

WELCOME
BACK TO
SCHOOL

KING PTO

1st Meeting 2025/26

TUESDAY, SEPT 2, 2025

AGENDA

- Call meeting to order
- Review previous meeting minutes
- Board Introductions
- PTO mission
- Principal's Report
- Teacher's Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Committee introductions
- Questions
- Adjourn meeting

Who we are

- Tiffany Walther, President
- Katie Dobbie, Vice President
- Ann Lin, Secretary

Hello King Families!!

My name is Ann Lin, and I'm excited to be serving in my 4th year as PTO Secretary — and my 10th year as a King parent! I originally joined the King PTO Board to help bridge the knowledge gap left in the wake of Covid. I've stayed on because I truly enjoy helping make our school more equitable and welcoming, and I love meeting new families along the way.

My son Oliver is currently in 3rd grade at King. My husband and I also have a 10th grader at Huron and a 6th grader at Clague, so we're busy — and grateful to be part of such a vibrant school community.

Looking forward to another great year at King!

Warmly,
Ann Lin



PTO MISSION

We, as a board, are a group of parents who have collective experiences and time at King. We're committed to enriching our children's education and building a strong sense of community in our schools.

We do this by enhancing communication between families and the school, providing volunteers and funding for programs and activities, and by working together with parents, teachers, and staff to support the school whenever we're needed.

- Provide each and every kid with access to the same items and experiences
- We defer to the school to tell us what they need and how we can best support them
- We encourage direct outreach to school administration with any questions/concerns
- We sponsor and put on social events to build community

PTO Newsletter

- Comes out every other Saturday morning
- Contact us if you didn't receive it
- Important info at the top!

Upcoming PTO Dates

May 5th-9th: Teacher Appreciation Week

May 13th: Fun run during the school day

May 13th: PTO Meeting from 6-7pm via zoom

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81290444140?pwd=SFEvzECftvOMPu8KB6CSYynPHiFI8e.1>

Meeting ID: 812 9044 4140

Passcode: 920629

May 14th: Chipotle Fundraiser

May 21st: Ruth's Chris Fundraiser

May 28th: Ice cream Social 4:30-6:30 @ King playground

Quick Links

This is a central spot for all the links listed in the newsletter for quick and easy reference!

[DONATE TO THE PTO](#)

[FUN RUN DONATION](#)

[FUN RUN VOLUNTEER SUG](#)

[FUN RUN AMAZON WISHLIST](#)

[KATHERINE APPLGATE BOOK ORDERS](#)

[MAY LUNCHTIME VOLUNTEER SIGN UP](#)

[BACKGROUND CHECK FORM](#)

[SCHOOL DIRECTORY OPT IN FORM](#)

[SCHOOL DIRECTORY](#)

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[KING PTO WEBSITE](#)

