

Kenmore Elementary Paw Prints

JUNE 2021

QUOTE

Sunsets are proof that endings can be beautiful.

Beau Taplin

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Cub Families,

When we began this school year there were many uncertainties and questions, well here we are, with students in-person and remote. This past year, staff and students have learned to navigate teaching and learning in the virtual and hybrid world while juggling unprecedented challenges.

We've come a long way, vaccinations have given hope and we are on the path to full in-person learning this fall. This experience has left us with insights and new ways of doing school, something that may not have happened otherwise.

As you begin to design your summer days, I would like to invite and encourage our students to carve out a lazy afternoon on the couch or a library with a great book.

A study published in July of 2020 in the [American Education Research](#) Journal stated that 52% of students in grades K-5 lost an average of 39% of their total school year gains during the summer months. This isn't new information, we also know this is exacerbated by the school year we've experienced. Reading for pleasure could help mitigate this regression.

Additionally, as required by Legislature and Congress, Northshore will be crafting our Academic and Student Well-being Recovery Plan. At Kenmore, we started looking closely at our systems for progress monitoring and support for students. We will continue to fine tune it with our teams during the fall.

Reflecting on this first year, I am left with immense gratitude for this community. Thank you for your kindness, advocacy, and trusting us with your children.

I have thoroughly enjoyed having your children on campus and I look forward to seeing **all** our Kenmore cubs in the fall. Ideas are brewing to make 2021-2022 a fantastic school year. We plan on being in person, though whatever the combination, after this past year, I think we can adapt to anything!

Till then, please note some important information in the coming weeks.

Geetha George-Shapiro

IMPORTANT DATES

Wed, June 9th - 5th Grade Promotion & Awards Assembly via Zoom, 9:15am

Wed, June 9th - KMS Counselors Visit 5th Grade Classes via Zoom, 1pm

Fri, June 11th - All Library Books Due

June 16th - 5th Grade Farewell Celebration, 10am-12pm

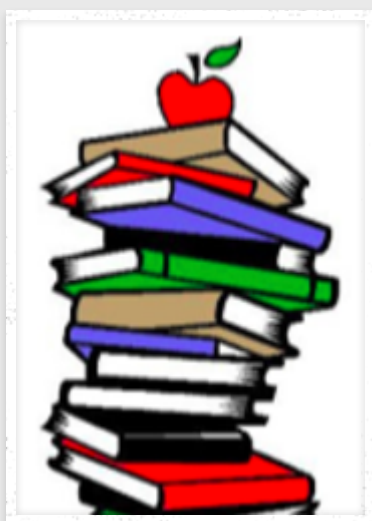
Fri, June 18th - Technology Device Return (except for summer programs)

Fri, June 18th - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL (full day)

Mon, June 21-Wed, June 23 - Technology Device Drop Off Hours: 9am-3pm

Thurs, June 24th - Report Cards Mailed

Thurs, June 24th - Kenmore Elementary Office Closing for the Summer @ 4pm



LIBRARY BOOK RETURN

Library Books Due!

Please return all Library Books by Friday, June 11th.

If your child has a missing or lost book, please contact Chris Brush, KE library teacher, at cbrush@nsd.org or 425.408.4812.

A list of any missing books will be emailed to students and parents Monday, June 7th.

Thank you!

TECHNOLOGY DEVICE RETURN

Chromebook/iPad/Hotspot Collection

Our IT Department is collecting all Chromebooks, iPads, hotspots, chargers or any other devices that may have been checked out. Software updates, inventory, and replacements need to be made before we start back in the fall.



- All student devices will be collected on June 18
- Drop offs may be done at KE June 21-23
- **If students have access to another device they may drop it off earlier**
- For families requesting a device for summer please use this link:
<https://nsd.jotform.com/202085825509053>
- Devices being returned after the 23rd will have to be dropped off at the district office
- Fines will only be entered into Destiny for *unreturned* devices. Fine entry will begin on June 23.

Fines will only be *enforced* for students who withdraw from Northshore and who do not return their device. Returning students who bring their device back anytime between June 23 and Fall 2021 will have their fine deleted. Producing the fine adds incentive to bring the device back for inventory and repair.



YEARBOOKS

KEPTA 2020/21 yearbooks are on sale now!

Purchase your yearbook today! The cost is \$15. To pay with cash or check, use the form sent home via Kid Mail. Return the completed form along with payment to your student's teacher. The form can also be found [here](#). Online orders can be done [here](#).

Yearbooks will be delivered in class for hybrid learners the beginning of June. A meet up time and location will be available (TBD) for remote learners.

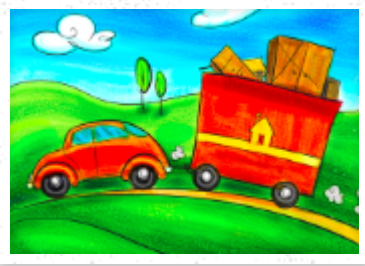
ONLINE ENROLLMENT

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>





ARE YOU MOVING?

An accurate count of students for each grade is very important. If you are moving to another school or district next year, please let our school office staff know as soon as possible so that we can plan for classroom sizes and staffing for the 21-22 school year.

