



**Martin Luther King, Jr.
Middle School**

*An International Baccalaureate
World School*

Important Dates

Feb 5, 6:00 p.m. 8th Grade Parent Night

Feb. 11, 5:30 p.m. Principal's Chat for incoming 6th graders

Feb. 14, Valentine's Day Dance 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. (After-School- All-Stars cancelled)

Feb. 27, 5:30 p.m. PTSA Meeting & Black History Month Program

Feb 29 10:00 a.m. First Soccer Game @ Sutton

Feb 29 9:00 a.m. First Track Meet @ Lake Wood Stadium

More activities and events can be found on the calendar at atlantapublicschools.us/king.

Sign up for Reminders:

King Middle School
text @kingmidd to 81010
King Middle PTSA
text @kingmspta to 81010

King joins Lanta Gras

On Saturday, Jan. 25, the Orchestra, Band, and cheerleaders participated in the Lanta Gras Parade & Festival in the Kirkwood neighborhood. The Lanta Gras organization provides free private music lessons for our students who qualify and donated four marching snare drums, and other instruments for our band and orchestra students. Our partnership with the Lanta Gras organization exposes students to new opportunities

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers:

One of our primary goals in middle school is to encourage students to develop more independence and take greater ownership of their learning. As such, we feel it is important that students and families check Infinite Campus regularly to stay up-to-date with academic progress.

In alignment with these goals, Parent-Teacher conferences are designed to promote an additional level of support for students who would benefit from this opportunity for more focused dialogue regarding student learning. Please understand that while we know the time for conferences is extremely limited, we are committed to communicating with families throughout the school year to support your student. Conferences will be held on a first come, first serve basis in the order in which parents arrive. We ask for your patience in this process,

Teacher-Parent Conferences: Feb. 17

1st Round of Conferences 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Teacher Lunch Break 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

2nd Round of Conferences 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

It is important to stress that your student's assistant principal and counselor are available to answer your questions. They, along with our teachers, look forward to conversations which will support student success. Thank you for your cooperation, and we look forward to seeing you on Feb. 17.

Principal Brown

← and musical experiences. We would like to extend our sincerest thanks to the Lanta Gras Organization for everything they do to support the Jackson Cluster Music Programs.





On Friday, Jan. 24 thirty young ladies from King joined Emory University for their GirlCon 2020. At the conference, girls were engaged in their choice of STEM, positive self-image, and self-advocacy activities that were designed to generate excitement and empowerment.

An update from the GO Team

By Lewis Cartee, Chair

As we gear up for 2020-2021 budget preparation, the GO Team's January meeting focused on reviewing and grading King Middle's strategic plan to include a very engaged conversation about our school priorities, smart goals and performance measures, as well as intense discussion of any needed changes. In addition, we received an update on Playworks, our potential partner for strengthening recess development, as this is an important piece for next year's budget. Finally, we heard an update on family engagement ideas, concluding with setting an online engagement priority for the committee moving forward.

Our next meeting is Feb. 18 at 5:30 p.m. GO Team meetings are open to the public and are posted on atlantapublicschools.us/king.



Peer Mediation program launches with empowerment session

On Jan. 30, King held a video viewing showcasing its Peer Mediation program (*above*). Twenty 8th grade students were trained to mediate attendance issues with their peers. This program is designed to empower students to lead and take control of their learning by emphasizing the importance of coming to school every day. The program started with a welcome by Executive Director, Debra Tavaras of Soulstice, Inc. followed by the viewing of a short film highlighting the Peer Mediator program. Principal Brown discussed how it fits within IB. Six current students and two former King students served on a panel to answer questions from the audience about their experiences in the program. You can watch the video on You Tube: tinyurl.com/SoulsticePMP.



King Reading Bowl Team is victorious!

Dedication, team work, sportsmanship and speed were demonstrated by the King Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl team on Jan. 25. The team comprised of 6th and 7th grade students won four out of six rounds and placed eighth out of eighteen schools! We are incredibly proud of their efforts and look forward to seeing their team grow.