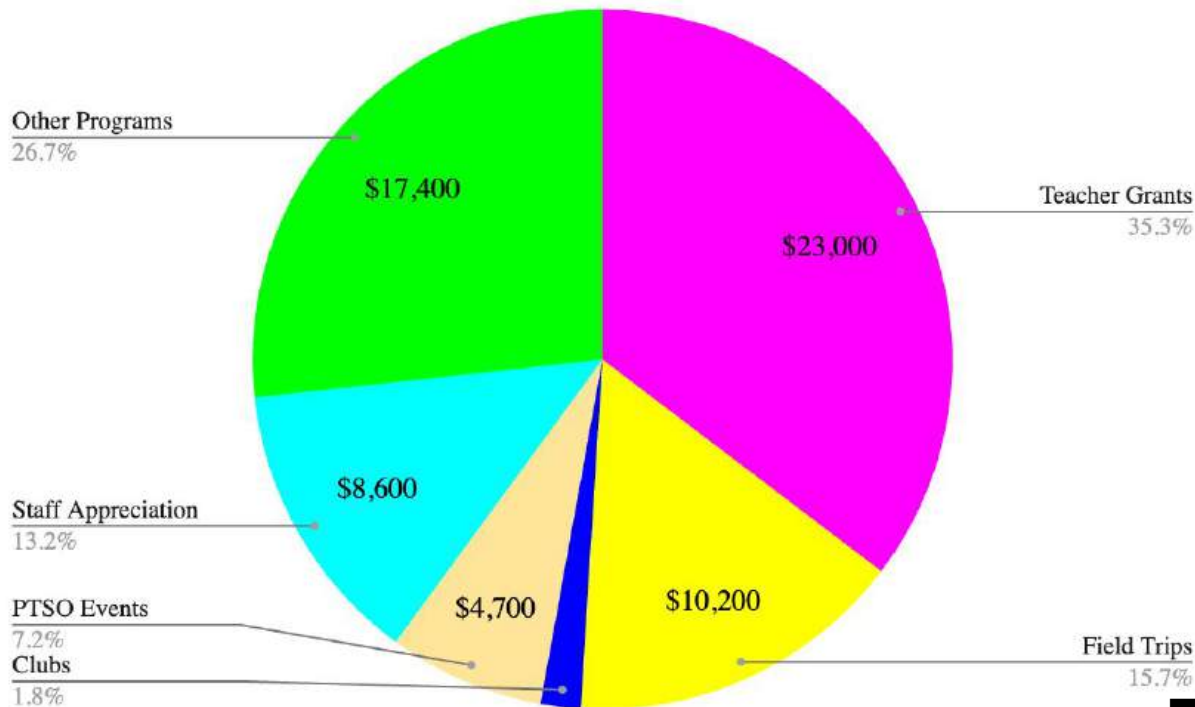
Principal's Report

Teacher's Report

Treasurer's Report

What does our money fund?

2024/25 Expenses



Total: \$63,500

Ways to Donate

To help us achieve our goals, we recommend a **\$50-\$100 per child donation**, but any amount is appreciated.



Check or Cash

Can be dropped off in the main office.

Checks made out to **ML King PTO**

Envelopes addressed to:

- PTO Attn: Lindsey Kerkez, PTO
Co-Treasurer



Cheddar Up

Donate directly through our Cheddar up website.

<https://king-pto-general-fund-2025-26.cheddarup.com>





Sign up is easy!

- Create a digital account
- Link your Kroger card (Shoppers Card) to **M.L. King PTO**
- Any transactions moving forward using the Shopper's Card number associated with your digital account will be applied to the program, at no added cost to you.



Sign up is simple!

- Login to your MyWay account through Buschs.com/MyWay
- Select Cash for Education from the dropdown menu underneath your name.
- Choose **Martin Luther King Elementary**.
- You will be required to have a valid email address and opt-in to receive emails to participate in this program.

Employer Donor Match Programs

Bright Funds

Benevity

Inquire at your place of work to see if your employer participates in a match program.

Committees

SOCIAL

- Harvest Moon Festival
- Bagel Fridays
- International Night
- Ice Cream Social
- Turkey Trot

Field
Day
Frenzy

FUNDRAISERS

- King Gear
- Silent Auction
- Book Fair

ENRICHMENT CLUBS

- Math Club
- Academic Games
- Science Olympiad
- Learning Garden
- Lego League

TEACHER APPRECIATION

- Mini Monthlys
- Holiday Lunch
- Dinners during late events
- May Appreciation Week

Committees

Academic Games

September - March

Contact: kingacademicgames@gmail.com

WHO: All 4th and 5th graders!

WHEN : Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7 PM SHARP to 8:30 PM, from mid-September through early March.

WHERE: King Elementary MEDIA CENTER (library).



Academic Games

KING ACADEMIC GAMES



Michigan Leagues of Academic Games



A²G

DATE/TIME:

TUESDAY/THURSDAY
7-8:30PM

LOCATION:

KING LIBRARY

WHAT IS

ACADEMIC
GAMES?

- 100% FREE
- GRADES 3-5
- LEARN WITH GAMES
- MATH, LOGIC, GRAMMAR,
HISTORY, AND MORE
- COMPETE AT REGIONAL,
STATE, AND NATIONAL
TOURNAMENTS

FIRST MEETING:

SEP. 9



REGISTER!

kingacademicgames@gmail.com



Harvest Moon

Wednesday, Oct 22nd

Interested in joining the committee?
Contact Lisa: Thechaikdorfs@gmail.com



Bagel Fridays

Next one coming up on
September 26th, 8:00a-8:43a



Lego League

K-3: Explore STEM concepts

4th-5th: Apply those concepts to design
and build robots

Teams will meet once a week from
September-November

Teams are full, for questions contact
araheja114@gmail.com



Mini-Monthlys

Once a month, we give treats/snacks to the teacher and staff! Sign up for a slot one month!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040944ABAC2EAAF94-58178503-2526>



Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week committee 5/4-5/8

- Ordering catering and set up food each day
- Be mindful of staff allergy list
- Provide breakfast or lunch for teachers each day
- Set up Sign Up Genius for community potluck day
- Make sure coolers with cold drinks are re-stocked



Book Fairs

December 1st-5th
and April 13th-17th





Field Day Frenzy

(Formally Fun Run)

May 2026

Need Committee Chairs!



King Learning Garden

- Friends of the King Learning Garden
- Building a community that supports the efforts and education of the King Learning Garden. Feel free to reach out to Whitney Wilkes-Krier directly at whitneywk@gmail.com for any questions about the King Learning Garden, upcoming volunteer opportunities or for more ways to get involved.



