families or classrooms have the opportunity to visit a pumpkin farm, so we're bringing the experience to our students in a fun and inclusive way.





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Thanks to the generous support of our Parent Advisory Council (PAC) and a little help from our school, this event is **completely free** for all students. Each child will have the chance to choose their very own pumpkin to take home.

To help with transportation (especially for those who ride the bus) we kindly ask that each student bring a bag from home to carry their pumpkin home in.

Pumpkins will arrive early in the morning, and our amazing PAC volunteers will be setting up a festive patch in the school field. Classes will visit the patch throughout the day to select their pumpkins, with our youngest students going first to ensure they can pick a size that's just right for them.

In addition to individual pumpkins, each classroom will receive a community pumpkin. These will be decorated together as a class and displayed in the hallway during our Halloween costume parade, adding a creative and festive touch to our celebration.

A heartfelt thank you to our PAC for making this joyful experience possible. Their continued support helps us create meaningful and memorable moments for our students.

Halloween Costumes

While we are on the topic of Halloween, it is just a few weeks away and we're looking forward to a fun and festive day at King Traditional! On **October 31st**, students and staff are invited to celebrate by wearing elementary school-appropriate costumes.

To make the day extra special, we'll be holding a **costume parade** around the school, giving students a chance to showcase their creative outfits and enjoy the excitement with their classmates and teachers.

To help ensure a safe and welcoming experience for everyone, we kindly ask families to keep the following costume guidelines in mind:

- Costumes should be lighthearted and not include blood or anything overly scary
- No full-face masks, so we can easily recognize and connect with one another
- No weapons or weapon-like props (including toy swords, knives, or guns)

Our goal is to create a joyful (but professional) atmosphere where all students feel comfortable and excited to participate. Thank you for helping us make Halloween a positive experience for everyone!





Lets keep our students safe, King is a NUT FREE zone:

As Halloween approaches and treats begin to make their way into backpacks and lunch kits, we want to remind families that **King Traditional is a strict nut-free school**. This means that **no treats containing or possibly containing nuts** should be brought to school at any time.

This important guideline is in place to protect the health and safety of students with severe allergies. Even trace amounts of nuts can pose a serious risk, so we ask for your help in keeping our school environment safe for everyone.

When selecting Halloween goodies, birthday treats, or classroom snacks, please ensure they are **100% guaranteed to be nut-free**. Your careful attention to this helps us maintain a safe and inclusive space for all students. If you are unsure about a product containing nuts, it is always safe to go with goodies that are not food related! Consider sharing items with your classroom such as pencils, erasers, stickers or other festive items along these lines.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation!

Dressing for the Weather:

Burrr! It is starting to get a little cooler in the morning outside! With fall in full swing, the rainy season has officially arrived! At King Traditional, we believe that fresh air and outdoor play are essential to a child's day, so students will continue to head outside for recess...even when it's damp out!

To help your child stay comfortable and dry, please ensure they come to school dressed for the weather. A **warm, weather-appropriate jacket** is important as temperatures begin to drop. On rainy days, a **hooded jacket or umbrella** will help keep them dry, and **waterproof footwear** is highly recommended. Boots will help keep your child's feet dry. After all, our field and track can get muddy sometimes after it rains, and puddles are common too!

Your support in helping your child dress for the season makes a big difference in their comfort and enjoyment throughout the day. Thank you for helping us keep outdoor play safe and fun!

Terry Fox Fundraiser a Success!

Over the past several weeks, our school community has been actively raising funds for the **Terry Fox Foundation** in support of cancer research. We're proud to share that our fundraiser has now wrapped up. Thanks to your generosity, we raised **over \$1,200!**

To make things extra fun, students earned one vote for every dollar they donated. Their votes were cast to decide which staff member would be splattered with paint in celebration of





reaching our goal. The winner? **Mr. Glenn**! Mr. Glenn bravely took the splash during a lively school-wide event on the field last Friday!

It was a joyful moment for our students and a wonderful way to come together in support of a meaningful cause. A special thank you to **Mr. Glenn** for being such a great sport and for modeling what it means to work together as a team. His willingness to step up for a good cause (and to do it with a smile) showed our students that giving back can be both meaningful and fun. We are so grateful for his spirit, leadership, and the example he sets for our school community.

Thank you again to everyone who contributed. Your support helps us teach our students the importance of compassion, generosity, and how working together can make a difference.



Book Fair Volunteers needed!

Throughout the year, King Traditional hosts two book fairs. During this time, the students (and parents) are welcome to check out a selection of books and other literacy-themed items for sale. Proceeds raised go toward buying new books for our schools library. The next dates that the book fair will be taking place are October 21 - 23. That said, we are still in need of parent volunteers (like you!) to support the fair. If you have completed your criminal record check, please consider following this link and signing up as a volunteer to support this school event. Even helping out for an hour helps!

Volunteer link: volunteersignup.org/3C3DR





Diwali Assembly on Monday, October 20 at 1:30 PM

We're thrilled to invite families to join us for a special Diwali Assembly happening on Monday, October 20th at 1:30 PM. This celebration is entirely student-led, showcasing the creativity, leadership, and dedication of our students in a variety of roles: from MCs and speech writers to singers, musicians, fashion experts, and more.

This assembly also marks the first performance of our Bhangra dancers this year, who have been working hard on their choreography with our talented local artist-in-residence. It promises to be a vibrant and joyful celebration of culture and community.

Parents are welcome to attend, but please note that seating is limited (our entire school will be sitting in the gym watching as well). To ensure you don't miss the start, we recommend arriving early, as parking can be challenging. The assembly will begin promptly at 1:30 PM, and due to the tight schedule leading up to dismissal, our start will not be delayed.

We're proud of our students for their hard work and enthusiasm in preparing this event, and we look forward to this festive opportunity to come together as a school community.

Morning Drop-Off Reminders

As we continue to navigate busy mornings at King Traditional, we kindly ask parents to consider a few things that help keep drop-off smooth and safe for everyone. Parking is limited, so if you're parking on-site, please pull in close to other vehicles to maximize space and allow more families to fit during peak times. Once your child has been safely dropped off, we encourage you to exit promptly rather than staying to make phone calls or check messages. This small action helps free up parking spots for others who are arriving.

Thank you for being patient, considerate, and safety-minded during our busy drop-off times. Your cooperation makes a big difference in helping our mornings run smoothly!

Coming up:

- October 16: Great Shakeout Earthquake drill 10am, PAC meeting #2 @6pm
- October 20: Diwali assembly, Samosa hot lunch, book fair is setting up
- October 21: Stolo new year, Fire drill at 10am, book fair opens
- October 22: Book fair, Early dismissal, ***evening parent teacher interviews (information on booking was sent out separately).***
- October 23: Book fair closes, Early dismissal
- October 24: Pro D day
- October 27: Pumpkins arrive at King for the **KING PUMPKIN PATCH** (morning)
- October 30: Kernel's popcorn day, Photo retakes
- October 31: Halloween! Dress up, classroom pumpkin's in hall, Halloween parade!

