

Kenmore Elementary Paw Prints

January 2020

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy New Decade!

Cheers to all the goodness that 2020 has in store for you. Often times, many of us pause to reflect before the year ends-- to celebrate and to enacts our next steps towards a better and brighter future.

Somewhere in my lovely hiatus, this excerpt held me close in reflection and had me thinking of you and our Kenmore community as we approached the new year:

He said, "Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year. He is rich who owns the day, and no one owns the day who allows it to be invaded with fret and anxiety. Finish every day and be done with it. You have done what you could. Some blunders and absurdities, no doubt crept in. Forget them as soon as you can, tomorrow is a new day; begin it well and serenely, with too high a spirit to be cumbered with your old nonsense. This new day is too dear, with its hopes and invitations, to waste a moment on yesterdays." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

As we continue to set a course for success with our school goals, new initiatives and shared vision for our students, this reminds me of the importance of grit, resilience, second chances and new learning. All of which, we aim to message to our students through our interactions and instruction, but, the message is just as important for all of us adults to hear too!

I wish you quickly fading memories of all that you wish to leave behind in the yesterdays of 2019, and a passionate focus on all you wish and hope for in 2020!

Happy New Year!

Mrs. Riley

IMPORTANT DATES

Jan 6th - Welcome Back!!

Jan 6th - 10th PTA Dance Week

Jan 7th - 3rd Grade School of Toy Workshop, 9:15am, 3rd Grade Classrooms
Jan 7th - 2nd Grade School of Toy Workshop, 2:00pm, 2nd Grade Classrooms
Jan 7th - Girl's Intramurals, 3:35pm, gym
Jan 7th - Math Olympiad, 3:45pm, library
Jan 8th - Early Release, 2:05pm
Jan 9th - Popcorn Thursday
Jan 9th - Girl's Intramurals, 3:35pm, gym
Jan 10th - PTA Family Dance Night
Jan 14th - Girl's Intramurals, 3:35pm, gym
Jan 14th - Math Olympiad, 3:45pm, library
Jan 15th - Early Release, 2:05pm
Jan 16th - Girl's Intramurals, 3:35pm, gym
Jan 17th - Martin Luther King Jr. Day School Wide Activity
Jan 20th - NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Jan 21st - Girl's Intramurals, 3:35pm, gym
Jan 21st - Math Olympiad, 3:45pm, library
Jan 22nd - ASB Meeting, 8:00am, room 36
Jan 22nd - Early Release, 2:05pm
Jan 23rd - Girl's Intramurals, 3:35pm, gym
Jan 24th - Last Day of Semester 1
Jan 27th - NO SCHOOL - Non-Student Day
Jan 28th - Boy's Intramurals, 3:35pm, gym
Jan 28th - Math Olympiad, 3:45pm, library
Jan 29th - Early Release, 2:05pm
Jan 30th - Parent Meet & Greet with Dr. Reid, 8:35am, activity room
Jan 30th - Breakfast Club with Dr. Reid (Invite Only), 9:15am, activity room
Jan 31st - Report Cards Sent Home

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 allows 2 passes per bus, per day. Please send bus pass requests to the office in writing first thing in the morning on the day the pass is needed.

COLD WEATHER CLOTHING

Thank you for sending your children to school with proper outdoor attire. Students need to stay dry and warm so that they can return from recess and quickly concentrate on learning. In addition, in the event of an unplanned emergency drill, students may have to stand outside for a lengthy amount of time. It is important that they are always prepared for such situations.

THANK YOU!!

On Thursday, December 20th our awesome PTA provided hot drinks and treats for the staff. It was such a nice surprise and the perfect "pick me up" as we finished out the month before heading out for winter break. Thank you for treating us!!

CLOSURES AND DELAYS

Emergency and weather-related problems can alter school schedules and affect bus transportation for students.

The district uses an automated message system to quickly send alerts to families. In the event of a school or district emergency, the district will contact families and staff using one or more of the following options: phone call, text message, email and/or push notification. In addition, the district will provide emergency information via web postings, recorded information lines and social media postings. Early morning notifications will be sent as early as 6 a.m., if possible.

If no schedule changes are posted, schools and buses are operating on normal schedules.

Notifications will only work if your contact information is current in the student records system. Please update your contact information annually with your student's school. You may also download our mobile app. Instructions are available on our [mobile app page](#).

FIND OUT IMMEDIATELY

Here are ways to find out if schools will be delayed or closed:

- local radio and television stations provide district/school information on a continuing basis beginning around 5 a.m. Since conditions vary from one district to another, it is very important to

listen for mention of **Northshore School District #417**.

- FlashAlert.net - a self subscription to the Puget Sound Emergency Message System
- Our District Home Page
- Northshore School District Information Line (425) 408-6001 (a recorded message line)
- Your school's main phone number, when the voicemail service answers, press option "9"
- Our [mobile app](#)

EMERGENCY/INCLEMENT WEATHER MAKE UP DAYS

If emergency/inclement weather school closures occur, make-up days will be added to the end of the school year.

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