5TH GRADE FAREWELL CELEBRATION

The PTA is hosting a 5th Grade Farewell Celebration on Wednesday, June 16 from 10 am-12 pm. For more information and how to RSVP, go to <https://kenmorepta.org/programs-activities/5th-grade-party/>



Link to RSVP: <https://bit.ly/33XmNE9>

COVID UPDATES

Covid Updates (Previously sent in an email)

This past week, families received communication regarding new confirmed cases of students/staff in our KE community. If a student in your child's cohort is positive you will find out the following way:

Parents/families of "close contacts" will be contacted first!


If your student is considered a "close contact" of any staff/student who has been confirmed to have COVID-19, families will receive an email/phone call communicating this. Whether someone is considered a close contact depends on a number of factors. Once our staff learn of a confirmed case, we work to establish the individual's "infectious period". From there, we review students' attendance records and determine which staff/students were likely to have interacted with this student and will communicate information regarding quarantine requirements to them directly.

Community Announcement

If we learn of a confirmed case but do not have reason to believe your student was not a close contact, families will receive a message stating that a member of our Kenmore Community has been confirmed to have COVID-19 but that your student(s) was not likely exposed or came into contact. This information is meant for informational purposes and there would not be any need for students/cohorts to quarantine.

Note:

If your child tests positive for Covid-19, please reach out to us immediately. We acknowledge that many students interact and participate on sports-teams and other community activities. We are limited in our ability to share information to families whose students are not



considered “close contacts”, so please continue to communicate any symptoms or information related to positive results with other community organizations/individuals as appropriate.

Please ensure your contact information is updated on Synergy.

Lastly, below is the NSD Reopening Covid-19 dashboard that was shared by Dr. Reid a few weeks ago.

<https://www.nsd.org/northshore-learns/reopening/reopening-data/covid-19-dashboard>

DISTRICT NEWS

VIRTUAL LEARNING FOR 21-22

The Northshore School District is planning a 100% virtual option for students K-12 who are not yet comfortable with in person instruction due to Covid-19 and/or thrived in the online learning environment. You can learn more by visiting www.nsd.org/nvp. In order to support our online planning efforts, you are encouraged to submit your [Intent to Enroll](#) form for this program as soon as possible. If you are planning to attend our full time in person model in the fall (traditional school model), you do not need to fill out a form.


IMMUNIZATIONS

Over the summer, families with children age 4 to 6 years old will receive a letter in the mail from the Washington State Department of Health with information about which vaccines their child may be missing. It will include the parent chart [Required Immunizations for School Year 2021-2022](#). All students, including those learning remotely, need to be in compliance with immunization requirements when school starts in the fall. Right now, children age 12 and up are eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine, but we expect younger children may be eligible for this vaccine as early as this fall. COVID-19 vaccine can be given at the same time as any of these other vaccines.

READY START

Northshore Early Childhood is currently enrolling for the Ready Start Tuition Program. It is a blended multi-age, inclusive model, serving students, ages 3-5. We currently have openings at Sorenson for the 2021/22 school year. Classrooms are taught and supported by a general education teacher, a special education teacher, and a para professional. Inclusive classrooms create a dynamic learning environment for all students. The average class size is 16 students, with class make-up of 8 students with IEP's, 4 students who pay tuition, and 4 students who are income eligible. Classrooms utilize The Creative Curriculum & Teaching Strategies GOLD Assessment Tool. The staff is committed to fostering student learning and cultivating friendships while creating a sense of community for our students. Utilizing developmentally appropriate teaching strategies to support a whole child approach to learning, within an inclusive environment, fosters high levels of student learning and social and emotional growth for all students.

For more information and enrollment paperwork please visit our Northshore School District website: <https://www1.nsd.org/schools/programs-services/early-childhood/ready-start-tuition->



[program](#) or contact Sorenson at (425) 408-5570.

Return all forms including deposit to:
Sorenson Early Childhood Center
19705 88th Ave NE
Bothell, WA 98011

Tuition Cost:
\$300 per month

KENMORE ELEMENTARY PTA

Please join us for our FINAL general membership meeting of the year on June 8th at 7 p.m. via Zoom!

At this meeting, we will be holding elections for the 2021/2022 KEPTA Executive Board. The current nomination slate for each KEPTA office is:

For Office of First President: Patti Foster

For Office of Second President: Jessie Lewis

For Office of Vice President: OPEN

For Office of Treasurer: Lauren Gregorich

For Office of Secretary: Betsy Kurscinka

The period for self-declared nominations for these positions closed on Tuesday, May 18, 2021.

We will also be announcing the winner(s) of this year's Golden Acorn Award! We hope that you can join us to celebrate the end of the year!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82774835663?pwd=dzJVa3RNNIBkY3BMV1dRY3lBQ2xzdz09>

Meeting ID: 827 7483 5663

Passcode: hp2x8T

Committee Chairs Needed for 2021-2022

We're looking forward to possibly being in-person full time next year! Are you looking for a way to volunteer and help bring back much-loved events and services? We have a number of PTA Committee Chairs open.

Right now we are actively seeking Chairs or Co-Chairs for the following committees for 2021-2022:

- Auction Chair
- After School Activities
- Membership
- Racial & Educational Justice

As well as other positions! You can find information about open positions on our website [here](#).



For more information, email president@kenmorepta.org.

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