



# KIPP: NORTHSTAR ACADEMY

*December, 2012*

## Greetings!

It's been a busy few weeks at KIPP! We've had parent teacher conferences, fundraisers, community service events, registration for Toys for Tots, and our first Principals Coffee for parents. Read on for some of the highlights!

## KIPP Gives Thanks

Over 40 families attended the KIPP Thanksgiving lunch! We could go on and on about this event, but we think these photos (and smiles) tell the story best.



**Work hard.  
Be nice.**

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## Coffee @ KIPP

Join us for coffee, conversation and a tour of our school. Tours are offered on the first Wednesday of the month at 9:00 am. Come see what makes a KIPP school truly unique.

### Upcoming tours

Wednesday, February 6

Wednesday, March 6

9:00 - 10:00 am

Please RSVP to

[Caroline.](#)

1601 Laurel Ave, Minneapolis

*Plenty of free parking is available in the Basilica lot in front of the school.*



## KIPP: Wishlist

Check this spot in every newsletter to see what items have been requested by KIPP staff. We'll make it easy for you to know exactly what's needed when.

- Post-its
- Highlighters
- Wide Rule Spiral Notebooks
- 5 copies each of -
  - [Bridge to Terabithia](#)
  - [Loser](#)
  - [Stargirl](#)
  - [Where the Red Fern Grows](#)

If you're an on-line shopper, you can aim your mouse at [DollarDays.com](http://DollarDays.com) or [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com) and fill your cart with all kinds of goodies from our special wish lists. The sites will mail your gifts directly to KIPP.

Please feel free to contact KIPP's friendly in-kind donation coordinators [Amy and Joleen](#). They will give you information about the request, how to get your purchase to the teacher who needs it, and they'll make you feel like the hero you are.

## KIPPsters Ring Bells with Zest



A group of KSA students and staff raised funds for The Salvation Army Saturday at Cub Foods on Broadway in Minneapolis. We're so proud to see KIPPsters giving back to their communities!

## A Gift You Don't Even Need to Wrap!

We had an amazing response to our Give to the Max Day! 49 donors participated, raising \$23,672 in just 24 hours. Special thanks to our matching donor whose support made it compelling to other donors to give on this particular day. Thank you to everyone who participated!

If you missed us in November, we're more than happy to encourage and/or cajole you to make a year-end donation in support of our KIPPsters. [Click here](#) and you know the rest.

## KIPP: Briefs

This trimester, our KIPPsters will be working hard on evaluating their own individual student data with our principals.

KIPPsters have started weekly "tutorials" focused on growth in math and reading. Through the extra hard work and time in the classroom, our students will learn what

If your stock portfolio year was more bullish than bearish and you'd like to make a gift of stock to KIPP, please contact Bonnie: 952-929-0712 or [BMcGrath@KIPPMinnesota.org](mailto:BMcGrath@KIPPMinnesota.org).

they need to know to be ready for high school.

Read KIPP honor student, India Smith's article about KIPP's Urban Squash League in the [TC Daily Planet](#).

Congratulations to our KIPP 6th grader, Rashaad Dinkins, who was cast in the [Stepping Stone Theatre](#)'s February production of *Ruby! The Story of Ruby Bridges*.

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**KIPP Stand Academy is an open enrollment charter school serving 5th-8th grade students with a rigorous college prep education. We are a part of the highly successful national network of 125 KIPP Schools serving 39,000 students in 20 states and the District of Columbia. Nationally, more than 95% of KIPP middle school students have graduated high school and more than 85% of KIPP alumni have gone on to college. KIPP is constantly improving its programs and tracking its alumni to support them to -- and through -- college at rates that are currently four times better than the national average for the low-income, high-minority populations it serves. Locally, 92% of our students qualify for free and reduced lunch and live in the highest need areas of Minneapolis. Our first class of KIPPsters will enter college in 2016.**

**Demography does not define destiny.**

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