

KENMORE ELEMENTARY

PAW PRINTS

JUNE 2022

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

Once again the horrific news from Robb Elementary School left us feeling vulnerable and uneasy this past week. Thank you for the kind words and encouraging all of us here at KE. Additionally, I would like to thank Police Chief Moen who confirmed they have been patrolling our campus to be more visible in schools this week. If you see Police Chief Moen or his team circling our campus in the weeks ahead please do not be alarmed.

As we head off to summer I am going to leave you with a few celebrations, reminders and farewells.

It is with mixed feelings that I wish Ms. Giuffrida, our school nurse, a heartfelt congratulations as she leaves us to begin her retirement. She has shared that she will be supporting our district in a different capacity during her "free" time, and we look forward to it.

Another staff member joining the ranks of retirees is Mr. Oie, our music teacher who has taught Kenmore Elementary & Hollywood Hill Elementary these past few years. He is glad he has been able to serve our school and plans to live "the good life" during his retirement.

I am sure you will join me in wishing the very best in retirement to Ms. Giuffrida and Mr. Oie! We look forward to celebrating them and a few other staff moving on to new adventures at our staff luncheon.

In May, Kenmore Elementary hosted a visit from our School Board, a visit occurs once every three years. This is an opportunity to showcase our school, the work our staff has accomplished, and student progress.

Here are a few highlights from the slide deck:

Goal 2-Responsible, Resilient & Empathetic Learners

- Established new student leader opportunities

- Ambassadors, Junior Coaches, Safety Patrol (expanded), Media Relations & Communications, Assembly/Spirit Team and Tech Support.
- Student Voice - School wide climate surveys (K-2 and 3-5)
- PBIS Character Traits of the weeks/Good News from Kenmore, School Wide Reading Challenge, C.P. & Dorothy Johnson Humanitarian Award Recognition
- Introduced Recess Reboot for all students (supports district-wide Multi Tiered System of Supports (MTSS))
- Junior Coaches modeling and supporting Social Emotional Learning (SEL) on the playground.

Goal 3-Growth for Every Student

- iReady Fall to Winter diagnostics - Overall, our students in 4th and 5th grades demonstrated growth between the fall and Winter diagnostics. Teachers are currently administering the Spring diagnostic and we anticipate a positive trajectory based on our winter results. We will share more of this data in the fall when all results from SBA (Smarter Balanced Assessment) and iReady are compiled.
- Kindergarten - Students met goals in letter and number recognition; a few students have also begun reading and writing.
- Grades 1-3, Students explored beginning chapter books and developed their reading stamina. We had a few non-readers make leaps these past 8 months. In math, students began working on adding and subtracting single digit numbers (1st Grade), solving word problems (2nd Grade) and learning multiplication and division facts (3rd Grade).
- 2-3 EAP (Elementary Accelerated Program) - successfully completed 3 & 4th grade Math curriculum.

