

Kenmore Elementary Paw Prints

NOVEMBER 2021

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy November Everyone!

Plenty of updates this month so I will get to it...

Acknowledgement

I received numerous and encouraging emails these past few weeks. I have certainly not been able to keep up with all emails and want to acknowledge that I received your thoughtful emails and appreciated the feedback. Thank you!

Our Classes

In May, our Kenmore teachers collectively decided that it was important for students to stay in their current classes as students never really had the opportunity to connect. It made sense, as immense time and effort went into the makeup of these classes in the spring of 2020. Teachers felt it would benefit our students who had connected virtually and would continue to strengthen friendships and further support their social emotional connections that developed last year remotely and in-person. I realized this past week the “why” behind the roll up of classes may not have clearly been communicated or lost in the many emails/messages sent out in the spring. We did take into consideration the parent input forms when we formed classes. The cohort of students in every grade at Kenmore are a unique group, connected through one of the most challenging times in history. We hope that our Cubs will further develop their friendships and continue to grow socially and emotionally as this year progresses.

Recess

In October we welcomed a new addition to our School Assistant team. You may have heard of Ms. Sona who will be supervising recess alongside Ms. K. We are thrilled to have this dynamic duo at recess. It was a challenging September as we navigated the substitute shuffle at recess with some very generous staff volunteers. Along those lines, we’ve been easing into grade level zones these past two weeks. Cubs are certainly enjoying this time with their peers. Our takeaways from the first 6-weeks of zones? Fewer disciplinary issues than September 2019

(pre-Covid/no zones.) What does that mean? We are reviewing possible ways to enhance our recess time with some training for staff and students. I believe this is a worthwhile investment towards a treasured time in our Cubs' day.

Dismissal

A reminder: All parent pick up by car will enter only from 73rd Ave., and exit only toward 185th St. If you forget this, please do not "cut in line" this is causing a lot of upset with drivers who have been waiting. We understand that other family members/emergency contacts may help out with pick up from time to time, we ask that you please communicate this message to them as well.

Leadership

Starting in December or a little sooner, we will begin our Kenmore Leadership team led by Mr. Finkelstein. We are shifting our focus from "running for office" to opportunities for all 4th and 5th graders to lead in various capacities. Currently, we have Safety Patrol and soon, we plan on introducing Student Ambassadors, Junior Coaches and clubs. All students in grades 4 & 5 will be invited. Our intent is to shift our leadership culture to be more inclusive and encourage participation. This model has been tested at Ruby Bridges with positive feedback from families.

COVID-19 Updates

The biggest change this week is that a cough is now considered a symptom which needs to be tested for COVID whereas last week it was a single symptom that could resolve in 24 hours. Interested in the updated flowchart? [Here you go!](#)

November Holidays & Observances

November 1- Dia De Los Muertos

November 4 - Deepavali (Diwali) - Festival of Lights!

November 11 - Veterans Day

November 25 - Thanksgiving

Wishing all our Kenmore Cub families who celebrate...a Happy Diwali and A Wonderful Thanksgiving!

Geetha George-Shapiro

Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

Tues, Nov. 2nd - KE Choir, Music Room, 3:45-4:30pm

Wed, Nov. 3rd - Early Release, 2:10pm

Tues, Nov. 9th - KE Choir, Music Room, 3:45-4:30pm

Tues, Nov. 9th - General PTA Meeting, Activity Room, 6:30-7:30pm

Wed, Nov. 10th - Early Release, 2:10pm

Thurs, Nov. 11th - VETERAN'S DAY - NO SCHOOL

Tues, Nov. 16th - Picture Retake Day, 9:00am-12:00pm

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Wed, Nov. 17th - Early Release, 2:10pm

Thurs, Nov. 18th - Dismissal at 12:20pm

Fri, Nov. 19th - Dismissal at 12:20pm

Mon, Nov. 22nd - Dismissal at 12:20pm

Tues, Nov. 23rd - Dismissal at 12:20pm

Wed, Nov. 24th - Dismissal at 12:20pm

Thurs, Nov. 25th - NO SCHOOL

Fri, Nov. 26th - NO SCHOOL

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

CONFERENCE DAYS

Elementary school conferences are Thursday, November 18th - Wednesday, November 24th.

Each of these days will be a half day, with dismissal at 12:20pm ***Please plan accordingly!***

PICTURE RETAKES

Picture Retake Day is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 16th from 9:00-12:00.**

If a student needs a retake they will need to return their original picture package.

MASKS


With the wet weather beginning and cold season upon us, we ask that you please send an extra mask in your child's back pack each day in a plastic/zip-lock bag. We find that if a child needs to replace their mask during the day they much prefer to wear their own masks than the medical masks we can provide. Thank you in advance!

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 so much to our volunteers who helped run our Individual Picture Day! The process went so smoothly because of your help and we are so appreciative!

Thank you to Jessie Lewis, Amy Bornemeier, Tiffany Mason and Erin Welch!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help for vision and hearing screening this year. We could not have done it without you!

Thank you to Jessie Lewis, Sarah Linville, Hillarie Windish, Tiffany Masen-Smith, Brianna Chung, Tracy Michaels, Amber Thor and Erin Welch!

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