



Weekly Parent Newsletter

WEEK OF JANUARY 24TH, 2011

Principal's Message

Dear KAO Team & Family,

As you know, KAO hosted our first School Planning Meeting last Wednesday evening to discuss and address parental concerns with regard to communication, student discipline, and staff trends. Thank you to those of you who attended the meeting and actively participated in the open discussion. We genuinely appreciate your valuable feedback. In an effort to capture all of the issues raised by parents and to provide you with concrete action steps, we are mailing home the summarized notes from last week's meeting. For your convenience, we have also posted on the KAO website the two PowerPoint presentations that were shown or distributed at the meeting. If you were unable to attend last week's meeting, I urge you to review the materials posted on our website.

Last week was our first Skills Assessment for the New Year. Ask your child for their results from the tests given on **January 20 and 21st**. The results will be coming home this week if the teachers haven't sent them home already.

Our next assessment will take place on **February 3rd and 4th**. 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 and input 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

February 4th, 2011

KAO Planning Team Meeting at 3:30 p.m.

February 8th, 2011

School Wide Planning Meeting at 5:45 p.m.

February 21, 2011

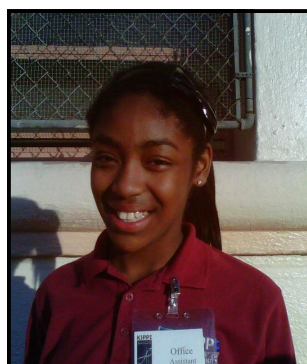
School closed in observance of President's Day



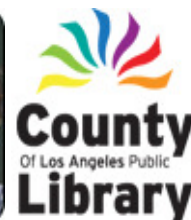
MEET OUR NEW OFFICE ASSISTANTS



ANTHONY
MERRIWEATHER



RYAN FINELY



You can get free homework help from a live, online tutor. All you need is a County of Los Angeles library card and the Internet. You can use Live Homework Help from home, school and even the Library. It is available for three different age groups. Simply go to:

<http://www.colapublib.org/children/tutor/index.html>

Parent Reminders

- Please be mindful of KAO's policy regarding making deliveries to students during the school day. All students are required to come to school equipped with everything they need for the school day. The office will not be delivering forgotten homework, school supplies, or lunch to students as it is very disruptive to our teachers and students.
- Please turn in your Parent Survey to the main office if you have not done so already. The race is still on for the first grade level to turn in all Parent Surveys!

PowerSchool Web Link

Parents can use PowerSchool to access their child's grades, attendance history, lunch balances, and school bulletin online at:

<https://kippla-ca.powerschool.com/public/>

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Homework Web Link

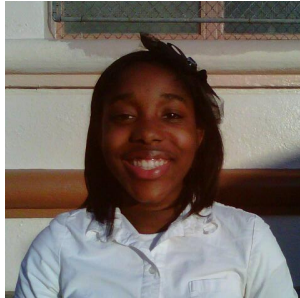
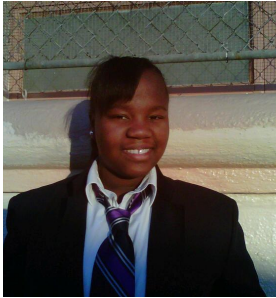
The Homework Link contains the homework for each teacher from each grade level for the current week. Parents can access this link at:

<http://www.kippla.org/kao/for-parents/index.cfm>

Reminder The Parent Weekly Bulletin is available online at:

<http://www.kippla.org/kao/for-parents/index.cfm>

MEET OUR BIRTHDAY ANNOUNCERS



Every Friday Audrey Webb and Jessica Jackson announce the birthdays of fellow Kippsters for th next week. Teachers can also nominate guest announcers to to assist with the announcements weekly. Jessica says, "It is so much fun, especially when Mrs. Greene is with us!"

JESSICA JACKSON & AUDREY WEBB

Scholastic's Top Picks

For Middle-Schoolers:



Holes By Louis Sachar

Stanley Yelnats has had awful luck his whole life — he's overweight, kids tease him, his family is poor, and now he's accused of a crime he didn't commit!



The Hunger Games By Suzanne Collins

In the ruins of a place once known as North America lies the nation of Panem, a shining Capital surrounded by twelve outlying districts. The Capital is harsh and cruel and keeps the other districts in line by forcing them to participate in the annual Hunger Games, a fight-to-the death on live TV. One boy and one girl between the ages of twelve and sixteen are selected by lottery to play. The winner brings riches and favor to his or her district.

For Parents of Middle-Schoolers:



Facing Your Free-Range Fears By Margaret Crocker

Thinking of going free-range, but afraid to try? You're not alone. The "Free-Range Kid" movement is a response to the rise in overprotective, "helicopter" parenting. And it has a lot of parents wondering how to give their children more freedom and responsibility while still keeping them safe.

"Model

reading.

Your pre-teen

will still follow

your reading

habits."

-Scholastic

Student Update Forms

In our continuous efforts to provide optimal communication between parents and the KAO staff, we will be sending home a new Student Update Form for each student. On this form, parents will provide the most current and best way to notify them in the case of an emergency, absence notification, and/or meeting information.

Current telephone numbers and addresses are crucial to building and maintaining an open line of communication between parents and administration.

In our efforts to update contact information for all students as quickly as possible, the first grade level who turns in all their Student Update Forms will earn the privilege of having a Denim Friday!

We thank you in advance for your prompt attention in turning in these forms as soon as you receive them.

