



November 2nd, 2009

Important Dates

November 6th – No School – Staff Planning
November 11th and 12th – CBM #2
November 12th – Pick Up Your Cookie Dough!
November 13th – End of Quarter #1
November 20th – KAO Family Day at Staples Center
November 21st – Saturday School
November 25 – 27th – Thanksgiving Break
November 30th – Mandatory Parent Meeting 2017
December 1st – Mandatory Parent Meeting 2016
December 2nd – Mandatory Parent Meeting 2015
December 3rd – Mandatory Parent Meeting 2014

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Team and Family,

Below are some important updates to get us all informed of where we are and where we are going. Please fill out the attached homework assignment, due by Wednesday. Each child will get paycheck bonuses if completed fully to reward your hard work and attentiveness to KAO news.

CURRICULUM BASED MEASURES #1 (CBM)

Shout out to all the KIPPsters at KAO for the strongest start for the year on CBM #1. Every grade level outperformed the year before with their learning in Unit #1. CBM #2 will be administered on November 11th and 12th, look out for your child's results.

The best indicator of success on CBM's is the weekly quizzes and tests, and also homework completion. It's a no-brainer that children who do all their homework also perform best on the CBM's showing mastery of state standards. Let's make sure every child does their homework to get it right, and not to just get it done.

COOKIE DOUGH

Great job selling cookie dough families! With all the hard work you put in for our first fundraiser, KAO was able to cut out a huge portion of the family fundraising goal for the year. You all were able to raise **\$9,657.90** toward end of the year field lessons! Very well done!

The top three sellers were all from 2017! **Donald Cook III** sold the most with \$760.50, followed by **Aaron Tyus** with \$648 and additionally \$616.00 by **Kimora Smith!** The sixth grade top seller was **Chloe Jones** with \$511.50, seventh grade was **Lauryn Catching** with \$513.00 and from 2014 **Channen Palmer** sold \$526.50 in total.

We only have to raise \$15,342.10 for the rest of the year to ensure we fund our end of the year field lessons fully! Remember, trips cost about \$160,000 in total, so this fundraising contribution really helps from parents, family and friends. Thanks for your energy and support!

KIPP EMPOWER ACADEMY IN THE WORKS!

KIPP Empower Academy continues to build toward opening this summer with Kindergarten. It will grow by one grade per year, until reaching full capacity in 2014. If you are interested completing an interest form, come to the office. Pick up a flyer as well!

CELEBRATING FOUR KAO STUDENTS: STATE OF THE 8TH

On Thursday, the 8th Council District State of the 8th Address, lead by Bernard C. Parks included performances by the one and only KAO Kaboom, and awards for 5th and 8th graders. From KAO, **Asia Anderson** was recognized for having the highest overall 5th grade GPA in 2017 and **Ayinde Crear** for 2014. Also honored were the most improved students in both grade levels, with **Angel Orea** from 2017 and **Nia Ricketts** from 2014. Shout out to them for their hard work and to their families for all they do day-in-and-day-out to climb the mountain toward college, advanced degrees and beyond!

KAO AT THE STAPLES CENTER

KAO Family Day #1 for the year will be on Friday November 20th. The LA Clippers will be playing against Carmello Anthony and the Denver Nuggets at 7:30 pm. Get your tickets at a reduced rate (\$28) while also supporting KAO athletics and getting social time with other KAO families.

The basketball team will be playing a scrimmage at 2:30 pm with KIPP LA Prep, followed by a joint dinner and study hall with both schools. Come out and watch that game as well if you are interested.

OFFICE CALLS

We'd like to remind parents that the office phone is for emergency use only. We would also like to advise that if you leave messages for your child at the office, these be related to urgent matters or emergencies.

If you have any further questions regarding these matters, feel free to contact Miss Rocha, Miss De Anda, or Mrs. Ward.

Keep plowing toward excellence, and nothing less.

One Love,

Ian Guidera
School Director