

Kenmore Elementary

OCTOBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Kenmore Families,

This unusual school year has challenged all of us in a myriad of ways. I am learning that this is a good time for me to practice patience and grace as I maneuver the newness of my job and uncertainty that each week brings. Nevertheless, we have had moments that ignite joy and passion in all of us, I plan to find more of these moments this month.

The highlight for the month of September was being able to see our students (in the pouring rain) last Wednesday. Though brief, it energized and reminded us why we do this work. Thank you for playing with us!

We are looking at ways to remain connected and hope you will join us at the events listed below. As we finalize and get guidance and clarity for other events please look out for blackboard messages from us.

In the meantime, welcome to the month of October, as our days get shorter and darker I hope you will be able to make time for rejuvenation and [resilience](#).

Best,

Ms. George-Shapiro

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, Oct. 6th - First General PTA meeting 7-8:30 p.m.

This event is not sponsor by NSD or Kenmore Elementary. See details in the PTA section below.

Lunch Bunch is Back!

Join Ms. George-Shapiro and Mr. Rhyne for lunch bunch this month! Save the dates below and be on the lookout for zoom information to come later this month from your child's teacher.

Kindergarten - Monday, October 12th @ 12:00pm

1st Grade - Tuesday, October 13th @ 12:00pm

2nd Grade & 3rd Grade - Wednesday, October 14th @ 12:00pm

4th Grade - Thursday, October 15th @ 12:00pm

5th Grade - Friday, October 16th @ 12:00pm

Tuesday, Oct. 20 - Annual Title I Meeting/Admin Team Meeting 5-6:30p.m.

This will be a virtual event. Please complete this short [RSVP-Q&A](#) doc to reserve a spot.

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.

ATTENDANCE

Washington State Law requires parents/guardians to inform the school of student absences. Please report your child's absence including the reason by leaving a message on the school attendance phone line at 425-408-4810 or emailing the student's teacher. Student absences need to be reported in writing or by voicemail.

LIBRARY BOOK CHECK-OUT

Students are now able to check out library books! Please use the online form (<http://go.nsd.org/kebooks>) and fill it out together with your child. At this time, students may request up to three books (this may increase to five in the future).

You will be asked to choose where you would like to pick-up the books. On Tuesdays, books will be placed on busses and taken to four drop-off locations where parents and students will meet the bus and collect their books. Locations and times may be found on the form. If your child is not on a bus route, curbside pick up will be available at Kenmore Elementary.

Please follow the Rules for Bus Book Pick-up:

- *Park no closer than 1/2 block from Bus Stop
- *Bus stop paddles will not be in use.
- *Adults walk their student safely to the Bus Stop following all safety guidelines.
- *Wear masks and follow safe distancing rules.

Specific books may be requested or books will be selected for your child based upon their grade and interests.

Book requests received by October 6th will go out on Tuesday, October 13th. Requests received after that date will be delivered the next week. This will continue on a weekly basis.

All books returned from families will be placed in a seven-day quarantine before they are checked out to another student.

Please contact Chris Brush, Teacher-Librarian, with any questions.

cbrush@nsd.org

POP-UP STORY-WALK

KCLS has partnered with [PopUp StoryWalk](#) to create unique storytimes available to various communities, since our libraries are closed. We are installing at the Hangar/Seaplane community space (see attachment) on September 19 - October 11th. The book we are featuring is Katherine Pryor's "[Bee's Bees](#)" illustrated by Ellie Peterson (both local). This book teaches kids about the importance of pollinators. 🐝

This gives students an opportunity to experience a storywalk in Kenmore—a unique literary experience that encourages outdoor exercise, promotes community, is equitable for all families and gives our kiddos a little learning time off of their devices. The installation is much smaller than the traditional trail experience, so families are encouraged to remain respectful and be socially distant to other families reading the panels.

DISTRICT NEWS

5th Grade Band & Orchestra

The NSD 5th grade band and orchestra web page is now live for current registrations at:

<https://www.nsd.org/schools/enrichment-activities/elementary-band-orchestra>

There will be a virtual NSD Parent/student information night October 5th to introduce families to the program and provide information. More information to come on time and links.

Northshore School District's Early Childhood Education Programs

Now enrolling eligible children, ages 3-5, for free preschool. ECEAP, Head Start and Ready Start Programs provides free services and support to income eligible children and their families.

For more information regarding registration and eligibility, please visit:

<https://www.nsd.org/schools/programs-services/early-childhood/income-eligible-free-programs>

Volunteering

All volunteers in Northshore are required to complete an online volunteer application for the 2020-21 school year, even if they submitted a volunteer application last year. It is also important to note that all volunteers will be expected to renew their volunteer application annually.

For more information, visit: <https://www.nsd.org/get-involved/volunteer/become-a-volunteer>

*Please note that volunteer opportunities may be limited during remote learning.

KENMORE ELEMENTARY PTA

The **first Kenmore Elementary General PTA meeting** will be on **Tuesday, October 6th from 7-8:30 p.m. on Zoom!** If you would like to attend, the link to join is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88464552091?pwd=Y0EzenFmeHUvMWk3bFY4WTZxUHVTQT09>

Meeting ID: 884 6455 2091

Passcode: Xitt2W

To learn about upcoming PTA sponsored events, you can visit the PTA website at <https://kenmorepta.org/> or on Facebook at Kenmore Elementary PTA.

You can also stay up-to-date with the PTA's weekly e-newsletter, Cub Notes. To subscribe, email vp@kenmorepta.org with your name and email address.

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