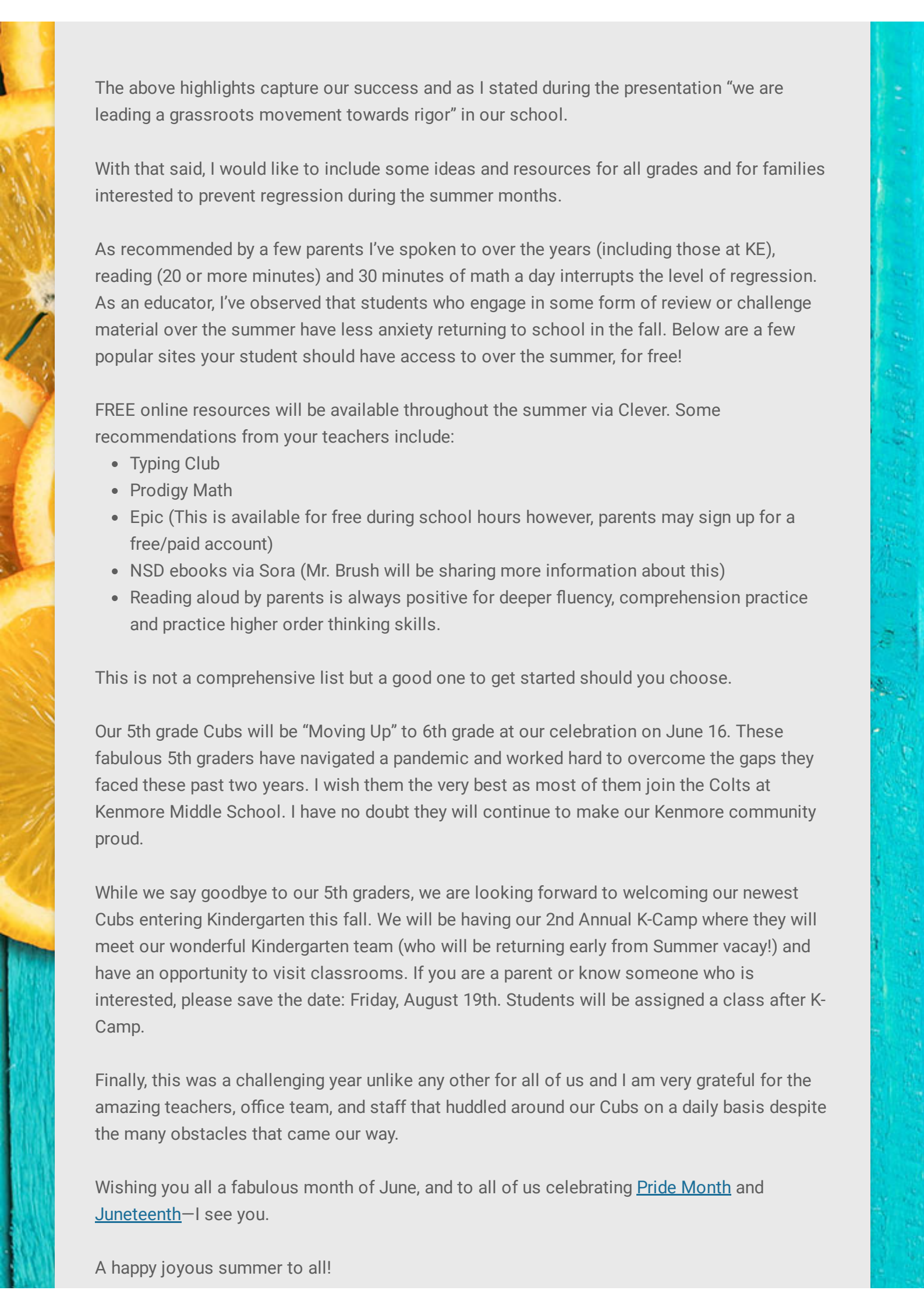
Thank you to our amazing teachers whose perseverance and dedication allowed for this growth to take place. They navigated gaps, social emotional struggles and many other obstacles to make this happen.

Racial & Educational Justice (REJ)

- Staff participated in book study: *This Book is Anti-Racist*
- Teachers accessed monthly resources
- Principal Virtual Library: Black History Month, Women Visionaries, and AAPI
- Restorative approach in collaboration with teacher and REJ Department
- Increase in diverse book selection and read alouds by teachers
- PTA-funded REJ book selection
- Private parent donation of all multilingual (ML) "wishlist" books

Engagement

- STEAM Fair- over 120 projects (organized by PTA)
- Family Culture Night (organized by PTA)
- Boeing STEM Academy for 4th and 5th grade students supported by Bothell High School Science Olympiad students
- 41 4th, 5th and 3rd (EAP) students participated in Math Olympiad
- Virtual Math Family Night presented by Title I
- Virtual SBA Informational Night presented by Ms. Myers and Ms. Grossman



The above highlights capture our success and as I stated during the presentation “we are leading a grassroots movement towards rigor” in our school.

