

FACE Newsletter

August 2022



Quotes

"Parents have tremendous capacity and knowledge that can contribute to their child's learning and growth. No matter if our families had little formal education or spoke little English, they have a tremendous treasure trove of skills that schools often don't acknowledge." - Dr. Karen Mapp.

Dear KAB families,

I hope we had a wonderful and restful summer break and are ready for the SY22-23. Seeing many families show up during our Back to School BBQ was great. I hope you got the chance to meet new families and get resources for the school year. If you missed anything, you could reach out to me, and I'm here to support you.

Welcome to our new KIPP families, especially the pride of 2035 (Kindertengen). Our Kindergarten had its first day of orientation on Tuesday (8/23), while the whole school returned the next day (Wednesday, 8/24). It was nice to meet with many families and KIPPsters during arrival and dismissal. It brought memories for me because I remember when my son started kindergarten here at KAB in 2014. To our new families, I want to encourage you to know that your kids are in the best hands with our excellent teachers and staff in the building. To all who are new to our KIPP community, welcome, and we hope you will join and support our community in different ways possible.

As I think and reflect on my role as the Family and Community Engagement manager and parent, the importance of partnership with teachers and families towards building strong student success is critical. In thinking of a Strength-Based approach to family engagement, Dr. Karen Mapp advocates that **"Parents have tremendous capacity and knowledge that can contribute to their child's learning and growth."** She added "no matter if our families had little formal education or spoke little English, they have a tremendous treasure trove of skills that schools often don't acknowledge." At KIPP, families are valued and respected as co-authors of our KIPPsters' educational experience. I hope to learn with all families this school year and in years to come.

As our teachers continue to lead and teach our Kippsters in the classroom, I want to let you know that I am one resource person here to serve you. Please save my phone, as I will also be checking on you.

We are looking forward to a great school year! Feel free to reach out to me.

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VISION

CO-AUTHORING

The KIPP Massachusetts team and the families and communities we serve co-author the educational experience by walking together with shared power and responsibility to create and achieve a shared vision for our students and schools. We enhance the support our students feel from a cohesive group of staff, family, and community members by harnessing the insights our families bring about their children and how best to support them and by maintaining honest and trusted communication between families and staff at all levels of our organization.

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY UPDATES

Summer School

We had a great summer with a few KIPPsters at our campus and Bridge Boston Charter School, where KIPP MA partnered with Generation Teach STEAM Academy. Students were exposed to engineering, law, math & reading at the Generation Teach STEAM program. I got to know and build some relationships with KIPPsters during the summer school and visited the Generation Teach STEAM Academy program. I met with some families during Family Night, and teachers in the program shared how some of our KIPPsters are engaging and will love to have some of them return when they next host the summer school. We are looking forward to more partnership opportunities like this next summer, where our KIPPsters could participate in joyful and learning summer school experiences.

Donated Backpack

We are grateful to Storyheights Foundation for the 30 backpacks for our families. I am sorry that many families didn't get the opportunity to sign up because they missed the announcement during our June newsletter. The good news is that they have promised to increase more backpacks next school year.

School Communication

We are moving to a central form of communication regarding sending and receiving our newsletters. Please take a few minutes to [fill out this form](#) to update your contact information so that we have the correct information.

Homeroom Support Volunteer

Are you interested in serving as homeroom support during the school year? Some responsibilities include working with the homeroom teachers to reach and support families and working with classroom teachers to create activities involving KIPPsters and families.

Please complete the [interest form](#). Here is the link: <https://forms.gle/ToJoxmiTXAvwmceQ6>

Wednesday Evening Classes

We are excited to announce that we have some Wednesday classes starting in October and will continue to update the dates as we have instructors for some of the programs. Please, check the events and mark your calendar with the confirmed dates. Here is the link for all the events/programs:

<https://forms.gle/CeayiFRyRyLmJS1p6>

ESOL Registration

We are excited to announce that our ESOL enrollment is now open, and we are accepting applications for October classes. The classes will run from October 2022 to May 2023 on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm.

Note: This is an interest form, and we will notify those accepted and those on the waitlist due to limited seats.

REGISTRATION FORM LINK: <https://forms.gle/XobBGnDv9Td2PZQe7>

For questions, contact us at bostonfacl@kippma.org

FAMILY COUNCILS & WORKING GROUPS

Family Working Groups information: <https://kippma.org/kipp-ma-working-groups/>

Families and KIPPsters Together (FAKT): <https://forms.gle/YRiwfvLWkc3bzJiL6>
Chairs: Ashley Montgomery (KABE) and Karla Meza Mckennis (KAB), Deatrice Moore (Secretary)
Please contact FAKT at faktboston@kippma.org if you have any questions.

The Multilingual Learner (MLL): <https://bit.ly/3pGDWwl>
Staff Leader: Dana Gottlieb - dgottlieb@kippma.org

Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC)
Peter Perry-Friedman - Special Education Director, - pfriedman@kippma.org
Sareddi Tusen, Student Support Services Coordinator, stusen@kippma.org

KIPP MA Family and Community Engagement Survey (August 2022)

KIPP MA seeks to gather information from our families to help inform our communication, programming, and services this school year.

Please note that this survey will close by August 31, 2022.

Here's the link to fill out the survey.
<https://forms.gle/WqqNXjG7wjLaRDM39>

Families Spotlight

In seeking to learn and build community, we have spotlighted different families in our KAB community in the past newsletters. The idea is for families to share with our community how they view family engagement, their traditions and culture, and how they celebrate those traditions/cultures. It is up to the family to share what they feel comfortable sharing because we want to get to know the family. We would love to feature your family in our FACE newsletter. If you would like to be featured under "Family Spotlight," please fill out the [form](#) here. Here's the link to sign up: <https://forms.gle/5hdJ3Pr7Lx33px2g7>

Join us as we work TOGETHER.

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