

# Kenmore Elementary Paw Prints

NOVEMBER 2019

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

A lovely season to talk about math...

At the end of October, we hosted a Kenmore Family Math Night which was well attended. Based on our Parent Partnership Survey, many parents gave us feedback that knowing what to teach or practice with students to help them understand concepts and master skills would be helpful. The focus of our night was to highlight ways in which families can engage with students based on what they do at school and can do at home.

Students and families got a chance to engage in estimation with mystery jars and math puzzlers. Families were also treated to math games they can play at home, math tasks that show what students do at school and with a story. The purpose of the read aloud was to learn how to **"MATHEMATIZE"** nightly reading with kids to balance literacy-based questions like, *"What do you think will happen and why do you think the character did that?"* with math-laced questions like: *"What do you see, notice or wonder about... What (numbers, combinations, patterns, shapes, concepts) do you see or does this make you think about?"*

Families can engage in "math talk" with the concepts below while reading books, but also when they are out in public. It's EVERYWHERE! The following are a few more things to consider, for example, just by taking your child with you to the grocery store:

- **Extending Patterns** - Look at how products are organized
- **Noticing and Naming Shapes**...Cans, Packages, fruit and veggie shapes, package designs
- **Money**...Ask them to find the least or most expensive, the best deal, help them pay for something and think about the amounts and making change
- **Putting Groups Together** ...How many items are in our cart? Keep a running total.
- **Dividing into parts of pieces**...Read labels to think about parts, pieces and portions. Ask, how much sugar would you get if we divided this soda or ice cream in 4 for our family?
- **Time**... When they ask, "How much LONGER?!" Tell them using a math equation and/or by helping them tell time.
- **What would happen if**...? You held \_\_\_ jugs of milk? How much more would you weigh?
- **How many**?...Apples can fit in one bag? How many more or less oranges, plums, kiwis...? How many ounces do I get in this can for this cost? Is it a better deal to buy this toilet

paper or this one? Why?

- **How much...** Could I save if I used this coupon with this product? Compare these two bags of rice. How much would I pay per pound for each?

### Scholastic Resources for Helping Families with Math Homework:

- Learn Zillion
- K-5 Math Teaching Resources
- Khan Academy
- NCTM Illuminations
- K-5 Learning

We look forward to seeing you at conferences and share more about various ways individual students will grow as a result of everyone's concerted efforts in math.

Mrs. Riley

## IMPORTANT DATES

Nov 1 - Last Day of 1st Quarter

Nov 1 - Awards Assembly, 2:55pm, Gym

Nov 5 - Active Threat Drill, 2:40pm

Nov 6 - Early Release, 2:05pm

**Nov 7 - Individual Picture Retake Day**

Nov 8 - Veteran's Day Assembly, 2:00pm

**Nov 11 - VETERAN'S DAY - NO SCHOOL**

Nov 13 - Early Release, 2:05pm

Nov 15 - Character Day - Dress up as your favorite character!

Nov 20 - ASB Meeting, 8:00am, Room 36

Nov 20 - Early Release, 2:05pm

**Nov 20 - Nov 27 Elementary Conferences - 12:15pm dismissal**

Nov 21 - Nov 27 - Scholastic Book Fair, Library

**Nov 28-29 - THANKSGIVING BREAK - NO SCHOOL**

## SCHOOL OFFICE REMINDERS

### Daily School Schedule

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri: 9:05am – 3:35pm

Early Release Wednesday: 9:05am – 2:05pm

### No student drop off before 8:45am

There is no supervision on campus until 8:45am.

After 8:45am student may be dropped off for breakfast or morning recess.

### Attendance

Washington State Law requires parents/guardians to inform the school of student absences.

Please report your child's absence/tardy including the reason before 10:00am by leaving a message on the school attendance phone line at 425-408-4810. Student absences need to be reported in writing, by phone, or in person to the school once. In addition, absences not excused within two days of the absence are considered unexcused absences.

### **Change in After School Plans**

Without a note, your child will not be able to make a change from his/her daily routine. If you forgot to send a note, please call the once as early in the day as possible. Calling late in the day is disruptive to the classroom since it requires the once to interrupt during learning time.

### **Early Student Pick Up**

Your child's participation in the entire school day is important to their growth and success. Please do not pick your child up early unless absolutely necessary. Please do your best to schedule routine medical and dental appointments before or after school. In the event that you do need to pick your child up early, please notify the teacher in writing ahead of time. When picking up the child, please come to the main once to sign your child out and have them called to come to the once to meet you. Only adults on your child's emergency contact list may pick up your child in your absence. Be sure to bring photo ID with you to the once.

### **Dismissal**

The school day ends at 3:35pm, and 2:05pm on Early Release Wednesdays. Please arrive on time to pick your child up at the end of the day. Students who have not be picked up by 3:50pm will be brought into the once for once staff to call parents and then emergency contacts to ensure someone is coming for pick up.

## **BUS PASSES**

The Transportation Department has now finalized total head counts on each bus for the 19-20 school year. There will be 2 passes allowed per bus, per day. Please send your bus pass request to the office in writing first thing in the morning that the pass is needed.

