

Kenmore Elementary Paw Prints

APRIL 2020

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to an April like no other!

We are such a strong community and we stay strong through our connectedness. Connectedness is defined as having relationships with others who can understand and support you. In a school community like ours, staff, students, families and volunteers are accustomed to coming together daily around a common and imperative mission—a meaningful educational experience for all. As we continue to practice social distancing, we all will need to be resourceful and get creative to maintain our connectedness with each other and to not lose sight of the importance of self-connectedness or self-care.

At Kenmore, staff will continue to foster a sense of connectedness through distance learning, class meetings, individual or small group check ins, phone calls and email. We will also continue to communicate with families regularly to share updates throughout these changing and challenging times.. After break, expect to see a weekly opportunity for families to connect with Mr. Rhyne, myself and possibly other staff based on "just in-time" topics online. In the meantime, please continue to reach out if you have a need or see a need.

We will also brainstorm and plan more ways for kids to stay connected, and will kick off M&M Lunch Bunches with each grade level during the long lunch window. Please see the schedule below, share with your student(s) and encourage them to log in to be in community each week at their scheduled times.

We are excited to see their sweet faces and look forward to empowering them to share their voices as a beacon of hope and rejuvenation. We also aim to grow our perspective so we can make this experience the best it can be for them.

Thinking of you fondly,

Mrs. Riley



M&M Lunch Bunches

Click on the link each week to check in with your classmates and Mr. Rhyne & Mrs. Riley on your grade level day and time below!

Monday	Kindergarten	@ 12:00	~ https://zoom.us/j/2659427684
Tuesday	1st Grade	@ 12:00	~ https://zoom.us/j/532415600
Wednesday	2nd Grade	@ 12:00	~ https://zoom.us/j/785185276
Wednesday	3rd Grade	@ 12:30	~ https://zoom.us/j/532415600
Thursday	4th Grade	@ 12:00	~ https://zoom.us/j/731796026
Friday	5th Grade	@ 12:00	~ https://zoom.us/j/633011503

IMPORTANT DATES

April 6 - 10: SPRING BREAK

*Due to the current circumstances, all April events have been cancelled. All May events are currently on hold.



OFFICE COMMUNICATION

The Kenmore Elementary Office is currently closed until the school buildings reopen. Office staff are working remotely at this time. You can contact office staff by email, or you may leave a voicemail on their direct office phone line. Voicemails will be checked daily.

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. To enroll your student, please visit <https://www.nsd.org/schools/get-started/enrollment>.

COUNSELORS MESSAGE

Hello Families!

Even though we are not seeing your wonderful children in our building we, as the school counselors, are still here to support! We have created websites with social emotional content for our students to browse and interact with. The websites also include ways to schedule check in times with the counselor and parent resources. In addition to the websites, we will be working with teachers to provide activities and reaching out to a number of students to see how they are doing during this strange time. Below are the links to our websites.

Mrs. Nunes (Grades K-2) [Mrs. Nunes Counseling Corner](#)

Mr. Taylor (Grades 3-5 & Ms. Quinn's) [Mr. Taylor's Counseling Page](#)

Please feel free to contact us

Samantha Nunes

School Counselor (Grades K-2)

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Every Tues and Thurs

Adam Taylor

School Counselor (Grades 3-5)

ataylor@nsd.org

Every Mon, Tues and every other Wed

THANK YOU

On March 5th our amazing PTA treated the Kenmore Elementary Staff to lunch and dessert. It ended up being the first official day of the school closure and it was the perfect morale boost for everyone! Thank you for treating us, even while your students were at home. We appreciate YOU so much!

Thank you to The Snyder Family for the goodies you gifted to our staff during the first week of online learning. It was so kind of you and it brightened everyone's day! Thank you!

AGENCY INFORMATION

PSE : Puget Sound Energy

<https://www.pse.com/pages/bill-and-weatherization-assistance?srce=cta>

1-888-225-5773

PSE will not be disconnecting customers for non-payment at this time and will suspend the accrual of late fees.

Anyone facing hardship is encouraged to reach out to PSE and learn more about options such as [payment plans](#), [changing their bill's due date](#) and the assistance funds available through our [EnergyHelp portal](#).

It has been advised that families who are not going to be able to meet their expected bill- should make contact with the company and explain their situation or use the web page to request support.

City of Kenmore: Rent Moratorium

The temporary moratorium will be in effect until April 24, 2020, may be extended. This prevents the assessment of late fees.

It has been advised that families who are not going to be able to meet their expected bill- they should make contact with their landlord and explain their situation. A partial payment can be made.

Unemployment:

<https://esd.wa.gov/unemployment>

Basic foods/WIC:

<https://www.dshs.wa.gov/esa/standards/basic-food>

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/WIC>

Call the Help Me Grow WA Hotline 1-800-322-2588

Text "WIC" to 96859

<https://resources.parenthelp123.org/services/wic-nutrition-program-for-women-infants-children>

Phone services:

Please connect with your service provider and let them know of your situation

<http://www.phone-bill-assistance.com/lifeline/WA>

Northshore Utilities

<http://www.nud.net/my-account/payment-information/low-income-discount-program>

Please contact our office at (425) 398-4402 or billing@nud.net if you have any questions about the program or need help completing the application.

NSD webpage has a list of resources:

https://www.nsd.org/covid19/community-assistance?post_category_id=128

SUPPORT RESOURCES

24 Hour Crisis Line: 2-1-1 - Call on any phone

www.crisisclinic.org

NSD Community Support & Free meals for children ages 18 and younger

<https://www.nsd.org/covid19/community/assistance>

Hopelink

11011 120th Ave NE Kirkland

Food, Housing Stability, Energy assistance - Emergency Food available

www.hopelink.org

425-889-7880

ParentHelp123

Helping families and teens in WA State find programs and resources

www.parenthelp123.org

1-800-322-2588

North Helpline

12736 33rd Ave NE #100

Seattle, WA 98125

Food, Pregnancy and Baby Supplies, Financial, Health

www.northhelpline.org

206-367-3477

Other Local Food Resources:

Some local food banks may not be operating on their regular schedule right now and are instead offering pre-packed bags of groceries

Woodinville Storehouse: <http://www.woodinvillestorehouse.org/>

Cedar Park Northshore Church Curbside Mondays 5:30-7 18737 68th Ave NE Kenmore

Bothell Community Kitchen @ Bothell United Methodist Church

The Northshore Senior Center is offering lunches to-go for seniors Call 425 487 2441 by 11.00 a.m.

The Northshore Senior Center has a pop-up food bank on Tuesdays and Fridays from 11 a.m. - 2.00 p.m. This resource is free to anyone who needs it

'Open Kitchen' at Redmond UMC (16540 NE 80th St, Redmond) prepack dinners- every Weds- 5-7pm

Getting Help

<https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/services/getting-help>

Washington State Department of Social and Human Services

<https://www.dshs.wa.gov/>

If you have had a decrease in employment-

Apply for school meals now:

<https://www.nsd.org/schools/get-started/food-services/free-and-reduced-price-breakfast-lunch>

By applying and qualifying you may be eligible for other state/federal programs

Child Care Resources:

www.childcare.org

206-329-5544 800-446-1 114

Emergent Needs- Contact School Nurse: Trish Giuffrida : tgiuffrida@nsd.org 425-408-4806
phones are monitored remotely

Family Support Advocate: Alvaro Parra Aparra@nsd.org 425-408-4863

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
- 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](#)

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.

