

Kenmore Elementary Paw Prints

DECEMBER 2020

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Seasons Greetings Everyone,

We've reached the month of December, oddly enough it arrived rather quickly for some of us. The challenges have been intense and yet I've met some remarkable beings through all of this.

First, I would like to acknowledge the grit our Kenmore Cubs have demonstrated these past few months, signing on, participating, completing assignments and overcoming various obstacles to stay engaged has been a pleasure to hear and watch.

Parents, guardians, siblings, and caretakers have partnered with us, providing a safe place for our Cubs to engage from. We know your role has changed drastically. We hear and see your challenges and thank you.

Finally, our Kenmore staff who has muddled through with challenges of their own. Seeing our staff navigate this virtual world with the tireless planning and unstoppable spirit has been an inspiration.

Thank you all for bringing grace in this ride of a lifetime, it is an honor to be part of this journey.

2020! This will be a year we remember, beginning with the possibility that January brought and it's seemingly abrupt end in March which has continued to the current state of affairs. To quote Doc from *Back to the Future* many years ago, "Whatever happens, Marty, don't ever go to 2020!" Thankfully, we always have the present moment.

To all who celebrate Hanukkah, Christmas and Kwanzaa, Merry Merry all around!
Wishing you some well-deserved rest, relaxation, and let's shoot for the possibilities that 2021 will bring.

Geetha George-Shapiro
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

Nov 19 - Dec 2 - Scholastic Online Book Fair

Dec 2nd - NSD iReady Family Night (zoom link listed in District News section)

LUNCH BUNCH:

Nov 30 - 5th Grade

Dec 1 - 2nd Grade

Dec 2 - Kindergarten / 1st Grade

Dec 3 - 3rd Grade

Dec 4 - 4th Grade

Dec 21-Jan 1 - NO SCHOOL: WINTER BREAK

PICTURE DAY! SAVE THE DATE!

Tuesday, February 9th will be school picture day! This year we will be having individual school pictures only. More details will come as we near February. For now, be sure to save the date!

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.

If your student cannot make a zoom for any reason please have them message the teacher by email or in Schoology.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

We are now coming into our 4th month of virtual learning, and yet these are still unprecedented times. With everything being online, we are still trying to find the best ways to support your kids and their development of positive social emotional skills. But how do we support this during a time when social interactions are few and far between?

The good news? You are already doing it at home! Plus, you do not have to be an expert with social emotional skills to teach and practice them with your kids! Even small activities, like reading books and playing games, can strengthen social skills. Here is a list of simple activities you can do with your kids to strengthen those positive skills: [Teaching Social Skills At Home](#)

Note: It can be helpful to let kids know what social skills they are working on when doing an activity. For example, if you are playing board games, briefly remind them they are working on important skills like taking turns and showing fairness. This can lead to a good conversation about what those skills mean and why they matter.

Samantha Nunes

Counselor--Kenmore Elementary

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

(425)-408-4816

[Mrs. Nunes's Website](#)

VIRTUAL CHOIR

A virtual choir for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders will begin in January.

Mrs. Sandusky will be leading this choir. There will be one 45 minute practice each week and these will continue through the end of May. More about the day and time will be provided soon on the Schoology course, and announced during Music zooms. The choir will have one or more virtual performances in the spring. If you love to sing – this is the place for you!

BOOK FAIR

This year, the Kenmore Elementary Scholastic Book Fair is Online!!

Shop the Book Fair Online 24 hours a day between November 19th – December 2nd

Items are delivered directly to your home with free shipping on orders of \$25 or more.

All purchases support our school.

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/kenmoreelementaryschool3>

KENMORE COATS AND SWEATERS

If you are in need of coats and sweaters to keep warm this winter, please visit the Kenmore Coats and Sweaters Website. <https://sites.google.com/apps.nsd.org/kenmore-coats/home>

Requests should be emailed to Trish Giuffrida directly at tgiuffrida@nsd.org.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS GRATITUDE

Thanksgiving Baskets have been distributed! The Social Services team wants to extend extreme gratitude to Windermere Foundation, Realtor Leslie Reed, Kenmore Safeway and KE donations. We had a record number of donations and were able to pack Thanksgiving Dinner for 32 families. We are so thankful for all the contributions to the project and know that this will bring joy to some of our families!

DISTRICT NEWS

NORTHSHORE i-READY FAMILY NIGHT

This “i-Ready: Supporting Student Learning at Home” session is designed to provide Northshore School District families with an understanding of the i-Ready Online Instruction for reading and mathematics. Families will learn how the i-Ready Diagnostic is used to create a personalized pathway of instruction for every student. The i-Ready Team will share ideas for motivating learners, monitoring progress, and supporting children when they need assistance. Finally, tips and resources will be shared to support families in preparing for the next i-Ready Diagnostic assessment.

When: Wednesday, Dec. 2

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Register for Northshore i-Ready Family Night:

https://cainc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Rx6jQWuZTRuxwunIWlkfw

HIGHLY CAPABLE TESTING

The Accelerated Models and Programs Department is working on the 2020-2021 testing plan for students in grade K-5 with highly capable needs. The Department will update families when there is an assessment schedule.

REQUIRED FORMS

If you have not already done so, please log in to ParentVUE to review and acknowledge forms that are required annually by NSD.

The District provides parents/guardians with notification of forms that must be acknowledged, including:

- State Attendance Letter
- Rights and Responsibilities Handbook
- Weapons Letter
- Student Housing Questionnaire
- Immunization Record Sharing Form

Typically, these forms are included in welcome back packets, but because of COVID-19 they

have been moved online to ParentVUE. We ask that you login to ParentVUE to view these forms. If you've never logged into ParentVUE, you will find instructions on how to do so when you click the link above. Please know that when you next login to ParentVUE, you will be prompted to download, read, and take action for each of the forms listed above. Families are encouraged to review the handbook together in ParentVUE with their students. Learn more by visiting the District website.

KENMORE ELEMENTARY PTA

Learn More About PTA & Stay Connected!

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.

Schoology

Kenmore Elementary PTA now has a Schoology group! Join us for updates on upcoming meetings and events and for helpful resources.

Here's how to join:

Go to your (parent) Schoology account.

Click "**Groups**" from the menu and then in the top right corner you'll see "**My Groups**." Click on that.

Click the blue "**Join Group**" box in the right column.

Paste in this access code: **797R-R95H-Z9F3H** and click the blue "**Join**" box.

General Membership Meeting

Our next PTA General Membership meeting will be on Tuesday, December 1 at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89024680188?pwd=OWt6UWphZjh3L0F5VmRHNIRxSzZjZz09>

Meeting ID: 890 2468 0188

Passcode: nMQAb7

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