

# Kenwood School Newsletter

## Principally Speaking

December 12, 2018

As we have just concluded our two week "trial period" of having recess before our lunch break, I would like to invite any of our parents to share your thoughts regarding the experiment. I will be sending out a survey later this week for our 1-6 grade students to provide input (with teacher assistance, as needed).

Please feel free to email me at [bbales@kenwoodschool.org](mailto:bbales@kenwoodschool.org) and share any thoughts regarding the "recess before lunch" experience. Our teaching staff and classroom assistants will be meeting after the holiday break to share our thoughts and experiences before we determine if this will be something we consider on a permanent basis, either during the current school year or at the beginning of our next school year.

## Cougar Club REMINDERS!

**1) Payments are due A.S.A.P.**

**2) On Friday, December 14, 2018 Cougar Club Closes promptly at 3:00 p.m. (Staff Holiday Party)**



### Early Dismissal

December 20, 2018

Grades 1-6 at 1:30, Kindergarten at 1:15 p.m.

### **Marine Corps League**

Toys for Tots Program is in the 70th anniversary year. The program runs from November 27th until December 14th. A box has been placed in the main hallway. Please share the Joy of Christmas by Donating a Toy to a Needy Child this Year. Please only NEW UNWRAPPED TOYS. Thank You.

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### **Holiday Performance**

Wednesday, December 19th

Rehearsal at 10:30 a.m.

Evening Performance at 6:00 p.m.

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I am pleased to announce that we will once again be offering **an after school Spanish class for any interested students in grades 1-3. The class, which will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:15-3:50, will be taught by Mrs. Morrissey** (our 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher and formerly our Spanish teacher). The initial offering of this class will begin after our Winter Holiday on Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> and continue for a total of eight sessions, concluding on Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup>.



If you are interested in signing your child up for this eight class session, please return the attached form to our office by December 20<sup>th</sup>. The cost for the class will be \$80 per child for the entire session.

We understand that our primary grade students are dismissed at 2:30 on the scheduled class sessions. Parents who will be in need of childcare for the period from 2:30-3:15 are welcome to contract with our after school "Cougar Club" for this period of time, as well as for the time following the class at 3:50. Please contact Jennifer Stenerson, our Cougar Club/Preschool office manager (833-6551), with any questions regarding the Cougar Club. Mrs. Morrissey will be escorting all students who are enrolled in the class from the Cougar Club to the classroom and back to Cougar Club at the conclusion of the class.

We are looking forward to offering this after school experience for any interested students in grades 1-3. As always, thank you for your support!

### AFTER SCHOOL SPANISH CLASS

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Cash or Check Enclosed (\$80 - Payable to Kenwood School )

## Upcoming Events

- 12/13 Grade 6 Field Trip to Sugarloaf, 8:30-11:00  
12/13 Grade 3 Field Trip to SRJC, 10:30-1:30  
12/13 Board of Trustees Meeting, School Library, 4 p.m.  
12/14 K Field Trip to Spring Lake Village, 8:45-10:00  
12/19 Holiday Performances, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
12/20 Early Dismissal at 1:30 p.m, 1:15 (K)  
12/20 Student Council sponsors PAJAMA DAY  
12/20 KSA Holiday Send-off Party, MPR, 1:30-3 p.m.  
12/21-1/4 Winter Break: Return to School January 7, 2019

Wednesday Dismissal Time: 1:30 p.m.

Attendance Line Phone Number: 341-0102

Cougar Club: 833-4181

Preschool: 833-6551



## **Kindergarten Registration for 2019-2020 School Year**

For registration information, please contact Suzanne Borgert in the school office at 833-2500. Kindergarten registration is open to children who turn five on or before September 1, 2019. Parents must provide proof that they are a Kenwood resident.

Transitional Kindergarten registration is open to children who reside within the Kenwood School District boundaries and whose fifth birthday is between September 2 and December 2, 2019.

If you reside outside of the Kenwood School District boundaries, you will need to file a District of Choice Transfer Form with the Kenwood School office by January 1, 2019.

Dear Kenwood Families,

Each year Kenwood Education Foundation makes 3 payments to the school to cover the cost of the programs the foundation supports. Each payment is roughly \$50,000. We have always been able to make the November payment with ample funds left in our account to make our March payment. This year, after several years of low donations, we are almost draining our account to make the November payment.

