

Kenmore Elementary Paw Prints

February 2021

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy February KE Families,

I am having a hard time believing that we've flown through the month of January. As mentioned last month we will be adding virtual recesses for our students utilizing [Playworks](#), funded by our KEPTA. As we work out some final logistical details we will officially begin next week. We look forward to some fun social distancing time with our young cubs!

Report cards will be mailed out on February 1st. For immediate access you may view your student's progress via ParentVue. As we begin our second semester, we understand that fatigue may be settling in. More than ever, we encourage our Kenmore Cubs to attend all scheduled lessons and submit assignments in a timely manner. Every bit of practice will add up. We know this unique year may not deliver the expectations that we have when in person, however, we acknowledge the growth occurring in other areas; perhaps through resilience, independence, and grit.

Kenmore will be hosting a "Social Emotional Supports Night" on February 9, from 5-6pm. I would like to invite you to listen to an hour of ideas from experts and collaborate with other parents. Our intent is for you to take away an idea or two or simply celebrate the successes.

Like many of you, every Friday we anticipate the update on our return date to in person learning. Know that we at KE have been planning in collaboration with the district for a safe return for our youngest learners. You will be notified when we are clear for opening in multiple ways. While you wait, please help us prepare our students with the reminders they will be hearing from us i.e. wash hands, wear a mask, and socially distance. As adults, we've had a lot of practice these past ten months but we know this will be an adjustment for our cubs.

Lastly, February is a busy month of celebration and observances, I've included some links for you to review.

Celebrations

February-[Black History Month](#)

2/12 [Lunar New Year \(Chinese New Year/Spring Festival\)](#).

2/14 [Valentines Day](#).

2/15 Presidents Day (School Holiday)

2/17 Ash Wednesday (Religious)

2/26 Purim (Jewish)

As always, do let me know if we've missed acknowledging a special day.

Geetha George-Shapiro

Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

Mon, Feb 1st - Semester 1 Report Cards Mailed

Tues, Feb 2nd - General PTA Meeting (virtual) @ 7pm

Mon, Feb 15th - Fri, Feb 19th - MID WINTER BREAK (NO SCHOOL)

Mon, Feb 22nd - Fri, Feb 26th - PTA Turn Off the Screens Week

Wed, Mar 3 - Individual Picture Day

PICTURE DAY

Individual Picture Day is Wednesday, March 3rd

More details will be coming in a separate email to families as we near Picture Day.

For now, mark your calendars to save the date!

ATTENDANCE POLICY

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.

If your child will be absent for 3 or more days for something other than illness, the absence must be pre-arranged. Please complete the Pre-Approved Absence Request Form. This can be found on the Kenmore Elementary website under "Resources > Report an Absence".

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

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.

i-READY WINTER DIAGNOSTIC

This month students have been working on their winter i-ready diagnostic assessment for both math and reading. The results of these diagnostics are one way for teachers to measure student growth and information that helps inform teacher's instruction to meet the needs of students. While these assessments do not tell the whole story, they are one measure our teachers use. If your student has not completed both of their tests, please encourage them to do so.

KE SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL SUPPORT EVENT

Tuesday, February 9th from 5:00pm-6:00pm

~Supporting and Reinforcing positive learning behaviors during E-learning and beyond~

Agenda

- General overview of Social Emotional Learning and CASEL competencies
- Sharing of E-Learning challenges and some possible ideas for support
- Foundational tenets of PBIS- Consistency, Predictability & Safety
- Break-out rooms:

~How to support consistency at home

~How to support predictability at home

~How to support safety at home

All are welcome! Join using the zoom link below:

<https://nsd.zoom.us/j/84021686556?pwd=Nk5QbDB1cVlSWDFhM3ZTYXQ3L1pVUT09>

VIRTUAL RECESS!!

Starting February 1st, each grade level will have a scheduled "virtual recess" with their grade level peers. Earlier this month, we shared that in partnership with KEPTA we subscribed to "[Playworks](#)" to support staff with resources, activities and videos to support SEL growth through games. We know that providing students with opportunities to socialize and build relationships with their peers is important to creating a positive learning environment that supports the "whole child". Based on feedback from staff and our community, we want to try to be creative in providing these types of opportunities while students are remote. Below is a schedule and the zoom links. PLEASE DO NOT SHARE THESE LINKS! We are excited for this to begin and hope to see your student there!!

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11:05-11:30	Kindergarten		2nd		
11:35-12:00	1st		3rd		5th
12:05-12:30					4th

Virtual Recess Zoom Links:

Kindergarten: <https://nsd.zoom.us/j/84375681526>

1st: <https://nsd.zoom.us/j/81019988847>

2nd: <https://nsd.zoom.us/j/84762671987>

3rd: <https://nsd.zoom.us/j/89903201503>

4th: <https://nsd.zoom.us/j/83088497814>

5th: <https://nsd.zoom.us/j/83088497814>

KE LIBRARY CHECK-OUT

Kenmore Library Book Check-out Please use the link below to request books (or scan the QR code). Books are available for pick-up on Tuesdays at multiple locations and Wednesday curbside from 4:30-5:30 pm. Please contact Chris Brush, KE Library Teacher, with any questions at cbrush@nsd.org.

go.nsd.org/kebooks



KE COATS & 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.
Questions or concerns? Email Trish or call 425-408-4806.

DISTRICT NEWS

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Our Early Childhood Education Programs in Northshore School District are currently recruiting for the Head Start, ECEAP and Ready Start Preschool Programs.

NSD Families that have children ages 3-4 years old can contact Stephanie Gonwa at 425-408-4829, or Emily Birchman at 425-408-4862 to receive program information and help with applications.

HIGHLY CAPABLE TESTING UPDATE

The Accelerated Models and Programs Department is in the middle of our 2020-2021 screening and assessment plan.

Grade 5 Update

We plan to work on device distribution for grade 5 during the month of January in hopes of screening fifth graders using the NNAT3 between February 1st-12th. Following the NNAT3, we will invite students to take the Iowa test if they score above the 85%.

Students in grades K-4

We are still working on the highly capable screening and assessment schedule for grades K-4. Our department will update families when we can safely test.

PACE APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR 2021-2022

PACE (Parents Active in Cooperative Education), a choice educational enrichment program offered through the Northshore School District, is currently accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year. **All applications are due prior to the February 5th PACE lottery drawing deadline, and a virtual tour is required prior to application.**

The hallmarks of PACE include an enhanced educational experience due to high parent involvement, enrichment activities, encouragement for students to become self-motivated learners and a strong sense of community among families. Families commit to a minimum number of volunteer hours per year of program support. PACE is located at three elementary school sites in the district with feeder patterns from all Northshore elementary schools.

A tour is required prior to applying to the PACE program. To register for a virtual tour hosted by PACE at Lockwood Elementary, please email membership@paceatlockwood.org.

For more information about the PACE program, please visit <http://www.nsd.org/PACE>

Kenmore Elementary PTA

General Membership Meeting

Our next PTA General Membership meeting will be on Tuesday, Feb. 2 at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89341185784?pwd=WVZ6Tnp6cWV4VjJqOWs0d3NBR3dSZz09>

Meeting ID: 893 4118 5784

Passcode: VX4Bxv

Coming Up: Turn Off Screens Week

Monday 2/22 - Friday 2/26

Our goal for Turn Off Screens Week is to do fun things instead of electronics after your school work is done for the day. Each day that you skip screen time after school, submit a video on the Flipgrid site telling us what you did instead.

We will draw names for prizes each night!

Visit <https://kenmorepta.org/programs-activities/turn-off-screens-week/> for more information!

Communication

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.

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