Welcome March 2020!

I hope you are as grateful as I am to be here! It never ceases to amazing me how time flies--only 4 months until summer! In this time, what I hope we all continue to focus on is the important partnership we have in service of each child at Kenmore. May this month, regardless of triumph or trial, bring forth unity, commitment and the dedication it will take to be the best we can be for our Cubs! The poem below is a sweet reminder, while it may say ‘teacher,’ that we each serve to create a space for your child and your family that is warm, welcoming and connected.

UNITY

I dreamt I stood in a studio,
And watched two sculptors there.
The clay they used was a young child’s mind,
And they fashioned it with care.

One was a teacher—the tools she used,
Were books, music, and art.
The other, a parent—working with a guiding hand,
And a gentle loving heart.

Day after day, the teacher toiled
With a touch that was deft and sure.
While the parent labored by her side,
And polished and smoothed it o’er.

And when at last, their task was done,
They were proud of what they had wrought.
For the things they had molded into the child,
Could neither be sold nor bought.

And each agreed they would have failed
If each had worked alone,
For behind the teacher stood the school,
And behind the parent, the home.
IMPORTANT DATES

*PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE*

March 5th - Girls on the Run, Room 36, 3:35pm
March 6th - All School Pacific Science Center on Wheels Day (Assembly @ 9:30am)
March 6th - Gyil Club, Music Room, 3:35pm
March 9th - Girls on the Run, Room 36, 3:35pm
March 9th - 5th Grade Windmill Club, Library, 3:35pm
March 10th - Math Olympiad, Library, 3:35pm
March 11th - ASB Meeting, Room 36, 8:00am

**March 11th - Early Release Wednesday, 2:05pm**

March 12th - Popcorn Thursday
March 12th - Girls on the Run, Room 36, 3:35pm
March 13th - Math Olympiad, Library, 3:35pm
March 16th - Girls on the Run, Room 36, 3:35pm
March 16th - 5th Grade Windmill Club, Library, 3:35pm
March 17th - KMS Visits 5th Grade for Registration
March 17th - Math Olympiad, Library, 3:35pm

**March 18th - Early Release Wednesday, 2:05pm**

March 19th - Girls on the Run, Room 36, 3:35pm
March 20th - Kindergarten Field Trip - Woodland Park Zoo
March 20th - Active Threat Drill, 2:45pm
March 20th - Math Olympiad, Library, 3:35pm
March 23rd - Girls on the Run, Room 36, 3:35pm

**March 24th - Activity Picture Day**

**March 25th - Early Release Wednesday, 2:05pm**

March 26th - 5th Grade Field Trip to Olympia
March 26th - Girls on the Run, Room 36, 3:35pm
March 30th - Brouillet & T-Dub Field Trip to Northshore YMCA
March 30th - Girls on the Run, Room 36, 3:35pm
March 30th - 5th Grade Windmill Club, 3:35pm
March 31st - Brouillet & T-Dub Field Trip to Northshore YMCA
March 31st - 1st Grade Barnyard Moosical, Gym, 6:30pm

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.

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.
KENMORE MIDDLE SCHOOL
SPRING PREVIEW FOR 5TH GRADE PARENTS
March 18th @ 6:30pm in the Kenmore Middle School Gym

This is a great opportunity to learn about:

- KMS Philosophy
- Block Schedule
- Elective Wheel
- ParentVue
- Athletics
- 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.*

CLOSURES AND DELAYS
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
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.