## **VETERANS DAY ASSEMBLY**

The Veteran's Day assembly will take place November 8 at 2pm, in the gym and the planning has already begun! Please submit pictures of relatives who are currently in the Armed Forces or who have served in the military in the past. Electronic photos are preferred and can be emailed to our Technology Specialist, Mr. Singh ([hsingh@nsd.org](mailto:hsingh@nsd.org)). Hard copy photographs will be scanned. **We are creating a new slideshow and don't have old photos from previous years.**

To submit a photo, please note the following procedure:

- Attach a note with the photo identifying the person (name, branch of Armed Forces, relationship to student).
- Include student's name and teacher.
- Photos can also be given to Mr. Singh, Mrs. Sandusky, or turned in at the office. Hardcopies will be returned.

This year we will again be displaying a Wall of Honor, of family and friends we know who have served in the Armed Forces. We are inviting our students to ask about any Veteran in their family or community, and complete a "star" with the information so that each Veteran in our community can be honored. IF YOU COMPLETED A STAR FOR A VETERAN LAST YEAR, YOU DO NOT NEED TO COMPLETE A NEW STAR. WE SAVED THOSE STARS TO DISPLAY AGAIN THIS YEAR. Star forms for additional veterans will be available soon. Questions? See Mrs. Sandusky.

Veterans are invited to attend the assembly and will be seated at the front of the gym. There will be a reception for Veterans and their families following the assembly in the main office foyer. Please plan to join us for this memorable event.

## ASB STUDENT OFFICERS ELECTED

At the Associated Student Body (ASB) election assembly held on October 11th, the nominees poured themselves into their campaigns and delivered heartfelt speeches in their bid for office. All candidates have much to be proud of considering the effort evident in their presentations, running their campaign, and how well they handled themselves throughout the election process. We are so proud of all of the nominees who ran for office this year!



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## PICTURE RETAKE DAY – NOVEMBER 7TH

Picture retakes are scheduled for Thursday, November 7th, in the Activity Room. If your child needs a retake, send in the original picture packet and a new picture will be taken. All students who were absent on picture day will need to have their picture taken, as well as any new student who started after October 3rd. Order forms are available in the school office.

## GLOBAL READING CHALLENGE

The Global Reading Challenge is a program run in cooperation with the King County Library System.

Selected students in 4th and 5th grade are challenged to read 2-6 books selected by KCLS librarians. Teams of students then compete in quiz show style competitions.

**Volunteers are needed** to help “coach” teams.

You would meet with students once a week on Fridays for 30 minutes (roughly 12:10-12:40 pm), encourage them to read, quiz them on books, and have a great time!

Please contact Chris Brush at [cbrush@nsd.org](mailto:cbrush@nsd.org) if you can help.

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Mark your calendars!

The 2019 Kenmore Scholastic Book Fair is **Wednesday, November 20th through Wednesday, November 27th.**

**Hours: 2:05-4:30 pm (Nov. 20)**

**8:35-9:05 am (Nov. 21-27)**

**12:15-4:30 pm (Nov. 21-26)**

You may also:

**Shop the Book Fair Online 24 hours a day between  
November 14th – November 27th**

<http://www.scholastic.com/bf/kenmoreelementaryschool2>

**Volunteers are needed for this event.**

Please contact Chris Brush at [cbrush@nsd.org](mailto:cbrush@nsd.org) if you would like to help.

## KIDWIND CLUB!

Students in 5th grade will soon be offered the chance to participate in an afterschool science/engineering club focused on wind energy.

**Volunteers are needed to help “coach” teams. No experience necessary!** You will meet with students once a week (3:35-4:45 pm, dates TBD), learn together about wind energy, and support students in creating their own wind turbine!

Students may also have a chance to participate in a competition in March or April (TBD).

Please contact Chris Brush at [cbrush@nsd.org](mailto:cbrush@nsd.org) if you are interested in helping.

More information may be found at [kidwind.org](http://kidwind.org).

## SAVE THE DATE!!

**4th grade families! Save the date! Tuesday, December 10th at 6:30pm.**

The fourth graders will be featured in a Winter Multicultural concert in the gym! The 5th grade ensemble will also be performing some special songs! It will be a great night of music and dancing! See you then!

## FROM THE COUNSELORS

The month of October was National Bullying Prevention Month. In the classrooms we have been discussing how to Recognize, Report and Refuse bullying. To recognize, we define bullying to be when someone keeps being mean to someone else on purpose. The person it's happening to hasn't been able to make it stop: it is unfair and one-sided. We have also focused on the difference between mean, a conflict and bullying. Along with how to report bullying to an adult, we've discussed what it means to be an upstander and ways we can refuse to let bullying happen.



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## THANK YOU!!!

### PICTURE DAY VOLUNTEERS:

Thank you to Carin Murata, Stacey Bernethy, Jen Pierson, Jessie Lewis, Shirelle Pullen and Tiah Sees for volunteering to help with picture day on October 3rd. Our wonderful volunteers were here all day to help the photographers and keep the classrooms organized. We couldn't have done it without you!

### VISION AND HEARING SCREENING VOLUNTEERS:

Thank you to Lana Van Boven, Courtenay Gebhardt, Amy Bornemeier, Michelle Ledee, Helene Oropez Shelley, Amy Davenport, Yehan Zhou, Sarata Sey, Shaima Ghazal, Margie Massa, Nayeli Maldonado, Barbara Shea, Anna Patterson and Amy Lowe for helping facilitate vision and hearing screening. We depend on volunteers to help everything run smoothly. Thank you!

Also a BIG THANK YOU to Chris Brush- who allowed us the use of the Library for this undertaking. It makes all the difference in our results!

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