

SEPTEMBER 24th PARENTS MEETING

Follow Up and To Do:

- For our 10.22 meeting please come prepared with your definition of a High Quality School. We will submit this to the Superintendent from the HKPA
- Please let us know if you would like to join the HKPA table for the 10.31 School on the Move Award Ceremony. It is from 8-10am at the InterContinental Hotel.
- We will circulate under a separate email HKPA committees and how to get involved-stay tuned!
- If you are interested in more information in k1/k2 room parent launch email Rana Kannan – rana.kannan@gmail.com
- Eli Meir (2nd and 1st grade parent) is considering organizing a team from HK for a kids engineering competition. If anyone is interested in “coaching” (no experience needed!) email him at ithacaeli@gmail.com
- RSM Birdies For Love 2019 Raffle drawing is on 10.3 at RSM. We will include more info on how to join this in person in 9.30 newsletter
- Access 4 All meeting with Superintendent is at 7pm on 10.15 in the HK Cafeteria
- Email us at harvardkentparents@gmail.com if you would like to join the SSC
- Volunteers are needed for the 11.5 bake sale – please let us know if you are able to assist – we are looking for baked goods, parents (and kids!) to help sell, and break down the table.
- Box Tops: Jess Le May and Christine Jones to follow up about competition dates and next steps. Everyone start using the APP!
- Just a note, we have several BPS parents who are involved in HKPA and are great resources if you have any questions. Email us for their contact information.
- Follow us on Instagram @harvardkentparents
- For remaining meetings, we will be asking that parents let us know in advance if they will be using the child care so we can add an additional care giver if needed.

Attendance: 36 parents, 28 kids *highest ever!!!

Principal Update:

- 70% of students live in Charlestown
- Library still in progress, but coming soon!-Delay in furniture shipment
- EdVestors at school on 9.25 for a visit, School on the Move award ceremony is on 10.31. Nominated for the 3rd year in a row, first year we are a finalist. If we win we get \$100,000. Either way, it's good to be nominated and recognized.
- MCAS data: 14 Boston schools met or exceeded goals and HK is on that list! Also 1 of only 2 schools to do this 2 consecutive years.
- School Site Council – need additional families. Responsibilities include: review school budget and funds to ensure best use, hire teachers,
- Community Partners are in our school daily:
 - MGH graduate students here, another huge partner
 - RSM is great community partner, 2nd beneficiary. RSM event is October 3rd. MGH top beneficiary this year. Boys & Girls Club third.
 - 6th grade planning for 2020/2021 school year underway
 - New Program this year: staff walking 1 & 2nd grade kids to Boys & Girls Club for after school Monday-Friday

Other Information

- Launching a k1/k2 room parent program this year. Need to meet with Kindergarten team to ensure best practices but be on the lookout for more info/

- Recap of Summer and September HKPA events (Back to School Block Party, K1/K2 Summer playdates, Boo-Hoo Breakfast, Snack cart, dinner for teachers before Open House)
- Upcoming Events (Brewers Fork following meeting, Parent Social at Blackmoor, Box top competition, bake sale, oct snack cart)
- Debbie O Shea reviewed the meeting several HK parents attended as part of the Superintendents Engagement Tour on 9.12. Key takeaway is "What defines a High Quality School?"
- Fall Fundraiser is in full effect-Oct 17th at Blackmoor – need parents to join us and if you have any leads on corporate sponsorships please let us know.
- Fundraising-Ways to help raise money:
 - Fall Fundraiser at Blackmoor (join and corporate sponsorships)
 - Box Top Competition – BTFE moving away from clipping and towards app. Families need to download app and scan receipts to get credit.
 - Bake Sale on 11.5
 - Shop at Amazon Smile
- Budget-fully transparent, no funding requests this month from teachers.
- Grants – applied for Wynn Community Impact Fund and will apply for Bunker Hill Associates again
- 10.15 Charlestown grassroots organization meeting with BPS Superintendent at 7pm to discuss adding more K1/K2 seats and wait list process.
- Lisa Aufiero brought up unsafe crossing area by Dollar Tree. She is going to 311 and email Quinlan Locke our Community Liaison.
- Fun fact: 4 sets of twins in k1/k2 this year😊