

Kenmore Elementary Paw Prints

February 2020

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kenmore Families,

I hope this letter finds you well! We have completed one semester already, which is hard to believe. The days fly by fast here! So I wanted to give you a few updates before too much more time passes.

First, our iReady Assessment platform has provided us with growth data that I would like to share, in reading and math.

Math: Our "students at grade level" have increased by 19%, and in our focus area, *"Numbers and Operations,"* our students at grade level has increased by 22%. Additionally, the median growth score of student performance towards reaching their annual goal is 57%

Reading: Our "students at grade level" have increased by 20%. Additionally, the median growth score of student performance towards reaching their annual goal is 73%

While the iReady data we receive is only one measure that teachers use to assess student learning, it is an indicator of student growth and progress and does help provide guidance for our next steps, whether that be asking more questions or diving deeper to learn what the student needs next. Teachers are working very hard to meet the needs of a range of learners and I am very proud of their efforts. We are committed to continuing to seek ways to reach and teach our students in relevant and intentional ways and appreciate your partnership in this work.

Parent Partnership: One way we aim to partner with you is as a result of the feedback we asked for in the fall. We will begin sending home Parent Partnership Packs, selected by staff, that include math games that can be played with primary and/or intermediate students based on our focus on number fluency. The pack will also give you guidance for giving students practice with their prosocial skills during game play. We plan to send these out monthly so any feedback you provide will help us refine our plan.

Safety Update: We have had most of the locks on campus changed so that staff can lock doors easily and immediately from the inside of the classroom. We are thrilled to be the first of many schools that are not new, to receive this adjustment. Additionally, we were selected to be part of the "fencing pilot" and I have recently received the plans for where fencing will be added to direct people to the office and block dogs from coming on campus. Now that it has been approved, we should be hearing soon when this work will begin.

Finally, we are excited to share that the flags purchased last year, sponsored by our Raise the Paddle PTA funds, are now displayed in the gym! (See below). It is awesome to see so many countries representing our families. If you are new to Kenmore and don't see your family's country of origin/ancestral flag represented, please click this link to let us know:

<https://forms.gle/sTBHYsEsGha4FvDB8>

I wish you all the best!

Mrs. Riley



IMPORTANT DATES

Feb 5th - Kindergarten Enrollment Opens for 2020-2021

Feb 5th - Early Release, 2:05pm

Feb 6th - Boys' Intramurals, 3:35pm, gym

Feb 7th - Early Dismissal @ 12:15 for Elementary Conferences

Feb 7th - Gyl Xylophone Practice, 12:15pm, music room

Feb 10th-14th - PTA Spring Box Tops Drive

Feb 10th - 5th Grade Windmill Club, 3:35pm, library

Feb 11th - Earthquake Drill, 9:45am

Feb 11th - Boys' Intramurals, 3:35pm, gym

Feb 11th - Math Olympiad, 3:35pm, library

Feb 12th - ASB Meeting, 8:00am, room 36

Feb 12th - Early Release, 2:05pm

Feb 13th - Popcorn Thursday

Feb 13th - Boys' Intramurals, 3:35pm, gym

Feb 14th - Gyl Xylophone Practice, 3:35pm, music room

Feb 17th - Feb 21st - NO SCHOOL ~ MID WINTER BREAK!

Feb 24th - 28th - PTA Turn Off the Screen Week

Feb 24th - 5th Grade Windmill Club, 3:35pm, library

Feb 25th - Math Olympiad, 3:35pm, library

Feb 26th - Early Release, 2:05pm

Feb 28th - Recognition Assembly, 2:55pm, gym

Feb 28th - Gyl Xylophone Practice, 3:35pm, music room

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.

ONLINE ENROLLMENT

Beginning Feb. 3, Northshore School District moved to an online enrollment process for the 2020-21 school year. Families who are new to the District and are enrolling students for the 2020-21 school year, and those enrolling a student for kindergarten can utilize this process.

FROM THE NURSE

It is difficult for children to avoid jumping and playing in those irresistibly tempting puddles and mud bogs sometimes found at recess. Although it's fun to splash, the resulting wet clothes, socks and shoes can be uncomfortable to sit in for the rest of the day. Clothing available in the Health Room is typically reserved for unforeseen incidents. Children may benefit from keeping an extra pair of socks or pants in their backpack for use "as needed".

We are not through the flu season yet and so I would like to request that when you call your child in absent- if you could please list some of the major symptoms they are exhibiting For example: fever, headache, sore throat, achiness. This information is helpful in discovering trends.

You may have heard in the news about the first diagnosis of a new viral illness, Coronavirus, in Snohomish County. While some strains of Coronavirus have been around for a while, this is apparently a new strain with potentially severe consequences, especially for vulnerable populations (elderly, children, or immune compromised people).

If you have traveled to or through China, or have visited with people who have been to China and subsequently become ill - please contact your medical provider immediately, telling them this information.

If you have any questions about this important health concern, please contact me.

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SOWAH MENSAH

We are pleased to have Sowah Mensah returning to Kenmore for his 17th year! He will be teaching African Drumming and other instruments to all students during the week of March 9-13. There will be a concert on Thursday evening March 12 at 6:30 in the gym. For students, there will be an assembly on Friday, March 13 at 2:30pm in the gym. Thank you for supporting your student in this unique opportunity! And thank you to our amazing PTA for your financial support of this program!

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.

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.

Northshore School District prohibits discrimination on the basis of age, sex, marital status, genetic information, sexual orientation including gender expression or identity, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, honorably discharged veteran or military status, or the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability, unless based upon a bona fide occupational qualification, in all its employment procedures, training, programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employee has been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged unlawful discrimination: Doug Hale, Human Resources Director, 3330 Monte Villa Parkway, Bothell, WA 98021, (425) 408-7606.