With that said, I would like to include some ideas and resources for all grades and for families interested to prevent regression during the summer months.

As recommended by a few parents I’ve spoken to over the years (including those at KE), reading (20 or more minutes) and 30 minutes of math a day interrupts the level of regression. As an educator, I’ve observed that students who engage in some form of review or challenge material over the summer have less anxiety returning to school in the fall. Below are a few popular sites your student should have access to over the summer, for free!

FREE online resources will be available throughout the summer via Clever. Some recommendations from your teachers include:

- Typing Club
- Prodigy Math
- Epic (This is available for free during school hours however, parents may sign up for a free/paid account)
- NSD ebooks via Sora (Mr. Brush will be sharing more information about this)
- Reading aloud by parents is always positive for deeper fluency, comprehension practice and practice higher order thinking skills.

This is not a comprehensive list but a good one to get started should you choose.

Our 5th grade Cubs will be “Moving Up” to 6th grade at our celebration on June 16. These fabulous 5th graders have navigated a pandemic and worked hard to overcome the gaps they faced these past two years. I wish them the very best as most of them join the Colts at Kenmore Middle School. I have no doubt they will continue to make our Kenmore community proud.

While we say goodbye to our 5th graders, we are looking forward to welcoming our newest Cubs entering Kindergarten this fall. We will be having our 2nd Annual K-Camp where they will meet our wonderful Kindergarten team (who will be returning early from Summer vacay!) and have an opportunity to visit classrooms. If you are a parent or know someone who is interested, please save the date: Friday, August 19th. Students will be assigned a class after K-Camp.

Finally, this was a challenging year unlike any other for all of us and I am very grateful for the amazing teachers, office team, and staff that huddled around our Cubs on a daily basis despite the many obstacles that came our way.

Wishing you all a fabulous month of June, and to all of us celebrating [Pride Month](#) and [Juneteenth](#)—I see you.

A happy joyous summer to all!

Geetha George-Shapiro
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

June 1st - Early Release Wednesday, 2:10pm

June 2nd - Popcorn Thursday

June 2nd - After School STEM Academy, Room 24, 3:45-5:15pm

June 2nd-3rd - PTA Summer Book Event (during class)

June 7th - Mismatch Day!

June 7th - General PTA Meeting, Activity Room/Zoom, 6:30-7:30pm

June 8th - Early Release Wednesday, 2:10pm

June 8th - Head Start End of Year Family Party, Courtyard, 2:30-4:30pm

June 9th - 5th Grade Safety Patrol End of Year Party, Bowlero, 10:30am-1:00pm

June 10th - All School Walk & Talk, Outside, 10:10-10:55am

June 10th - All School Picnic Lunch (during normal lunch times)

June 10th - All School Field Day, 2:00-3:25pm

June 13th - 5th Grade End of Year Party, Big Finn Hill Park, 10:00am-1:45pm

June 14th - All School Fun Run (during specialist times)

June 15th - All School Scavenger Hunt Day (during specialist times)

June 15th - *Full Wednesday - Dismissal at 3:40pm*

June 16th - Last Day of Head Start Preschool

June 16th - 5th Grade Moving Up Celebration, Undercover Basketball Court, 2:30-3:30pm

June 17th - *Last Day of School - Dismissal at 11:10am*

June 22 - Report Cards Mailed Home

June 23rd - Kenmore Elementary Office Closing for Summer Break @ 3:00pm.



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The Kenmore Elementary Office will be closing for summer break on Thursday, June 23rd @ 3:00pm. The office will reopen with summer hours on Monday, August 8th at 9:00am.

Please note that summer office hours are 9:00am-3:00pm

ENROLLMENT

Enrollment is now open for the 2022-2023 School Year!

Enrollment is needed for **incoming kindergarteners** and new



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.

LIBRARY BOOK RETURN

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!



SUMMER READING!

Please visit go.nsd.org/kesummerreading to learn more about summer reading opportunities.

