

Kenmore Elementary Paw Prints

January 2022

Principal's Message

Happiest New Year wishes to all Cubs,

We are excited to welcome our new students and welcome back those who have returned to in person learning at Kenmore Elementary! Our newest student leader ambassadors will be sure to welcome or introduce them to our campus sometime in the weeks ahead.

As you return to campus you will notice some changes. An ornamental gate was installed over winter break to direct all visitors to the main office. This completes the fencing project that was a result of the 2018 bond which was approved by our Northshore voters. Thank you!

On Friday, Dr. Reid, sent out a "New Year COVID Update," and as stated in the message we will be closely monitoring and providing further direction should the need arise in the days and weeks ahead.

December was a hectic month to say the least! Our last day was a busy one filled with read alouds from Ms. Cano, indoor recess games, and some dance fun from yours truly. Another layer of concern was added as we navigated presumed threats that led to the closure of Bothell HS. I know this news was stressful and concerning for many. This is a good time for me to insert a reminder from Dr. Reid shared in her communication:

In situations where you do not believe there is imminent danger, you can also choose to use our 24-hour Safe Schools Alert System using the contact information below:

- Call - 885-521-2665
- Text - 885-521-2665
- Email - 1414@alert1.us
- Website - 1414.alert1.us

I would also appreciate a gentle reminder to your students to not make false claims when playing with friends about weapons. We have had a few reports of situations that required immediate investigations which took up valuable time from district resources and admin. Any help from the home front on this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Lastly, I am enclosing the Northshore Schools Foundation - [Adopt a Teacher](#) Wish Lists if you are so inclined to support your child's teacher. I know this will be an immense support to our KE teachers who

spend their own income towards classroom materials. Thank you again to all who generously donate and support our school. We see you and appreciate you.

A glimpse of what is happening in January:

iReady (January 3- February 4)

Students will be given the mid-winter assessment for iReady. I am aware that any type of assessment is received with mixed feelings, however, it is expected that everyone attempts to do their best. As someone who grew up in a culture with high stakes exams, I completely understand the added stress and anxiety this can cause. Please encourage your child to try their best and that their best is good enough. Additionally a restful night of sleep and healthy breakfast is good for test taking and everyday learning. The iReady informs your child's teacher on what they do or do not know and allows them to adjust instruction accordingly, also known as interventions or Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS)

RAN (Rapid Automatized Naming) assessments will be administered in January by our K & 1st grade teachers. This is part of the screening associated with identifying reading difficulties in the early grades and the expectation from Senate Bill 6162.

In addition to the screening, we will be required to use a Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) to determine which students will need reading interventions.

Student Leadership

In exciting news, approximately 75 fourth and fifth graders gathered for our first student leadership meeting under our covered basketball court in December. Mr. Finkelstein together with Admin revisited the nature of how we would need to proceed with this large group. We are thrilled at the level of interest. Students have applied for areas that have piqued their interest to lead in various capacities. In the next few weeks, they will be receiving additional information and training from key staff members to support these leadership assignments. Currently, we are developing leaders in the following areas: Student Ambassadors, Junior Coaches, Kindness Challenge Leads, Media Relations & Communications, Environmental Protection & Preservation, Tech Support, and expanding Safety Patrol.

Toys

We've recently observed a rise in stuffies and other toys making their appearances on campus. We would like to return to the past practice of not bringing these items to school. Teachers have requested to please help us remind your child to store these items in their backpacks (if they absolutely need the companion) when entering the classroom. This will eliminate the added distraction for the remainder of the day.

Holidays and Observances in January

January 17, 2021 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Ms. George-Shapiro
Principal

Important Dates

Wed, Jan. 5th - Early Release, 2:10pm

Tues, Jan. 11th - Safety Drill

Tues, Jan. 11th - KE Choir 2:45-4:30pm Music Room

Tues, Jan. 11th - KE PTA General Meeting, 6:30-7:30pm (via Zoom)

Wed, Jan. 12th - Early Release, 2:10pm

Mon, Jan. 17th - NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Tues, Jan. 18th - KE Choir, 3:45-4:30pm, Music Room

Wed, Jan. 19th - Early Release, 2:10pm

Tues, Jan. 25th - Science Adventure Lab Virtual Visit (4th Grade)

Tues, Jan. 25th - KE Choir, 3:45-4:30pm, Music Room

Wed, Jan. 26th - Early Release, 2:10pm

Mon, Jan. 31st - NO SCHOOL - Non-Student Day

Important Reminders

Daily School Schedule

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri: 9:10am – 3:40pm

Early Release Wednesday: 9:10am – 2:10pm

No student drop off before 8:50am

There is no supervision on campus until 8:50am.

Attendance

Washington State Law requires parents/guardians to inform the school of student absences. Please report your child's absence/tardy including the reason before 10:00am by leaving a message on the school attendance phone line at 425-408-4810. Student absences need to be reported in writing, by phone, or in person to the school office. In addition, absences not excused within two days of the absence are considered unexcused absences.

Change in After School Plans

Without a note, your child will not be able to make a change from their daily routine. If you forgot to send a note, please call the office as early in the day as possible. Calling late in the day is disruptive to the classroom since it requires the office to interrupt during learning time. *Change of plans must be communicated to us by 3:00pm.*

Early Student Pick Up

Your child's participation in the entire school day is important to their growth and success. Please do not pick your child up early unless absolutely necessary. Please do your best to schedule routine medical and dental appointments before or after school. In the event that you do need to pick your child up early, please notify the teacher in writing ahead of time. When picking up the child, please come to the main office to sign your child out and have them called to come to the office to meet you. Only adults on your child's emergency contact list may pick up your child in your absence. Be sure to bring photo ID with you to the office.

Dismissal

The school day ends at 3:40pm, and 2:10pm on Early Release Wednesdays. Please arrive on time to pick your child up at the end of the day. Students who have not be picked up by 3:55pm will be brought into the office for office staff to call parents and then emergency contacts to ensure someone is coming for pick up.

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.

Thank You!

Thank you for the incredible generosity and outpouring of support during this holiday season. Our Kenmore community helped sponsor many of our families and students in need. The gift cards were a big hit- not only did the families enjoy being able to shop for their children it was also equitable for all! Thank you to everyone for making the holiday season extra special!

District News

PACE Application Deadline For The 2022-2023 School Year

PACE (Parents Active in Cooperative Education), a choice educational enrichment program offered through the Northshore School District, is currently accepting applications for the 2022-2023 school year.

All applications are due prior to the February 10th PACE application 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>

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