We, as a foundation, rely on the donations of parents, community members and local businesses. If you are planning a year-end donation, please consider KEF. If we don't receive some sizable donations, we will need to take the March payment out of the Endowment Fund. Each time we deplete the Endowment, we put programs at risk.

Thank you,  
Cheryl Ghisla  
KEF President

**Move Over Mozart** mid-year piano recitals are at the end of **January**. Perfect time for new students to join!

Piano classes take place at your child's school. **Tuition is \$35 per month** with an enrollment fee of \$20. To enroll in piano lessons register online at: [MozartPianoLearning.com](http://MozartPianoLearning.com) or mail this form along with your check for \$55 payable to M.O.M. **Child's name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Child care?** \_\_\_\_\_ **Leave time:** \_\_\_\_\_

Director: Lynn Fleck (707) 824-0307

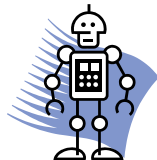
4935 Turner Rd Sebastopol, CA 95472

**Piano at Kenwood**

**Mondays after school**

**Sign up ASAP!**

# Lego Robotics



Open to ALL 4th through 6th  
Grade Students!!!!

It's once again time for Kenwood School's Lego Robotics Program!

Lego Robotics will prepare students to compete against students from other Sonoma County schools with Lego-based robots they have built and programmed with the computer. Competition events include drag races, sumo-bots, and obstacle courses, among many others. Kenwood students will prepare for the competition with weekly meetings to get ready for the event on **Saturday, May 4, 2019**. If you like Legos, and you want to learn computer programming, this is the class for you!

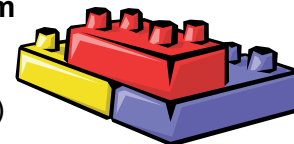
Lego Robotics sessions will meet weekly to prepare for the competition in May, either on Mondays OR Tuesdays beginning in January and February from **3:05 to 4:00**. In **March, April and May**, we will meet every Monday OR Tuesday from **3:05 to 4:30**.

This year there will be two separate groups, one on Mondays, and one on Tuesdays. Please indicate your preference for your child's meeting day on the form below.

There is a limit of 24 spots in this class— **if more than 24 student sign up, there will be a lottery to select participants.**

Also—we **need parent volunteers to help coach students throughout this program**. If you are interested in coaching (you don't need to have robotics or computer programming experience), please check the box on the form below. **We need at least 6 coaches to make this program happen!**

There is no charge for the class, only a small registration donation (usually about \$10) for the competition day, collected later.



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## Lego Robotics Sign-Up Form—Mondays OR Tuesdays 3:05-4:00 (March/April/May 3:05-4:30)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level : 4    5    6

Preferred Meeting Day : (Circle One)    Monday    Tuesday    Either Day

Phone Number : \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address : \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in volunteering as a coach. (You will be contacted with further details)

Please read the important reminders below:

*\*By signing above, I agree that my child will be able to participate in the Saturday, May 4, 2019 competition.\**

*\*More than 3 non-illness related absences during practices or inability to attend the competition day may result in you child's spot being given to another student.\**

**Please return this form to the office no later than Wednesday, December 19th.**

Students will be selected for the class by lottery and notified before Winter Break. Classes begin 1/14/2019

KSA'S ANNUAL

# Holiday Send-off Party



**DECEMBER 20th 1:30-3pm**

**Cookie decorating, Hot Cocoa, Art & Friends**

**Join us in the MPR after school**

# The Garden Club

## Announces:

### Pumpkin Pie for All!

The Garden Club is pleased to announce they will be serving pumpkin pie to everyone at the school on Thursday, December 13 at noon in the multi-purpose room. Garden Club members will be making the pies from pumpkins they grew organically in the school garden.



### Pumpkin Pies for Sale!

A limited number of pies are available for sale. Orders/payments for pies can be made daily from 8:10-8:25 a.m. and from 12:00-12:20 p.m. at the hot lunch sign-up window in the multi-purpose room. Pies will be available for pickup (or for sale if there are any remaining) in the multi-purpose room on Friday, December 14 from 2:30-3:20 p.m. Cost is \$7 each.