

Kenmore Elementary Paw Prints

MAY 2022

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Cub Families,

We start this fun-filled and busy month by celebrating and thanking our Kenmore Elementary staff which include teachers, guest teachers, classified staff, school nurse, custodial, kitchen and office staff and bus drivers. I am grateful to work with an amazing group of people committed to creating a safe space for all our cubs and guiding them through their elementary journey.

We just received the exciting news that Kenmore Elementary will be offering a 2-3 and 4-5 EAP split for the 2022-2023 school year! We couldn't be happier with this news and are looking forward to serving our existing and newly qualified students in their "home" school.

Last Friday, we announced our C.P. and Dorothy Johnson Humanitarian Award recipients, this huge honor was awarded to Jayda Branch and Mira Spring. Congratulations to Jayda, Mira and their families! (Pictured below)

The Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) will begin this week for our 3-5th graders, note the specific dates for your child's grade level as well as recommendations below. Our teams have worked hard to expose them to the sample test and we know our Cubs will demonstrate growth on these upcoming tests.

In addition to all activities happening this month, planning for our next school year has already begun. There will be staffing changes and adjustments will happen through the month of August. We will not be rolling up classes. We have no information on teacher placements nor will requests be entertained, however, specific behavioral or educational concerns that address your child's needs will certainly be considered in balancing our classes. Some of you have done an excellent job communicating this with us. If you would like to share about your child, please fill out this [Family Input Form \(English\)](#) / [Family Input Form \(Spanish\)](#) by Friday, May 13th. Please note this form is optional and is for unique information we may not know about your child.

As restrictions are gradually being lifted in our district, we are excited to host some exciting events this month, Sowah Mensah, Family Culture Night (please see Blackboard message sent earlier), Kindness Celebration, and Track and Field. We hope you will join us at one or more of these events, please note dates and times below.

I failed to mention that last month was [National Arab American Heritage Month](#). This month has been observed since April 2017. We would like to recognize and acknowledge our Arab American families at Kenmore Elementary who may also be celebrating Eid al-Fitr this week.

May is [Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month](#), dedicated to recognizing the contributions of Asian American and Pacific Islanders. I am proud to be part of this community and be able to acknowledge that for the very first time in my career, I am working with colleagues who identify as such. The Principal Bookcase on AAPI will be shared via Schoology later this week.

Last but not least, wishing our Muslim families a Happy [Eid al-Fitr](#) and to those who celebrate... a [Happy Cinco De Mayo](#)!

Ms. George-Shapiro

May- Asian Heritage Month (Latest Principal's pick will be shared via Schoology)

May 3 - Eid al Fitr (End of Ramadan)

May 5 - Cinco De Mayo

IMPORTANT DATES

May 2-6 Sowah Mensah Week

May 2-6 Staff Appreciation Week

May 4 - Early Release Wednesday, 2:10pm

May 6 - Track and Field Meet @ Kenmore Elementary, 5:00pm

May 9 - After School STEM Academy, Room 24, 3:45-5:15pm

May 10 - Track and Field Meet @ Kenmore Elementary (hosted by Moorlands), 5:00pm

May 10 - General PTA Meeting, Activity Room, 6:30-7:30pm

May 11 - Early Release Wednesday, 2:10pm

May 11-12 - 5th Graders @ Camp Cedar Springs

May 13 - Emergency Drill

May 17 - 2nd Grade Field Trip to Edmonds Beach

May 17 - Track and Field Meet & Kenmore Elementary (hosted by Shelton View), 5:00pm

May 18 - Early Release Wednesday, 2:10pm

May 19 - Popcorn Thursday

May 19 - After School STEM Academy, Room 24, 3:45-5:15pm

May 20 - Family Culture Night, 5:30-8:30pm

May 24 - Track and Field Junior Olympics Meet @ Bothell High School, 5:30pm

May 25 - Early Release Wednesday, 2:10pm

May 26 - After School STEM Academy, Room 24, 3:45-5:15pm

May 27 - 3rd Grade Swamp Creek Walking Field Trip

SPIRIT DAYS!

Here are the Spirit Days slated for the remainder of the year, student voted:

May 24th - Color By Grade Day (colors to be announced by teacher prior to Spirit Day)

June 7th - Mismatch Day

***ALL Fridays are school spirit gear or school colors day!**

OPTIONAL FAMILY INPUT FORM

Below are the links to both English and Spanish versions of the Optional Family Input Form that can be completed online. Please contact the school office if you need assistance or interpretation to complete this form. **If you choose to complete this form, responses are due Friday, May 13th.**

Link to English Optional Family Input Form: [Family Input Form \(English\)](#).

Link to Spanish Optional Family Input Form: [Family Input Form \(Spanish\)](#).

ONLINE ENROLLMENT

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>

*Timely kindergarten enrollment is very important as we plan staffing for the 22-23 school year.

