



Weekly Parent Newsletter

WEEK OF JANUARY 17TH-21ST, 2011

Principal's Message

Thank you all for coming to the grade level meetings last week. Parents, I salute your investment in your children's education. You should be extremely proud of their achievements. Thank you all for taking the time to listen to presentations and ask thoughtful questions. I know that our students will continue to strive and excel in every way as the school year progresses.

Remember, our first Skills Assessment in the New Year is this week on January 20 and 21st. Please help your child review for this assessment by studying notes and reviewing packets given by the teachers. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the school. Your feedback is very important to us as we continue to guide your children on a strong and stable path to and through college.

- Mrs. Greene

Dates to Remember:

Parent Training for KAO Website & PowerSchool Navigation

Tuesday, January 18 from 5:30PM - 7:00PM

School Planning Meeting

Wednesday, January 19 at 5:45 PM

KAO School Planning Committee Meeting

Friday, January 21 from 3:30 - 5:00 PM



EOY TRIP

In preparation for KAO's annual grade-level EOY Trip, it has been calculated that a total of **\$53,438.38** will need to be raised before the end of the school year.



Please see Mrs. Davis regarding any fundraising ideas and/or suggestions. Thank you.

A Few Words From Mr. Jutabha - Assistant Principal

Congratulations to all the KIPPsters who earned awards for the past quarter! Continue to build upon your successes as you make the climb to and through college.

To ALL the KIPPsters: Here's looking forward to having you all exceed the number of awards and certificates in the next quarter. Remember, one of the ways to ensure success is to complete your assignments at a high level, asking for help, and being respectful to each member of our Team and Family.

- Mr. Jutabha

Teacher Spotlight

Ms. Hernandez is the Resource Specialist Teacher and has worked at KAO for the past two years.

She received a Bachelor's degree in Biochemistry from the University of California, Davis and she is currently pursuing her Master's of Science in Special Education and Applied Behavior Analysis at Mt. St. Mary's College.



She has been teaching students with exceptional needs for the past four years and looks forward to continuing her education in order to better serve the needs of every student who needs extra support.

She has attended various trainings throughout the years focusing on everything from whole group literacy sessions to one-on-one multi-sensory instruction. She utilizes the strategies she has learned in order to ensure that our students at KAO receive the proper interventions in order to succeed.

Thus far, it has been her role at KAO to manage the IEP caseload, provide instruction for students with exceptional needs, and collaborate with teachers in order to provide a rigorous academic experience for every student at KAO.

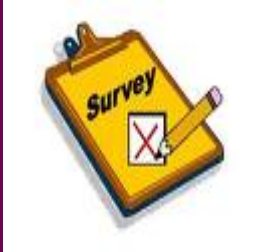
"I could not ask for a more supportive teammate/co-worker"
Says,
Ms. Weinstein
about
Ms. Hernandez

Parent Survey Reminder

All KIPP schools across nationwide (99 schools in all!) are administering a parent survey. The survey will be arriving via mail. If you do not receive one, you can contact the main office to obtain one.

The purpose is to allow all school community members to tell us what we are doing well, what we can improve upon, and to understand better the factors that are most important in driving student outcomes.

Please do not attach your name to your survey, as it is important for your views to remain anonymous. Please return it as soon as possible.



Our KIPPsters In Action

Here are some of our kippsters hard at work and enjoying their Enrichment classes.



Squid Dissection with Mr. Luna! (Above)

