

# ***Kenmore Elementary Paw Prints***

March 2021

## **Word of the Day...**

We're a nation hungry for more joy: Because we're starving from a lack of gratitude.

BRENÉ BROWN

## **Principal's Message**

Hello KE Families,

"March comes in like a lion, out like a lamb." That was a frequent phrase I would hear in New York referring to the harsh winter days earlier in the month ending with springlike weather. For us at Kenmore, it will be a busy start with picture day, material pick ups, and the possible announcement of a start date for in-person learning. The planning continues with its many considerations and moving parts.

What I've learned from this entire year and experience has been to go with what comes my way. Resisting what came my way brought only added distress to myself and those around me. Thankfully, I've learned a thing or two since my past performances (embarrassing as it was in some cases) to know that it will not change an outcome. This article from [Linkedin](#) sums it up nicely. I know this for sure, it all does work out, maybe not when I say so but when I let go, since what we resist, persists.

Here's to a great and busy month!

Till then, I'll see you in the parking lot, and as always feel free to reach out if you need anything.

Sharing this again: [Request for Resources](#)

Geetha George-Shapiro  
Principal, Kenmore Elementary

# Important Dates

**Wed, March 3rd - Picture Day, 1:00-6:00pm \*by appointment only\***

Wed, March 3rd - Head Start Conference Day (No Preschool)

Thurs, March 4th - Head Start Conference Day (No Preschool)

Fri, March 5th - Head Start Conference Day (No Preschool)

Fri, March 5th - 3rd Grade Conference Day

Fri, March 5th - NSD BINGO Night, 6:30-8:00PM (live streamed)

**Wed, March 10th - 5th Grade Materials Pick Up Day, 9:30-11:00am \*5th Grade ONLY\***

Thurs, March 25th - Dr. Reid Visits Kenmore: Parent Q & A: 8:25-8:55am (via zoom)

## School Picture Day

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3RD @ 1:00-6:00PM \*By appointment only\***

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

Place an order link: [www.dorianstudio.com](http://www.dorianstudio.com)

(specify Kenmore Elementary School)

### Safety Procedures:

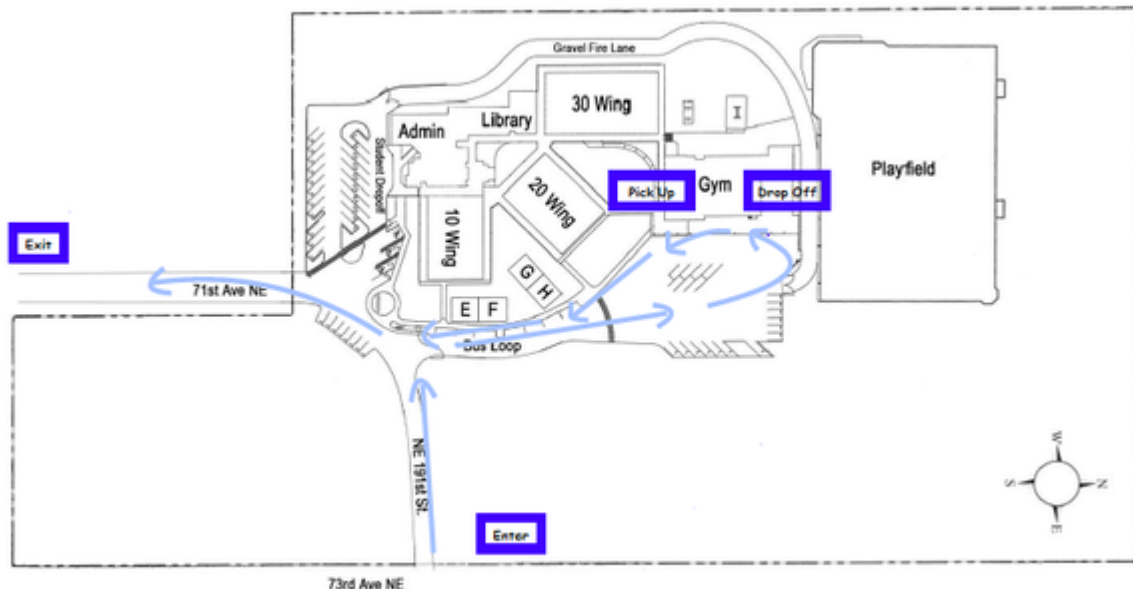
- Pictures will be taken in the gym
- Please come to the school at your assigned time
- Everyone must wear a mask
- Parents must remain in their cars at all times
- Staff will escort students to the photographer and back
- Student will remove their mask briefly when seated and instructed to do so by the photographer
- No cross-traffic. The gym doors closest to the undercover area will be the entry door, the gym doors closest to the kitchen will be the exit door
- Sanitation stations will be available
- If you or your child are feeling ill, please stay at home

\*Picture packages will be mailed directly to Kenmore Elementary in late March. You will be notified when pictures are available for pickup outside the school office.

\*Retakes will not be available at the school. If your child needs their picture retaken, please contact Dorian Photography directly at 206-368-7770 to make an appointment for a picture retake at their Shoreline photography studio.

### Driving Procedures:

- See Map for driving directions
- Enter the main road off 73rd Ave NE to enter the school grounds
- Turn right at the gate to enter the back of the school
- Drive around to the 1st gym door and stop at the undercover area
- Remain in your car at all times
- Wait until a staff member escorts your child out of the car
- Pull up to the 2nd gym door (near the kitchen) and wait
- After the photo is taken, your student will be escorted back to your car
- Exit the school via 71st Ave NE



## Head Start Preschool Conferences

Head Start Preschool Families ~

A quick reminder that next week we have remote Parent/Teacher Conferences on March 3rd, 4th, and 5th, so there will be no school W-F next week. Each program is a bit different, so some programs will have conferences with all families and some programs will focus on our promoting Kindergarten students. If you have any questions or would like to request a conference, please reach out to your child's teachers. We are looking forward to connecting with families to share how your children are learning. Thank you for partnering with us in your child's education!

