



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



Happy New Year to everyone and Welcome Back to Kingswood's second semester!!

There have been some changes over the Holiday. I would like to take this opportunity to announce that I was married on December 12th. My new name will now be Amber Statham. Just wanted to let you know in case you saw documents with an unfamiliar name.

With our uncertain winter weather conditions, please keep warm clothing handy at all times and note weather conditions on newscasts. If you

would like to donate any outgrown (yet still wearable) clean clothes, we would gladly accept them in the clinic.

By now, you have had numerous opportunities to discuss your child's progress with his or her teacher. With our high stakes testing just around the corner, please don't hesitate to discuss any concerns and by all means, check in with the teachers as to what you can do at home to help your child prepare.

Amber Statham,
Principal



MEDIA NEWS

Happy New Year! We are so excited here in the media center. There will be a lot of fun times to come in 2010. We are taking the profits from the last bookfair and buying several hundred new books and new audio visual material. Our next bookfair will start on Friday evening March 26th. That night will also be the PTA's movie night. Fourth grade students keep reading the BOB books, our battle will be April 22nd at 8:30. More information to follow.

UPCOMING EVENT

Kindergarten Countdown
March 30, 2010 @ 8:30 AM
School Cafeteria

Kingswood Elementary School

3102 S. Kings Ave.
Brandon, FL 33511

Amber Statham, **Principal**
Pat McCants, **Assistant Principal**

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TEACHER CERTIFICATION

The following teachers are out of field and are continuing their education to earn an additional endorsement for ESOL:

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| J. Barkley | A. Garibaldi |
| M. Barnett | C. Kazor |
| D. Casault | D. Longjohn |
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| D. Coonfare | T. Melendez |
| S. Coonfare | M. Mosley |
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| M. Ferrante | |



CURRICULUM CORNER



Happy New Year! Can you believe that we are almost half through the school year! How is your child progressing so far? To help answer this question, Report Card Pick up Conference Night will be held on Thursday, January 22 from 4:00-7:30 pm. If your child is performing below level in any subject, I urge you to have a conference with his/her teacher now to deter-

mine, what you can do support your child. We are current offering enrichment and remediation ELP in the afternoon for students in grades 3-5 that are not currently receiving tutoring in the SES program. ELP is held on Mondays and Thursday from 2:30-3:30. Our goal is to offer ELP to our K-2 students after FCAT testing. During the first week of February students in grade 2 will take the Hillsborough Writes and must score a 2 to pass. Our 4th grade will be taking FCAT Writing the second week in

February and must score a 4 to pass. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 744-8234 ext 224.

Pat McCants
Assistant Principal



Tip of the Month:

"Listen more than you talk, you will be amazed at how much you learn."

SCHOOL HOURS

School hours are 8:00 AM until 2:15 PM. Students not in their classrooms and in their seats by 8:00 AM are considered tardy and must come to the office for a late pass. If your child is eating breakfast here at Kingswood, please make sure they are at school in time to eat and get to class by 8:00. Our staff begins serving breakfast at 7:30 AM. Parents dropping children off after 8:00 must come to the office and sign them in. Thank you for your help with this matter.

Remember to report your child's absence by calling our attendance line - 744-8234 option # 1 by 9:00 AM on the day of the absence.

DATES TO REMEMBER

1/7 PTA meeting—6:30 pm– café
 1/13 Early Release—12:15 pm
 1/15 end of 2nd nine weeks
 1/18 Martin Luther King Jr Day—
 No school
 1/19 Teacher workday (non-student day)
 1/26 5th grade goes to JA Biztown
 3rd grade Firearm safety
 Skate Night

1/27 Early Release—12:15 pm
 1/28 Terrific Kid Celebration 9:00 am
 Report Card Pick Up Night
 4:30—7:30 pm
 2/1-28 National Black History Month
 2/2 Hillsborough Writes for Grade 2
 2/3 Early Release 12:15 pm
 2/5 Fair Day (No school)
 2/9 FCAT Writing Grade 4

**STUDENT NUTRITION**

Smart Food Choice for the month of January features Florida Citrus each Wednesday at lunch. We encourage you to help your child in menu selections by reviewing the daily breakfast & lunch menus together. School menus are sent home at the beginning of each month & also available on line.

One of the standards for Student Nutrition is that each child enters his/her own ID number at the register. The cashiers have been helping the kindergarten students learn their number. Can your student tell you his/her ID number??

GUIDANCE CORNER

The Character trait for January is *Trustworthiness*. Are you Trustworthy?

Parents can model this character trait for their children by:

- Being honest with others
- Being a person who keeps their promises and is a good friend
- Being a person who never intentionally hurts another with unkind words or actions
- Being a person who can be counted on to do what is right even when no one is watching

The New Year is the perfect opportunity for your child to put his *best foot* forward. Share these ideas and watch their self-esteem go up.

CLASS NOTES

KINDERGARTEN The end of the grading period is 1-15-10, this will be the first time that our students will be receiving grades on their report cards. Please remember to sign and return report card envelopes. Students have been excited about checking out books from the Media Center. In honor of Martin Luther King Jr., students will learn about the man as well as his impact on history.

GRADE ONE We are looking forward to a busy new year. Our first graders are starting to prepare for the Stanford Achievement Test (SAT 10).

GRADE TWO We have finished our FAIR Testing and are now working on Hillsborough Writes. Our students are working on strategies in reading and math that will help them to become better thinkers and problem solvers. Parents, please continue to check your children's homework folders and sign their reading logs.

Always be prepared. Decide on a specific homework time and *stick to it*. Your child should take his completed homework, books, and supplies to school everyday. Pack up the backpack the night before.

Look over their work carefully with them. Encourage them to double-check math work and proofread for misspelled words and careless errors.

Add a little flair to projects. Encourage children to add drawings, graphics or photographs to class projects. Tap into their creativity.

Terrific Kids Ceremony will be held Thursday, January 28th @ 9:00 in the cafeteria. Parents attending should check-in by 8:45. You should get a call from your child's teacher letting you know that your child has been selected.

CHARACTER ROCKS AT KINGSWOOD!!!!

Katherine Shannon
 Guidance Counselor

