



**Kings Canyon
Middle School**
PARENT
NEWSLETTER
OCTOBER 2018



August & September
Teacher, Student & Employee
of the month

PRINCIPAL'S NOTE

It's hard to believe we have already finished eight weeks of school and are starting quarter 2. This year brought many changes and opportunities in the offering of two electives for every student, a revamped after school program, new tutoring opportunities before and after school and the start of our WEB program. The new WEB program teams 8th grade students with 7th graders. WEB hosts special events, activities and builds a positive and fun culture. We are off to a great start!

PSAT 8 OCT 10TH

On October 10th the 8th graders will be taking the PSAT test. This college aptitude test will help students determine what they need to work on most now, so they are ready for college when they graduate from high school. This means students have time to tackle areas of weakness long before they take the SAT.

Why do PSAT scores matter?

*Aligned with district assessments, SBAC and the common core.

*Used to identify students for high school AP, Advanced Placement, classes

*SAT scores are a major factor in college admission, the PSAT helps students prepare and improve. The test is designed for 8th graders

KHAN ACADEMY

Khan Academy is an on-line tool students K-12 can use to learn new skills, reteach gaps and help with acceleration for students ready to move on. Khan Academy usage has been proven to improve student scores up to 115 pts on the PSAT and increase grades in ELA and math. Ask your child about Khan and how to log on at home. If you have questions or need help please call



QUARTER 2 IMPORTANT DATES

October – Cancer Awareness Month
10-3-18, ELAC/Coffee Hour
10-5-18, Pink spirit day
10-6-18, Saturday Academy
10-9-18, SSC Meeting
10-10-18, PSAT Minimum Day
10-15/19, Red Ribbon Week
10-15, Pajama Day
10-16, Twin day
10-17, Scrabble Day
10-18, Wear Red Day
10-19, 7th wear Green, 8th Black
10-29, No School Teacher Inservice
11-5/8, Parent Conferences
11-12, Holiday
11-13, SSC
11-16, minimum day
11-19/23, Thanksgiving Holiday
11-28, Character Counts Awards
12/5, ELAC/Coffee Hour
12-7, Winter Formal
12-10, SSC
12-17 to 1-4, Winter Break
Want to stay up to date?
Check out our website:
www.fresnounified.org/schools/kingscanyon
And, update your phone number to get weekly texts from the principal just call the office 559-253-6470.

SATURDAY ACADEMY

Starting October 6th KCMS will begin Saturday School on select dates. Saturday School is for all students but as an extra bonus will help students with absences clear those up and get perfect attendance. It will also give absent students the opportunity to make up missed days, complete and/or make up missed work and take super fun enrichment classes.

Saturday school runs 8:15 -12:30 and includes lunch. Parent letters will go out the week before and must be returned for students to attend. The theme for this week's Saturday School is "Super Heroes". See you there!