Dear KIPP families.



Welcome back! I hope you had a fun and restful summer break and are ready to start the new school year. During the summer time, our students were able to participate in a joyful and enriching summer school experience. The week before school began, we had our annual High Rock Rocks the Block Party where we welcomed back our families for a fun afternoon filled with games, food, raffles, and community tables. The FACE table informed families about different opportunities to get engaged, especially by connecting with members of the FAKT (families and kippsters together) family council. FACE also gave families an opportunity to win a prize by spinning the prize wheel for completing our informational survey. The survey linked here seeks to obtain information from our families to gauge their interest in our free adult evening classes, what type of resources families need, interest in types of holidays they would like to see we celebrate, and more! If you have not done so already, please complete the survey by 4PM today!

On Tuesday August 23, our Kindergarten, 5th grade, and 9th grade classes began their orientation and on Wednesday August 24, we welcomed the WHOLE school back for the 2022-2023 school year! I am very excited to be a part of the KIPP community and cannot wait to share more updates and information with you all!



Meet the Family and Community Engagement (FACE) Manager



Greetings students and families, my name is Julielys, but please call me Julie. I am the new Family and Community engagement manager for KIPP in Lynn. I previously worked in operations at charter school in the Merrimack Valley area. This past year, I completed a Master of Education in Community Engagement through Merrimack College. I am passionate about building relationships between families and communities and being a bridge between schools and families. My goal as the FACE manager is to continue to support families and educators in co-authoring in the educational experience of our students, to support family engagement at

KIPP and to continue to find more ways to engage our students and their families both in our schools and in our community. I am so excited to work with you all!

Families, I am here to support and help with any questions or needs you may have. Please do not hesitate to reach out through phone call, text or email.

With love, Julie Ortiz (She/Her/Hers/Ella) FACE Manager- Lynn (781) 921-8617 | jortizleger@kippma.org

Updates and Reminders

School Communication: We are moving to a central form of communication regarding sending and receiving our newsletters. Please take a few minutes to <u>fill out this form</u> to update your contact information so that we have the correct information.

ESOL Adult Classes: The registration for adult English classes are now open! English classes will be held every Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30pm-8:00pm beginning on October 11, 2022 and will end in May of 2023. Please fill out the interest form linked here.

Please note that this is an interest form. We will notify those who have submitted the interest form of acceptance or waitlist status due to limited seats

Family Councils and Family Working Groups Families and Kippsters Together (FAKT)

Family Working Groups

The Multilingual Learner (MLL)

Staff Leader: Dana Gottlieb-dgottlieb@kippma.org

Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC)

Special Education Director: **Becky Muller-** <u>bmuller@kippma.org</u>

For more information and to complete an interest form on our family working groups and family councils, please visit this link

Family in the Spotlight: COMING SOON

We would love to feature a family every month in our FACE newsletter. If you would like to be featured under "Family in the Spotlight", please fill out the form here.

Community Events

September 2022

September 3 Lynn Museum/ Lynn Arts- Afro Diaspora Festival Join Prevent The Cycle for a day of celebration, education, and conversation on Saturday 9/3 from 11am-4pm. Their aim is to bring together Afro-descendant people of different ethnicities in our city, celebrate our Afro roots, and have a dialogue about the ways we identify ourselves (or don't) and how it creates barriers to building political power. They will have live music from the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Nigeria, and Trinidad and Tobago. Food representing the diaspora, a presentation from writer, poet, and activist Yvette Medestin called "Unmasking Identity," followed by an engaging community dialogue surrounding identity within the community.

September 6 Lynn Public Library- Children's LEGO Night from 6pm-7pm. Create with LEGO's in the Children's Department! They have Megablocks for the little ones as well. Join them in the fun!

September 10 Lynn Arts- <u>Second Saturday</u> Join Lynn Arts on the second Saturday of each month from 10 am – 2 pm for free admission to the Museum! View their latest exhibitions, grab a take-home art kit for the family, enjoy special activities, and purchase one-of-a-kind Lynn merchandise in their shop.

September 10 Lynn Arts- <u>125th Scavenger Hunt</u> Show off your knowledge of Lynn's history! Win prizes, earn bragging rights with your friends, and support the Lynn Museum/LynnArts as they celebrate 125 years. Ahead of their 12th annual History & Hops, participating teams will have two hours, between 5-7 pm, to earn as many points as possible. The scavenger hunt will focus on the Greater Downtown Lynn area and the incredible history it holds. Teams will take photos completing the various tasks and submit them after returning them to the museum.

September 14 Lynn Public Library- Children's Story Time from 9:30am-10:30am every Wednesday. Join Miss Sue for stories, songs, puppets, and instruments. Perfect for birth to age 5.

September 14 Lynn Public Library- Teen Craft: Pencil Case Decorating from 6pm-7pm. All supplies will be provided. For teens grades 6-12. Please visit <u>LynnPublicLibrary.org/teen</u> to register.

September 14 Lynn Arts- MESA Join Lynn Museum/LynnArts on the second Wednesday of each month at noon for M.E.S.A. (Museum Enrichment Series for All). Covering various topics such as wellness, genealogy, and current events, hear from local experts, community members, Museum staff, and others during this virtual lecture series. The conversation will take place over Zoom and live-streamed to Facebook.

September 30 Lynn Arts- Final Fridays Lynn Forward/Adelante Lynn presents Final Fridays on Friday, September 30th, from 6-9 pm at the Frederick Douglass Memorial Park & Lynn Museum/LynnArts Park. Youth interested in performing, volunteering, or vending should contact director@lynnmuseum.org.

Is there something you'd like to see in the FACE Newsletter? Do you have suggestions for the FACE Newsletter?

Email Julie Ortiz at jortizleger@kippma.org and put "FACE Newsletter" in the subject line.