



# Weekly Parent Newsletter

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7TH, 2011

## Principal's Message

### **Dear Team & Family,**

Thank you to those of you who joined us last night at our second School-wide Meeting. If you missed the meeting last night you can find a copy of the PowerPoint presentation online at [www.kippla/ka0.org](http://www.kippla/ka0.org).

The second KAO School Planning Committee meeting occurred on February 4, 2011. One of the outcomes of the first Committee Meeting was to provide our students with more opportunities to express how they feel about specific school-related issues, ways to boost student morale, and introduce new student activities. As a result, two students from each grade level were selected by the Grade Level Chair to join us at the School Planning Committee Meeting on February 4<sup>th</sup>.

About 20 students representing grades five through eight attended the meeting and contributed their valuable feedback to the school-wide discussion. Below you will find key suggestions we received from the students:

- More quarterly reward trips (**raise money by organizing car wash fundraiser**).
- Introduce bonding activities as an alternative to the EOY trip (i.e. beach days, BBQ, park excursions, etc.) Perhaps having a car wash fundraiser that will raise money and foster team building.
- "Adopt-A-Kippster" Program in which younger students can fraternize with older KIPPsters (i.e. mentorship program).
- Develop 'Special Days' at KAO: Community Service Day, Backwards Day, Carnival Day, Cake Walk, Roller Skating Day, Shadow Day among KIPPsters, etc.
- Holiday Celebrations in order to discover the true meaning of a Holiday.
- Individual privileges should be granted to those students who are performing well despite the unfavorable performance of their grade level peers.

**-Principal's message continued**

We will review each of these suggestions with **the goal of** implementing most (if not all) of them.

KAO parents who serve on the School Planning Committee are currently working on addressing one of the **major** student concerns around team building by planning a school-wide bonding day for the students. The second outcome of the meeting was to have the KAO teachers plan two off-campus reward trips in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter.

We hope to see you at our next KAO School Planning Committee Meeting on **Friday, February 18 from 3:30PM – 5:00PM.**

Your child should receive his/her results from their **February 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>** skills assessments sometime this week in each core content area. Please review the results with your child and make any test corrections that are needed.

Our next assessment will take place next week on **February 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>.** Please help your child review for this assessment by studying the notes and reviewing the packets given by teachers. 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. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Greene

### **Dates to Remember**

**February 11, 2011**

**Coffee and Donuts with the Principal 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.**

**February 18, 2011**

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

**February 21, 2011**

**School closed in observance of President's Day**

**February 22, 2011**

**Mandatory Attendance Parent Meeting at 6:00 p.m.**

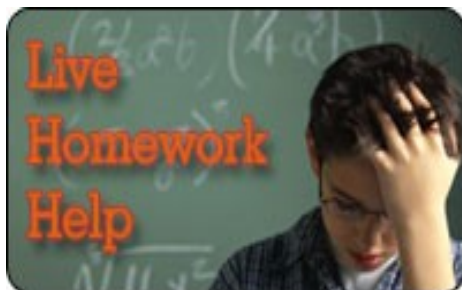


## FSA #5



The Following Students scored Advanced on all their assessments:

Ryan Finley, Kibibi Davis,  
 Christopher Morales, Kojo Sadler,  
 Donovan Jackson,  
 Donovan Joseph,  
 Kyra Amacker,  
 Krystaphauer Skinner



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>

### 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>

## ASES Program

As the 3rd Quarter begins, we wanted to update you on an adjustment to our schedule. As you know, KAO has qualified for an After School Education and Safety (ASES) grant that provides additional funding for our programs.

In order to implement the guidelines of the grant we needed to modify our schedule. Beginning next week February 14, 2011 all core academic classes will end at 3:05pm and a 10 minute break will be given to the students to eat their snack.

Please understand that this component is still considered part of our instructional day. The school day does not end at 3:05pm. From 3:15pm to 3:45pm we will have a 30min study hall in which students will get a head start on any homework they have for the day. The intent is to give students more time to complete homework, reduce the number of incomplete assignments, and help them identify questions they may need to follow up on with their teachers before they get home. At 3:45pm, students will transition to their afternoon enrichment classes which they will select this week.

It is important to note that we will be holding multiple Math and ELA enrichment courses to address student needs. Students will participate in various online support programs in addition to targeted small group work with the teacher. Lastly, it is important that we have 100% completion of all ASES paperwork so that KAO is in compliance with the guidelines of the grant.

If your child has not already turned in their packet, please have them do so immediately. Extra copies are available in the office. Should you have any further questions, feel free to reach out to me at [mjutabha@kippla.org](mailto:mjutabha@kippla.org).

Thank you,

Mr. M. Jutabha



**CONGRATULATIONS** to our basketball team who won their first game versus Century Academy in the EXPO League last Friday. Please feel free to come out and join them this Friday for their game versus Century Communion Charter School.

-Mrs. Davis

# Tacori Field Trip

The twenty 7th graders who won a jewelry making competition were asked to go on a field trip to Tacori, a wonderful jewelry making company in Glendale. Students were given an extensive tour and learned all about how jewelry is made from the originating idea, to the final diamond setting stages. Students learned all about the accidental insignia of Tacori, the crescent silhouette, and the wonders of creating beautiful jewelry that is bought and sold all over the world.

The trip was concluded with a jellybean guessing competition and a pizza party. It was a very fulfilling day where students had a ton of fun and were able to learn and grow artistically outside of the classroom. We are all very appreciative for our fabulous tour guides and new friends at Tacori and for taking the time to show the 7th grade art students all about Tacori Jewelry!

- Ms. Langosch

