

# PTA ROAR Newsletter – January 2022

## Volunteer Needed!!!

Two committees are in need of a Lead Volunteer: **Cultural Heritage Committee** - works to coordinate activities for Black History Month (February) and Kingswood's International Festival (April or May) and **5th Grade Graduation Celebration Committee** - works with 5th Grade teachers and staff to celebrate our 5th grade students.

The Lead Volunteer position would recruit volunteer committee members and organize/run meetings to decide on activities for these events. Both work in conjunction with school staff and PTA Board. If you are interested, please email [kingswoodelempta@gmail.com](mailto:kingswoodelempta@gmail.com). **Please consider volunteering!**

## Dates to Remember

Jan. Mentor month  
Feb. 18 Teacher Workday  
Feb. 21 No School



## Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service!

In 1994, Congress passed a bill to observe the third Monday in January as a national day of service to honor the life, work and death of Martin Luther King Jr. A time to remember his fight for the freedom, equality, and dignity of all races and people through nonviolence. In the Triangle there are many opportunities for individuals and families to participate in community service projects on the day and throughout the year.

We want to thank all the families that donated to Dorcas Food Pantry to help families here in Cary. KES donations filled up two food pantry donation carts. Thank you to those that shared your pictures of doing a community care activity or community service.

### Did you know ....

*Martin Luther King, Jr. was born on January 15th 1929. The last time MLK Day fell on his birthday was 2007 and the next time won't be until 2029.*



*Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is the only national holiday designated as a national day of service to encourage all Americans to volunteer to improve their communities.*

## Mentoring at KES!

Check-In/Check-Out (CICO) is an evidence-based intervention that provides additional support to students.

A staff member 'mentor' is assigned to a referred student to work together to improve behavior. The mentor meets with the student daily to share expectations, feedback, and support. Using Check In Check Out can provide structure in the student's day, increase accountability, create internal motivation, improve self-monitoring and self-esteem, enhance family engagement efforts, and ultimately improve student behavior and academic performance.

The CICO program started in November 2021 at KES. This was an initiative through the Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Committee, which is part of the School Improvement Plan (SIP). There are currently 26 students participating who were referred based on established criteria and are paired with a staff member 'mentor' who is not their own teacher. Program data has shown an increase in these students meeting PBIS expectations over the last 5 weeks.



## Student Jokes of the Month

What do you call an orange that has spikes?  
A spiky orange.

What's the difference between a mare and a hare?  
The first letter.

By Kylah Hector, 2nd Grade



Volunteer



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Donuts!