King Gear

Year round online
store..coming in October



Math Club

October-March

Contact: Yunus yezeytuncu@gmail.com

Who: 1st -5th graders

When: Wednesdays @5:30

Where: King Classrooms

*Ends with the optional Math

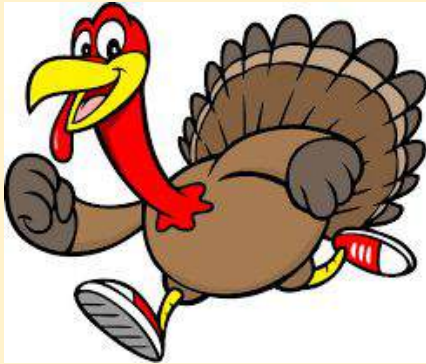
Kangaroo National Test

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScT8Zg1EIUJZp5NpfWSiD4kNbqBvktoqYn7AJvNDbcoY7J7pw/viewform>

Turkey Trot

November

Kids get energy out by running around the back track then get a donut and cider after!



International Night

Jan/February 2026

Contact: internationalnightking@gmail.com



Science Olympiad

December-April

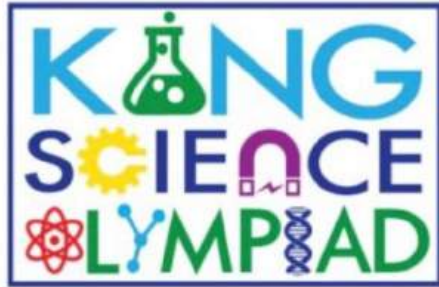
Contact: kingscienceolympiad@gmail.com

- Who: 2nd-5th graders
- Parent Coach recruitment- November/December. Need 25+ coaches!
- WESO competition: April



Science Olympiad

2025-2026 King Science Olympiad



King SO Head Coach Team

- Nicole Bhavé
- Yajuan Si
- Maeran Uhm
- Xiaoming Wang

Thanks to Lisa Whitehead!



Ice Cream Social

End of May 2026



What goes into the Ice Cream Social?

- **Organization** of 50+ High School Volunteers to run games, food sales, ice cream tickets and distribution etc.
- Ordering of **1000+** pieces of ice cream in advance and organize freezer storage
- Elicit **sponsors** - Event made over 1000 dollars last year!
- **Purchase** all necessary supplies
- Order **dinner** for King Staff
- So much more!



THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS!

*Thank you to the King Elementary 2024
Ice Cream Social Sponsors!*



Thank you to E&S for being our
Ice Cream Sponsor for 2024!



Want to get involved?

Please email Emily or Susin at
kingelementaryicecream@gmail.com



Restaurant Nights

Once a month, we will partner with a restaurant or local business to receive a % of their sales that evening!



Current ongoing
Fundraiser



Upcoming
Fundraisers



Directory

- Fill out a form to opt in with your information
- We will release a pdf file broken up by grade/class and will update periodically



Silent Auction - The BIGGEST Fundraiser of the Year!

- \$25,000 in funds raised in 2025
- 226 “tickets” registered (ie the number of families who could bid on items)
- Bid on physical items and experiences!
- Family fun night with food and kid activities in MPR
- Continued activities throughout Spring/Summer/Fall bringing King community together
- A large and great team committed to continuing to help for 2026
- Smooth operating principles, organization, and marketing plan established



Silent Auction

The King Silent Auction is the gift that gives all year! Here are some examples of the “Teacher Experiences” organized by teachers and staff.

Students enjoying a picnic lunch with Ms. C!



Stuffed Animal Sleepover
with Mrs. Burrill!

Super Star Run with Ms. Hong



Silent Auction - Who is in?

- We need volunteers to join the effort! (No expertise or experience required)
 - Co-chairs for 2026 event
 - Marketing team members
 - Database members
 - Any others interested!
- Email aakingpto@gmail.com if interested!



Committees In Need

Teacher appreciation week chairs/committee

- Provide staff with a week long of lunches

Silent Auction Chairs

- 2 chairs to lead

Harvest Moon Committee member

- Work with the chair to gather supplies for crafts and set up

International Night/Day

- Looking for committee members to work with the co-chairs for the 2025-26 school year

Disability Awareness Workshop

- Work with Assistant Principal and outside company to coordinate ½ day workshop for 4th and 5th graders

Trivia Night!

- Plan King's first ever trivia night

PTOC Liaison

- Attend meetings once a month via zoom and report back

Upcoming dates

- Sept 17th Mini Monthly
- Sept 25th Peridot Fundraiser
- Sept 30th Chipotle Fundraiser
- Sept 26th Bagel Friday
- Next PTO Meeting in person Oct 14th from 6-7pm. This will be our annual budget meeting.
- Oct 22nd Harvest Moon Festival





Questions?

Contact us
aakingpto@gmail.com

Silent Auction 3rd grade teacher party at Launch!



**We love
teachers and
staff!**



Silent Auction Presidential
Brunch and Paint 'n Pour!!

