Welcome to March, which I am sure snuck up on you differently this year than last year! I hope you were also able to take the snow days and turn them into valuable family time.

As I have shared before, we have been working on growing our own cultural competence so that our increased awareness, knowledge and skills better equip us, as a school community, to be culturally responsive and inclusive to our students, their families and to each other. We are certainly growing and as a result, many students have benefitted in classrooms by developing a greater self-awareness of who they are, why they are important and why other people matter so much, too. Classroom discussions, lessons and resources have become more diverse and representative of the students we serve. Staff have spent time on self-identity, encouraging students to consider factors like race, religion, nationality, gender, language, learning styles and more; then how that impacts who they are and how they show up to learn and live life.

In a continued effort to teach and celebrate with children the rich and diverse community of learners (and their families) here at Kenmore, we want to host a Family Culture Night on Friday May 31st in the evening. We want this to be a grand opportunity to bring the school community together to celebrate not just who we are but what we have learned and want to continue to learn from each other. We believe it is times like these that will continue to enrich our lives and drive us to seek to understand more.

We want you there! We want as many families to be involved in this event because we also want you to know that you are as important as your students and that you have a culture and a background that matters too. We want to highlight for our students that when we say, WE ARE KENMORE, there is such power and richness in that message. We come as we are and we are each special, no matter what!
In the coming weeks, we will be sending home an “Interest Form” with more information about how you can get involved if you want to be part of the planning or volunteer your time or talents on that day. We are considering events and activities that revolve around, food, history, music, art, crafts, games, performance, traditional costume, and an opportunity for families to create together a Family Culture Board to display at the event that highlights simply: **What makes our family special.** We are also reaching out into the city of Kenmore to invite in community members and organizations who have something special to offer too.

We hope you can plan to be part of this wonderful event that is the beginning of a celebration that will happen for years to come.

Mrs. Riley 😊

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**Attendance Line: 425-408-4810**

Please leave a message to report all late arrivals and absences.

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**Photo ID Required for Early Pick Up**

When picking up students early, please be sure to bring photo ID with you. For your child’s safety, we will always check ID if we have not met you or the person picking up your child.

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**Class picture day has been rescheduled for Tuesday, April 2nd.**

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**NEW START TIME!!**

As part of the snow day make up plan, school with start at 8:45am starting on Monday, March 11th. Please plan accordingly.

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**Bus Passes**

District Transportation Department has now finalized total head counts on each bus for the 18-19 year. **This year there will be 2 bus passes allowed per day for each bus, with the exception of bus T-27. T-27 is full and not allowing bus passes this year.** All other bus passes will be issued on a first come first serve basis.
Master Drummer Sowah Mensah

A long-standing tradition at Kenmore Elementary is the weeklong visit by artist-in-residence, Sowah Mensah. Kenmore’s amazing PTA has sponsored this important cultural workshop for more than a decade! Sowah is an ethnomusicologist, composer, and master African drummer, who works with our music and PE teachers to share his craft and culture with all students.

The week culminates in an evening performance on Thursday, March 14, from 6:30-7:15 PM, and also in a performance for the Kenmore student body on Friday, March 15 at 2:30 to 3:15. The performances will highlight Kenmore’s fifth grade students on drums, gyils, adenkum, (xylophones and gourds from Ghana) as well as all Kenmore students who will join together in song.

Both performances will take place in the Kenmore Elementary Gym. Families are welcome and encouraged to attend!

What’s Happening in P.E.?

February is Heart Healthy month and in since we missed most of that month, we are continuing to address Healthy Heart Habits in the month of March. This unit is an opportunity for students to learn habits they can practice in order to keep their heart healthy and avoid disease. The five Heart Healthy Habits are:

1. Get 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous exercise everyday.
2. Eat healthy. Have one fruit or vegetable with every meal.
3. Cut down on added sugar.
4. Reduce salty foods.
5. Don’t smoke.

As part of the unit, students are also learning to jump rope. This is a great activity to develop cardiorespiratory endurance. Jump rope is inexpensive sport, no team or large playing field is required, and it is a great family activity. We encourage parents and family members to get a jump rope and ask your child to show off their jump rope skills.

Sean Frisch and Mame Kell
Smarter Balance Assessment

Smarter Balance Assessments for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students will be here before we know it! Smarter Balance Assessment are required by the state and are designed to provide more accurate and meaningful information about what students are learning. Through a series of English/Language Arts and Math assessments, students are able to show their knowledge around the new state standards, giving teachers and parents better information to help students succeed in school. Below you will find the testing dates for each grade level. Students will be testing in the morning on their assigned days. Please mark your calendar to help ensure your students are at school to test with their classmates!

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Congratulations to our Global Reading Challenge Team! Kenmore’s team of 5th graders competed against five other Northshore teams on February 28th, earning 2nd place! Way to go Cubs! Thanks to Paul and Virginia Godefroy for coaching our team!

Kindergarten registration for the 2019-20 school year is now open! Students entering kindergarten must be 5 years old on or before August 31. Registration paperwork is available at the Kenmore Elementary office.

Please bring the following information when turning in registration paperwork:

* Proof of residency (rental agreement, utility bill, mortgage bill, etc.)
* Proof of birth (birth certificate or passport)
* Child’s immunization records
* Emergency contact information

Paperwork is also available online at www.nsd.org.
2019 Snow Make Up Days

**Last Day of School**
Monday, June 24, 2019
Last day will be a full day with no early release

**Ten Minutes Added to School Day**
Beginning Monday, March 11, school will begin ten minutes earlier

**Wednesday Schedules**
March 20 and June 5 remain early release days
All other Wednesday are full days

**School Buses**
School buses will pick up students ten minutes earlier than originally scheduled

**Elementary Conferences**
Rescheduled elementary conferences will be held on Friday, April 5, 2019

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**Spring Preview for 5th Grade Parents**

**Please Join Us**
March 20th @ 6:30pm in the KMS Gym

This is a great opportunity to learn about:

- KMS Philosophy
- Elective Wheel
- Athletics
- Block Schedule
- ParentVue
- Getting Involved/ PTSA

*There will be a Spanish speaking interpreter.*

*This is a “Parent Only” event.*

*Parents with students with IEPs are welcome to join the KMS SPED Team @ 5:45pm in the KMS library for some general information regarding Special Education programs.*
Significant Dates

August 28-29-30  Non-Student Days
September 3    Labor Day
September 5    First Day of School
September 10 & 11    Staggered Kindergarten First Day of School
November 12    Veterans Day (Observed)
November 22 - 23   Thanksgiving Break
December 19 - January 1    Winter Break
January 21    Martin Luther King Day
January 28    Non-Student Day
February 18    President’s Day
February 19 - 22    Mid-Winter Break
April 8 - 12    Spring Break
May 27    President’s Day
June 24    Last Day of School
June 25    Non-Student Day

Grading Days Elementary and Secondary
January 28, June 25

Calendar Keys

First Day of School
K First Day of Kindergarten group A
K First Day of Kindergarten group B
Vacation Breaks
Holidays
Non-Student Days
Last Day of School June 24
Elementary Early Dismissal

Early Release Wednesdays
Commencement dates:
NN & SAS - June 13
NCHS & WHS - June 17
BHS & IHS - June 18

Quarter/Semester End Dates

November 2  43 Days
January 25  46 Days
April 5  36 Days
June 24  50 Days

Miscellaneous Information

*School Closure Days
* Emergency make-up days will be added to the end of the school year.
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