

Kenmore Elementary Paw Prints

SEPTEMBER 2022

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear KE Families,

It has been a fun-filled two days of welcoming our Kenmore Cubs and visiting every single classroom. It was a joy to see our sweet cubs gracing the hallways, classrooms, and playground with excitement.

Our staff and students rocked these first two days...

As we walked through campus we enjoyed get-to-know-you activities, read-alouds on kindness and friendships. Students talked a lot among themselves about the friends they are meeting in their class—fast forming friendships are underway.

We look forward to welcoming our littlest Cubs next week when kindergartens join us!

As mentioned in our Welcome Back Newsletter a few weeks ago, this monthly installment can get quite lengthy, please take a moment to read (with your favorite beverage ;) to know what is happening at our school.

Strategic Action Plan (SAP)

These past three weeks, administration, our School District Leadership Team (SDLT), and staff participated in professional development geared towards the Science of Reading (SOR), “the why,” or purpose driving our new English Language Arts (ELA) curriculum.

As in years past, our school year begins with our overall goals for our students. This year was no different as we developed our [Strategic Action Plan](#) and goals for the 2022-2023 school year.

Our work at Northshore School District is rooted in the [Racial & Educational Justice](#). This overarching principle is the lens through which we strive to fulfill our goals.

As a district we will focus on Domain 3 for a second year in a row. Our staff assessed themselves on the Domain 3: Teaching Learning & Self Reflection rubric, and they voted to focus on the following areas:

3D—Students and families have the opportunity to be experts in the classroom, school, and district.

(Think ways to contribute in your child's classroom, sharing your holidays, presentations or for our Family Culture Night organized by the PTA)

3G—Educators are knowledgeable about creative, innovative, and equitable instructional approaches. (We will continue to collaborate and learn through various resources available to us to learn about the equitable instructional approaches.)

Goal 1: Success in the Early Years—"Each student will develop intellectual curiosity, persistence, social-emotional awareness, and academic skills to be positioned for success by the end of grade 3."

Goal 3: Growth for Every student Elimination of Outcome and Opportunity Gaps—"Each student will experience continuous growth in all subjects, progress toward graduation at a pace that eliminates opportunity and outcome gaps, and receive fair and equitable treatment with regards to discipline."

Our instructional practices will strive to meet these goals in addition to focusing on the whole child and building upon Social Emotional Learning we established over past years. As always, we will strive to develop resilient, responsible, and empathetic students. (Goal 2)

Thank you for joining us for Open House last week. We had a large turn out and appreciate all who took the time to visit classrooms and enjoy popsicles provided by our generous KEPTA. We look forward to seeing you at our next event on Tuesday, Oct 11, 2022 for our Q & A Curriculum Night. This will include a short Title I informational session.

It's going to be a great year!

In partnership,

Geetha George-Shapiro
Principal

EMAILS

Our teacher leadership team values the importance of a work-life balance. Please be aware that in order for our staff to function optimally, we've established guidelines so they can bring their best selves to your children. To that end, you will not receive a response from any emails after 5 p.m.

IMPORTANT DATES

Sept. 5 - NO SCHOOL (Labor Day)
Sept. 6 - Kindergarten Group A First Day
Sept. 7 - Kindergarten Group B First Day
Sept. 7 - Early Release Wednesday - Dismissal @ 2:10pm
Sept. 8 - ALL Kindergarten Students Attend Together
Sept. 9 - Emergency Drill
Sept. 13 - General PTA Meeting, 7:00-8:30pm
Sept. 14 - Early Release Wednesday - Dismissal @ 2:10pm
Sept. 15 - Head Start Preschool First Day
Sept. 21 - Early Release Wednesday - Dismissal @ 2:10pm
Sept. 27 - Virtual Curriculum Night



Sept. 28 - Early Release Wednesday - Dismissal @ 2:10pm

Sept. 29 - Individual Picture Day!

OBSERVATIONS AND CELEBRATIONS

[Onam](#) August 30-September 10

[MoonCake](#) Festival - September 10

[National Hispanic Heritage Month](#) —September 15-October 15

[Rosh Hashanah](#) - September 25-September 27



PICTURE DAY

Individual Picture Day is scheduled for Thursday, September 29th.

Order forms will come home with students mid-September.

REMINDERS FROM THE OFFICE

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.

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

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 been 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.

DISTRICT NEWS

KE Modernization Project

Stay tuned for more information in our next newsletter.

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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