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 22-23 school year.

TRACK & FIELD MEETS

Meets will be held at Kenmore Elementary on May 6th (**Friday**), May 10th, and 17th starting at 5:00 p.m. The Junior Olympics will be held on May 24st at Bothell High School starting at 5:30p.m. **Parents are responsible for arranging transportation to and from the meets.**

SMARTER BALANCED ASSESSMENT (SBA)

Students in grades 3rd, 4th and 5th will be taking the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) in May.

- **3rd Grade ELA SBA** (Reading and Writing)- (May 17th and 19th)
- **3rd Grade Math SBA**- (May 24th and 26th)

- **4th Grade ELA SBA** (Reading and Writing)- (May 17th and 19th)
- **4th Grade Math SBA**- (May 24th and 26th)

- **5th Grade ELA SBA** (Reading and Writing)- (May 4th and 5th)
- **5th Grade Math SBA**- (May 19th and 20th)
- **5th Grade Science** (WCAS)- (May 24th)

-Set your child up for testing success by:

- *Ensuring your child goes to bed on time the night before the test.
- *Providing a healthy breakfast.
- *Helping your child to remember to charge their Chromebook.
- *Reassuring your child that trying their best is what matters.

**If you have any questions, please contact your child's classroom teacher or Kenmore's SBA testing coordinator, Emily Grossman at egrossman@nsd.org.



LIBRARY BOOKS

Last Library check-out day is Friday, May 27th.

All Library books are due no later than Monday, June 6th.

If your child has lost a book, please visit go.nsd.org/keqa.

Please contact Chris Brush, KE Library Teacher, with any questions. cbrush@nsd.org or 425.408.4812

Thank you!

SOWAH MENSAAH

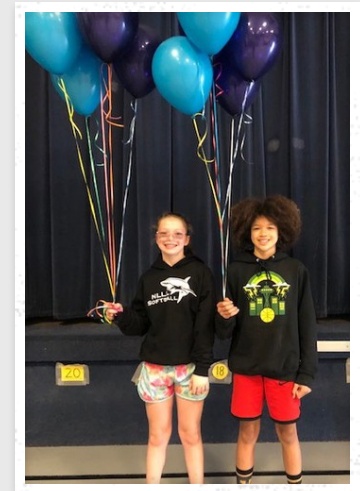
Sowah Mensah is returning to KE the week of May 2-6.

We've been privileged to have him work with our students for 16 years. He will be drumming with every student and teaching them about customs and traditions in Ghana, Africa. A core group of 5th graders and 4th graders have been learning the drums, gyil xylophones and gourds over the past couple of months and will perform a concert with Sowah on Thursday evening **May 5th at 6:30pm** outside the gym. Bring your lawnchair and join us. A BIG THANK YOU to the PTA for sponsoring this unique, week long music education experience for our students!!

If you have any questions please email Mrs. Sandusky at jsandusky@nsd.org.

C.P. AND DOROTHY JOHNSON HUMANITARIAN AWARD

"The C.P. and Dorothy Johnson Humanitarian Award was created for the purpose of promoting and recognizing characteristics of humanitarianism in Northshore students. Each year, every school in the district nominates two students who exemplify these criteria in their schools: community, acceptance, and advocacy.



Please join us in celebrating Kenmore Elementary School's selected recipients. These students will be recognized at a district-wide event on May 26 before the School Board, Superintendent Dr. Reid, and other winners in the district. This is a huge honor and we could not be more proud to announce Kenmore Elementary's amazing humanitarians—fifth grade students Jayda Branch and Mira Spring. Congratulations to Jayda, Mira, and their families!"

THANK YOU!!

Thank you to the PTA for hosting another successful Popcorn Thursday on April 7th. Thank you to our awesome volunteers **Patti Foster, Jessie Lewis, Sarah McLauchlan, Mandy Aley** popcorn popping superstar **Janice Helmann!**

Thank you to **The Reid Family** for treating our staff to delicious rolls! They were tasty and it was amazing to know the story behind them!

Thank you to the **anonymous donor** who gifted classified staff with surprise Starbucks gift cards this month. What a thoughtful surprise!

Thank you to **The Saiyan Family** for keeping our staff room and office stocked with delicious chocolate!

Thank you to The **Doot Family** for the early staff appreciation gift of handmade chocolate treats for all!

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

NOW RECRUITING FOR FALL 2022-2023!

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 (Spanish) at 425-408-4862 to receive program information and help with applications.

These activities are not sponsored nor endorsed by the Northshore School District or any of its schools. The district assumes no responsibility for the conduct during or safety of the activities. Northshore School District shall be held harmless from any cause of action, claim, or petition filed in any court or administrative tribunal arising out of the distribution of these materials including attorney's fees and judgements or awards.