

Kenmore Elementary Paw Prints

February 12, 2021

WORD FOR THE DAY

The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members, a heart of grace, and a soul generated by love.

~Coretta Scott King

Principal's Message

Happy Lunar New Year to our families and friends who celebrate!

As we rapidly traverse through the month of February, our minds frequently drift to our return to in-person learning.

This is what I know about our Kenmore environment:

Our plans to return to Kenmore have been in the works since the summer. We have a refreshed foyer with a sanitizing station ready to welcome you all. However, entrance to this foyer will be on an as needed basis when the campus reopens.

As we navigate in this new environment we ask for mindfulness as you observe signs you will see on campus directing foot traffic, handwashing, and social distancing recommendations. There will be more specifics as we get closer to our start date which is yet to be determined. I am confident we have done quite a bit to prepare for this new normal. We know it will not be perfect and anticipate making adjustments as we go along.

On another note, we know this pandemic has caused more challenges than anticipated for many of our Kenmore families. If you are one of these families, please take a moment to complete this [form](#), with the help of the Northshore School Foundation and other grants we would like to play a part in providing some relief.

Finally, if you were unable to attend the webinar: *Inclusion in the Early Years: Why? What? And How?* With Rosetta Eun Ryong Lee be sure to look for a link in the upcoming KEPTA newsletter. It will be

worth your while! Thanks to KEPTA who joined forces with other PTA groups to bring us this outstanding presentation.

Until our next newsletter, have an amazing mid-winter break!

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Important Dates

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 3rd - Individual Picture Day

Virtual Recess

Starting February 1st, each grade level now has a scheduled "virtual recess" with their grade level peers. 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". Below is a schedule and the zoom links. PLEASE DO NOT SHARE THESE LINKS! We 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

Kindergarten: <https://nsd.zoom.us/j/82825697396>

1st: <https://nsd.zoom.us/j/81583268731>

2nd: <https://nsd.zoom.us/j/87604940570>

3rd: <https://nsd.zoom.us/j/86401782356>

4th: <https://nsd.zoom.us/j/88090130333>

5th: <https://nsd.zoom.us/j/87954701065>

School Picture Day

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3RD @ 1:00-6:00PM

Individual school pictures are optional and are available by appointment only.

A link is provided below to sign up for your student's picture appointment time, as well as a link to pre-order and pay for the pictures online. Paper copies of picture order forms are available, please contact the school office to request one. Photographs will be taken in the gymnasium, following safety and social distancing protocols. All students must wear a mask (the photographer will have them remove the mask briefly when taking their photo). Parents will drive to the lower lot by the gym and must remain in their vehicle at all times. Kenmore Elementary staff will be on campus to greet each car and escort the students to and from the gymnasium. Detailed information will be provided closer to picture date.

Sign-up link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4baaa62ba2f9c43-kenmore>

Place an order link: www.dorianstudio.com
(specify Kenmore Elementary School)

Kenmore 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

ENROLLMENT FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

Enrollment is now open for the 2021-2022 School Year! Enrollment is needed for **incoming kindergarteners** and **new students** of all grades. See the NSD enrollment website to get started!
<https://www.nsd.org/schools/get-started/enrollment>

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

The Accelerated Models and Programs Department is still working on the 2020-2021 testing plan for students in grade K-4 with highly capable needs. The Department will update families when there is an assessment schedule.

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