

# KENMORE ELEMENTARY

## PAW PRINTS

MARCH 2022

### PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Cub Families,

I've often heard it said, "March comes in like a lion, out like a lamb." Though I grew up with many idioms, I remember hearing this particular one for the first time when I lived in New York. We hope this busy month will distract us from the rainy weather as we look toward longer days and warmer temperatures.

Let's jump right in with yesterday's announcement from the district, "...consistent with King County Health Department and State DOH guidance, we will transition to becoming mask-optional for all elementary, middle, and high school students and staff when outdoors on school and District building campuses." I am sure this is exciting news for many and concerning for others. However, this is yet another opportunity for us to demonstrate continued kindness and courtesy as we navigate this transition.

This month, we will be hosting kindergarten tours for our current and new families who are planning to join us in the fall. Announcements have been sent out to new families and we ask to please spread the word and share the dates listed below if we missed anyone.

In March we honor and celebrate Visionary Women. I've decided to expand "The Principal's Virtual Library" and will be sharing another installment later this week, in the meantime, if you missed viewing the selection from Black History Month it will still be available on Schoology.

Our staff would like to thank the PTA and Kenmore Elementary families for the Valentine Door Decorations and the treats that fueled us this past month.

Lastly, wishing all those who celebrate a Happy Mardi Gras or Ash Wednesday (if you observe) and a Happy St. Patrick's Day!

We look forward to seeing you around campus and perhaps the upcoming PTA Auction.

*Ms. George-Shapiro*  
Principal

## CLASS PICTURE DAY

### SAVE THE DATE!!

Class picture day will be on Tuesday, March 29th. Every student will receive 1 free class picture. There will also be the option to have individual spring portraits taken. Order forms will be coming home with your students soon.

## IMPORTANT DATES

Tues 3/1 - KE Choir, Music Room, 3:45pm-4:30pm

Wed 3/2 - 5th Grade Drumming Club, Music Room, 11:55am-12:25pm

**Wed 3/2 - Early Release, 2:10pm**

Mon 3/7 - Math Olympiad, Courtyard, 3:45pm-4:45pm

Tues 3/8 - KE Choir, Music Room, 3:45pm-4:30pm

Tues 3/8 - PTA Meeting, In-Person: Activity Room & Remote: via Zoom, 6:30pm-7:30pm

Wed 3/9 - 5th Grade Drumming Club, Music Room, 11:55am-12:25pm

**Wed 3/9 - Early Release, 2:10pm**

Thurs 3/10 - Popcorn Thursday

Thur 3/10 - Emergency Drill

Fri 3/11 - Dr. Reid Visits Kenmore Elementary

Mon 3/14 - Math Olympiad, Courtyard, 3:45pm-4:45pm

Tues 3/15 - KE Choir, Music Room, 3:45-4:30pm

**Wed 3/16 - Early Release, 2:10pm**

Wed 3/16 - 5th Grade Drumming Club, Music Room, 11:55am-12:25pm

Sat 3/19 - KE PTA Auction, Inglewood Country Club, 5pm-10pm

Mon 3/21 - Math Olympiad, Courtyard, 3:45pm-4:45pm

Tues 3/22 - KE Choir, Music Room, 3:45pm-4:30pm

Wed 3/23 - KMS Counselors visit 5th Grade Classes, 10:10am

Wed 3/23 - 5th Grade Drumming Club, Music Room, 11:55am-12:25pm

**Wed 3/23 - Early Release, 2:10pm**

Mon 3/28 - Math Olympiad, Courtyard, 3:45pm-4:45pm

**Tues 3/29 - Picture Day (Class Pictures and Individual Spring Portraits)**

Tues 3/29 - KE Choir, Music Room, 3:45pm-4:30pm

Wed 3/30 - 5th Grade Drumming Club Music Room, 11:55am-12:25pm

**Wed 3/30 - Early Release, 2:10pm**

## DR. REID VISIT

NSD Superintendent Dr. Reid will be visiting Kenmore Elementary on **Friday, March 11th**. Before talking with students and touring the classrooms, she will be hosting a **Meet and Greet for Parents & Guardians from 8:40-9:10am**. All Kenmore Elementary parents and guardians are welcome!

## KINDERGARTEN TOURS

In March, we will be holding kindergarten tours for families of incoming kindergarten students. If you know of any friends or neighbors who have students that will be starting Kindergarten at Kenmore next year, please help us spread the word!

### Kenmore Elementary Kindergarten Tours

Tuesday, March 8th @ 2:15-3:00pm

Wednesday, March 9th @ 10:00-10:45am

Wednesday, March 9th @ 10:45-11:30am

Bring your student and tour the campus with Principal Geetha George-Shapiro and Assistant Principal Elizabeth Cano.

**Spanish interpretation will be available.**

Please call to register, 425-408-4800 (dial "4" for Main Office).

## MEET OUR NEW COUNSELOR!

Hi, my name is Kelsey Plummer. I am filling in for Samantha Nunes and will serve as the new school counselor for the remainder of the school year. I am thrilled to work with your child and with the families of Kenmore Elementary. My role is to provide support to students, families, and staff members to ensure student success. I am here to help students develop socially, emotionally, and academically and give them tools to help remove any barriers in the way of becoming their best selves.

I am a Northshore School District alum, graduating from Woodinville High School. I received my bachelor's degree in Kinesiology and Psychology from Washington State University (Go Cougs!), and I am finishing up my Master of Arts in Education in School Counseling from Seattle University. You can find me playing pickleball, hiking, or trying a new restaurant on the weekends. I am excited to join the Kenmore Elementary team! I will be on-site every week on Tuesdays and Thursdays and every other Wednesday. Looking forward to connecting with you in the future.

Kelsey Plummer  
School Counselor  
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# ENROLLMENT FOR 2022-2023

## ENROLLMENT FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

Enrollment is now open for the 2022-2023 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>

## THANK YOU!

Thank you to the anonymous parent for the generous Valentine's Day gift of new pens and post-its for all! It was such a sweet surprise!

Thank you to all of our thoughtful Kenmore Families who surprised our staff on Valentine's Day when we arrived in the morning and saw decorations all over campus. You certainly had us all feeling loved!

## DISTRICT NEWS

### NSD CHINESE LANGUAGE PROGRAM

The Northshore School District Chinese Language Program, housed at Sunrise Elementary, will welcome a new cohort of first graders in the Fall of 2022. Students in this class will have the opportunity to learn Mandarin Chinese, and will spend roughly 20 percent of the day speaking, listening, reading and writing Mandarin Chinese. If you are interested in hearing about the details of this choice program, please join the informational meeting (held on Zoom) TODAY: **Tuesday, March 1 at 6:30**. Go [this website](#), where broadcast details of the event will be posted soon.

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