5TH GRADE MOVING UP CELEBRATION

5th Grade Moving Up Celebration
Thursday, June 16th @ 2:30pm
Undercover Basketball Area



For our parents and guardians of the Class of 2029, please plan to join us on June 16, 2022 for our 5th Grade Moving Up Celebration. We will be holding this even in the undercover basketball area in the lower parking lot. We will start promptly at 2:30 with awards, recognition

of staff leaving Kenmore Elementary, and finally certificates of completion for all our 5th grade students. Students will then walk the campus to say goodbye to former teachers and allow our younger students to wish our 5th graders well as they transition to middle school.

Please know that this is an outdoor event, and though we are planning for sunshine, know that may not pan out. Please allow extra time for parking (the lower lot will be closed for buses/dismissal), signing in at the main office, and walking to the location.



THANK YOU

Thank you to all of our PTA volunteers who gave their time to be on campus and run Popcorn Thursdays this spring! A delicious tradition to bring back to Kenmore!

Thank you to everyone who celebrated our amazing staff during staff appreciation week, and to the all of the generous PTA members who provided us with a delicious staff appreciation lunch!

Thank you to all of our community members who became emergency subs this year and have been working in the classrooms to ensure we are staffed appropriately to serve all of our students. We couldn't have made it through the past year without you!

FAREWELL FROM NURSE TRISH

Dear Kenmore Elementary Community,

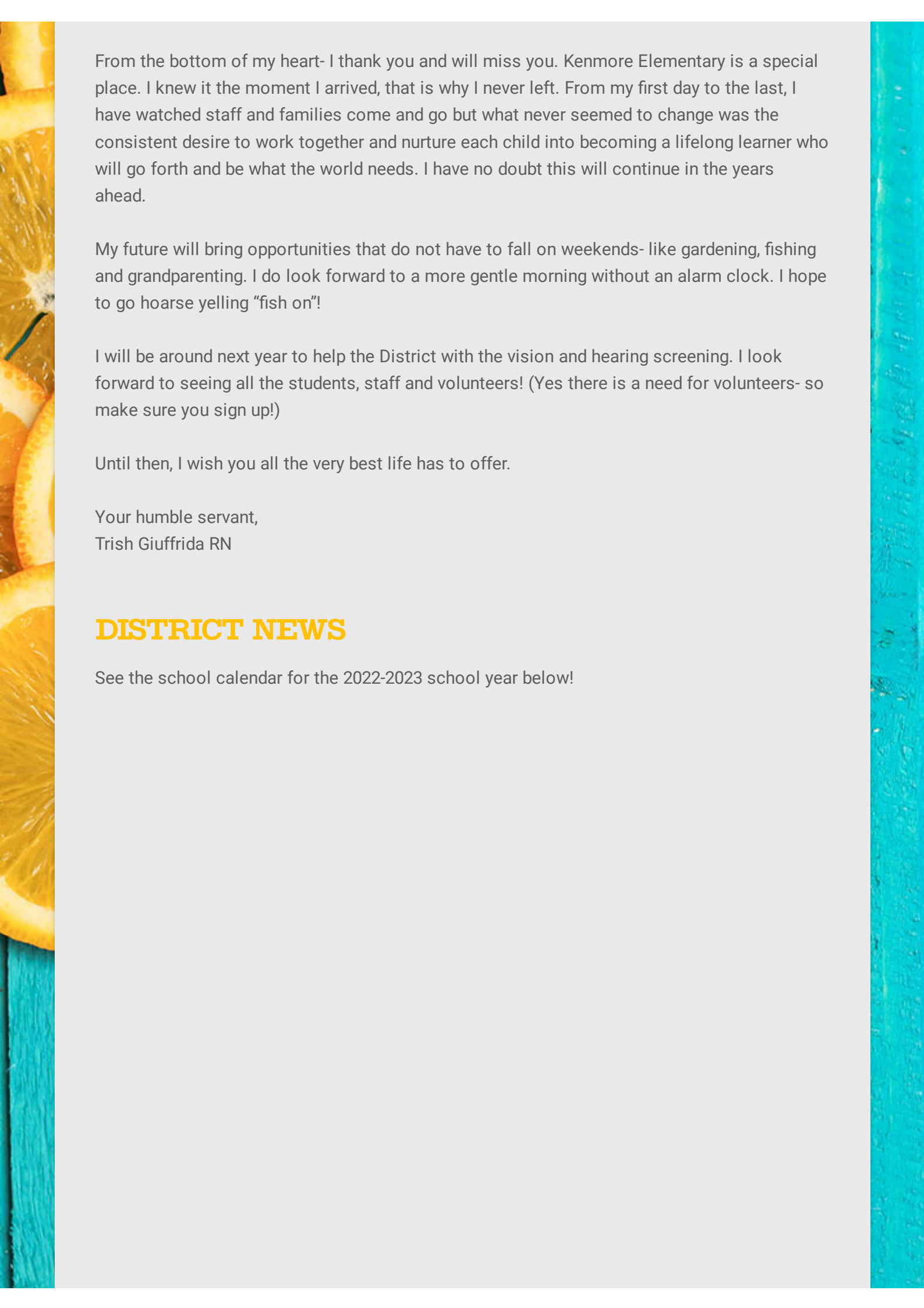
After many years- the time has come for me to retire, and I do so with such mixed emotions.