## Parent Q & A with Dr. Reid

NSD Superintendent Dr. Reid will be virtually visiting Kenmore Elementary on Thursday, March 25th. To start her day at Kenmore, she will be joining us for an open forum for parents. If you would like to join, please use the zoom meeting information below. We hope to see you there!

Parent Q & A with Dr. Reid

Thursday, March 25th @ 8:25-8:55am

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://nsd.zoom.us/j/88562685639?pwd=OE13TkZOSjksSjk1OVE3WFBIWTVKUT09>

Meeting ID: 885 6268 5639

Passcode: Kenmore21

## 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 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.***

## Updated Virtual Recess Schedule

3rd grade families, please note that 3rd grade virtual recess will be moving to Monday's from 12:05pm-12:30pm. It was brought to our attention that the previous time conflicted with Choir times for our 3rd-5th graders and we wanted students to be able to attend both if they would like. All other times are the same and the zoom links are below.

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

## Virtual Recess Zoom Links

Kinder: <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/85355324731>

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

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

## 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](mailto:cbrush@nsd.org).

[go.nsd.org/kebooks](https://go.nsd.org/kebooks)



## 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](mailto:tgiuffrida@nsd.org).  
Questions or concerns? Email Trish or call 425-408-4806.

## Kenmore Elementary PTA

### March is Brown Bag Month!

KEPTA is taking Brown Bag After School Classes online! Each week for the month of March, we'll share a brown bag "class." This is a great way to explore some fun activities after school. Learn karate, origami, and try out designing your own dream school. Find out more information here: <https://kenmorepta.org/programs-activities/brown-bag-classes/>

### MOD Pizza Fundraiser to Support Kenmore Elementary 5th Grade Celebration

We want to celebrate this year's 5th grade class and send them off to middle school in style!  
We haven't been able to raise funds at events due to COVID, so please help support this year's 5th grade class by turning off the oven and ordering MOD Pizza for lunch or dinner on Thursday, March 11th.

We hope you can join us in eating out for a good cause!

MOD is donating back 20% of sales from Takeout, Delivery & Pick up orders to Kenmore Elementary School PTA!

P.S. Please feel free to invite -- and share this event with -- your friends and family.

RSVP & all details here: [www.groupraise.com/events/180475](http://www.groupraise.com/events/180475)

- **Date:** Thursday, March 11th
- **Location:** MOD Pizza (17171 Bothell Way NE, Lake Forest Park)
- **Details:** Visit MOD Pizza's online order [website](#) or app. Use the promo code of "GR180475K" and 20% of your meal's price will be donated back to Kenmore Elementary School PTA. In person orders, please mention that you are with Kenmore Elementary School PTA before placing your order.

## 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](mailto: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.

## 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 in the middle of our 2020-2021 screening and assessment plan.*

#### Grade 5 Update

*The highly capable department will close the NNAT3 screener on February 28th at 8:00 p.m. If you intend to take the screener, please do so by that time. They will send you an invitation to sign up for Iowa Assessments if your student's screener meets the 85% score needed. We would like to complete Iowa Assessments by the middle of March so your student can be prepared to sign up for the appropriate middle school classes during registration. Please sign up for a slot to test as soon as possible.*

#### Students in grades 2-4

*We plan to begin online assessments of students who were referred for screening and assessments once grades 5-7 testing is done. We will send out invitations to test toward the end of March or beginning of April. We will conduct all testing online.*

#### Students in Grade 1

*We will conduct our universal screening and assessment when first grade students return to the buildings. Classroom teachers will assist in giving the NNAT3 screener. Parents will have the option to*



*bring their student to school on the specific testing day even if they are opting not to have their student return to the classroom. The NNAT3 will then be proctored by someone other than the classroom teacher. We will let families know the date and time of testing at their school by email.*

### **Kindergarten**

*We will compile current data from WaKIDS and iReady to compile a highly capable watch list for our current kindergarten students. No further screeners need to be given.*

*Thank you,  
Accelerated Models and Programs Department*

### **NSD BINGO NIGHT**

*The Northshore School District is hosting a BINGO Night on Friday, March 5. This live streamed event will be held from 6:30-8:00 PM. Everyone in the Northshore School District community is welcome and encouraged to play!*

*Participation is FREE and there will be prizes generously provided by the Northshore Schools Foundation. In addition to individual prizes, the first school that earns a BINGO will be awarded 500 dollars to spend. School communities and District department groups are encouraged to identify a BINGO Night costume theme, such as school spirit colors, and also to identify ways for teams to connect virtually during the BINGO Night.*

*To participate in BINGO Night, each player will need a BINGO card. The website, Bingo Baker, makes this easy!*

*Make a free BINGO card for each player in your home by using the Bingo Baker website.*

- 1. Go to [bingobaker.com/#1228516](https://bingobaker.com/#1228516)*
- 2. Click on "Generate Card"*

*Your card will automatically appear!*

*Review the information in the yellow box and then click "OK".*

*If you bookmark your card, you will be able to find it again using your device bookmarks. If you prefer to print your card, you can do so.*

*To make a different card, you can open the Bingo Baker card url in a new tab, or hit the back button on your internet browser.*

*Streaming information will be made available closer to the event.*

[LINK to BINGO Night Flier](#)

[LINK to BINGO Night Informational Video with Instructions to Make a BINGO Card](#)

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