



COUGAR CONNECTION

CLARA J. KING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

August 2019

Mark Your Calendar!

Fifth and Sixth Grade Planning Meeting

Thursday, August 29
Round Table Pizza
6:30 p.m.

Labor Day Holiday

Monday, September 2

King PTA Board Meeting

Thursday, September 5
5:30 p.m.

Minimum Day for Students

Monday, September 9

King School Site Council Meeting

Thursday, September 19
2:40 p.m.

Parent/ Teacher Conferences

September 23-27

Have Questions?

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Principal's Message

Welcome to the 2019-20 school year! The entire staff at King School continues to work diligently to ensure your children have a fantastic school year, one in which they achieve to their maximum potential—academically, socially, and emotionally. We will do a number of things to ensure that this happens. We will teach our students how to think critically and solve problems while explaining their thinking, because verbalizing builds even higher thinking skills. This will empower them to be successful in the 21st century.

I am extremely pleased with the educational environment in which our students learn, and I am proud of the effort that our students exhibit each day. It is clear to anyone who is familiar with the King program that King is an outstanding school. This is evidenced by the professionalism, enthusiasm, positive attitude, and knowledge of effective instruction by the teaching and support staff as well as the conscious effort by all staff to ensure that King is a safe school for everyone.

Our goal at King is not only to continue to provide an outstanding program, but to continue to improve while remaining focused on meeting the needs of every student. We have a process in place at King School that enables us to do this. We are working continually to be a learning community, and we are working together as a school staff to help all our students learn through rigorous content and research-based instructional strategies. We are also going to help students learn to cooperate and collaborate with others and to be able to adapt to change and be comfortable with it. Additionally, through our curriculum we are going to help students learn to solve problems and develop critical thinking skills--all very important skills for the future.

Educating a child requires a partnership between school, home, and community. We will continue to work together and support each other to ensure that your child has the best possible educational experience. Please help us create a community of learners at King School by supporting our school programs and ensuring that your child comes to school every day. Any child who grows to adulthood and is able to think and learn and collaborate with others while retaining a basic set of values will succeed in the world of tomorrow. We wish your children a happy and successful school year and look forward to this collaborative effort we are making together.

As your principal, you can expect that I will be visible and accessible. I will reach out and ask for your support, ideas, suggestions, and involvement. I will encourage you to join our school family where preparing children for the 21st century is our number one priority. Through teamwork, open communication, and a dedication to continuous improvement, King School is a place where children love to learn and families love to visit.

Jacki Teschke
Principal

School Safety

The safety and well-being of our students and staff is a top priority in the Cypress School District. To ensure a safe and secure learning environment:

- Campus access is limited to entrance through the school office during the school day.
- Video surveillance systems are installed at school sites to monitor campus activity. Cameras also serve as a deterrent for trespassing.
- A web-based visitor management system enables school office staff to perform instant sex offender registry checks on all campus visitors.
- Most importantly, we have strong working relationships with our local police departments, who conduct an annual assessment of our school emergency procedures.

We appreciate your support and partnership with us in keeping our schools safe. We ask for your assistance in the following ways:

- Please drive slowly in the parking lot and follow all directional signs.
- Cross only in marked crosswalk
- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks, and take extra care when driving in school zones.
- If visiting or volunteering during school hours, check in at the school office and present a valid government-issued identification.
- When leaving campus, check out and exit through the front office, not through the gates. This enables us to account for everyone on campus in the case of an emergency.

By working together, we make our schools a safe place for everyone!

Good School Attendance; how parents can make a difference at home

Regular school attendance is essential beginning in kindergarten, because this is where families begin to build healthy habits of daily school attendance right from the beginning

- While some absences are unavoidable, the important thing is to get your child to school as often as possible.
- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause some children to fall behind in school.
- Chronic absence is defined as 18 days a school year- or just 2 days a month.
- Missing 10% or about 18 days of the school year in kindergarten can lower achievement in 1st grade and, for some students, through 5th grade.
- Students can fall behind if they keep missing just a day or two every few weeks.



What you can do:

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine
- Ensure that your child gets 9-11 hours of sleep every night
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before
- Do not let your child stay at home unless he/she is truly sick. Please keep in mind that complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home
- If your child appears anxious about going to school, talk to your child's teacher
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session



Labor Day is September 2nd

This is a school holiday

Monday, September 9, is a minimum day for students in grades 1-6. Teachers will be attending professional development