As I reflected on my time at Kenmore Elementary, one unifying theme kept coming to the forefront and that is the trust you had in me. You entrusted me with the responsibility for the health and safety of your child while at school. A job I never took lightly. The experience led to some of the tenderest moments I will cherish forever.

I have the deepest appreciation for this community who extended their trust to me. Many of you allowed me to share in their personal joy and laughter as well as your grief and sorrow. It was an honor to be your confidant, sounding board, and a shoulder you took to lean on.

The community trusted me with a special financial budget to support the needs of our families. A budget that was formed early in my KE career by the PTA to help with the purchase of a pair of glasses for a student. Now it is a substantial grant with an actual PTA committee - Social Services.



From the bottom of my heart- I thank you and will miss you. Kenmore Elementary is a special place. I knew it the moment I arrived, that is why I never left. From my first day to the last, I have watched staff and families come and go but what never seemed to change was the consistent desire to work together and nurture each child into becoming a lifelong learner who will go forth and be what the world needs. I have no doubt this will continue in the years ahead.

My future will bring opportunities that do not have to fall on weekends- like gardening, fishing and grandparenting. I do look forward to a more gentle morning without an alarm clock. I hope to go hoarse yelling "fish on"!

I will be around next year to help the District with the vision and hearing screening. I look forward to seeing all the students, staff and volunteers! (Yes there is a need for volunteers- so make sure you sign up!)

Until then, I wish you all the very best life has to offer.

Your humble servant,
Trish Giuffrida RN

DISTRICT NEWS

See the school calendar for the 2022-2023 school year below!

Significant Dates

August 23, 24, 25	Non-Student Days
August 31	First Day of School
September 5	Labor Day
November 11	Veterans Day (Observed)
November 24	Thanksgiving Day
November 25	Native American Heritage Day
December 19 - 30	Winter Break
January 2	New Years Day Observed
January 16	Martin Luther King Day
January 30	Non-Student Day
February 20	President's Day
February 21 - 24	Mid-Winter Break
April 10 - 14	Spring Break
May 26	Vacation Day/Emergency Make-up Day
May 29	Memorial Day
June 19	Juneteenth
June 20	Last Day of School
June 21	Non-Student Day

Grading Days Elementary and Secondary

January 30, June 21

Calendar Keys



First Day of School
Holidays
Vacation Breaks
Non-Student Days
Last Day of School June 20
Elementary Early Dismissal



Early Release Wednesdays
Emergency Make-up Days



Commencement dates:
TBD

Quarter/Semester End Dates

October 28.....	42 Days
January 27	50 Days
April 7	44 Days
June 20	44 Days

Northshore Schools 2022 - 2023 School Calendar



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