

Kenwood School Newsletter

Principally Speaking

May 22, 2019

All interested families are invited to attend our 6th grade graduation ceremony on Thursday, May 30th at 7:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

5/22-5/24 Grade 5 Field Trip to Monterey Bay Aquarium

5/27 Memorial Day Holiday: No School

5/28-5/31 Early Dismissal, Grades 1-6, 1:30 p.m.

K Dismissal at 1:15 p.m.

5/30 K Field Trip to Safari West, 8:30-1:00 p.m.

5/30 Sixth Grade Graduation, 7 p.m.

5/31 Last Day of School, Early Dismissal at 1:30

Sixth grade dismissal at 10:10

EARLY DISMISSAL AT 1:30 P.M. GRADES 1-6

1:15 FOR KINDERGARTEN

May 28-May 31

SAVE THE DATE: KEF Golf Tournament, Thursday, August 8, 2019

8/14 First Day of School, 2019-20 School Year

Hello Parents,

We are approaching the end of the 2018/2019 school year and want to notify you that all outstanding balances for Cougar Club, lunches, and/or lost library books must be paid in full. Please check with Jodie Spanger for lunches, Sharon Watson for library books and/or Jennifer Stenerson for Cougar Club outstanding balances.

It is highly recommended to pay for meals and/or daycare in advance. You may choose to pay daily, weekly or monthly by cash or check, whichever is more convenient for you. Please remit your payment as soon as possible to bring your account up-to-date and plan to cover any future meals or daycare through the end of this school year.

We appreciate your prompt attention in this matter.

Thank you,

Kenwood School District



Calling all golfers!

Kenwood Education Foundation is holding our annual
SUMMER GOLF TOURNAMENT
on Thursday, August 8th 2019
at
Oakmont Golf Club

We would love for all Kenwood School families to participate!

Hole in One on the 13th Hole gets you \$10,000!!!

This is a family friendly event! Bring the kids! We are hoping to see as many *teachers, school staff, school parents and students* on the course as possible!

We're confident that the tournament spots will sell, but we want to make sure our Kenwood school families have an opportunity to participate since the money raised will go back to Kenwood School for programs such as: Classroom Aides, Computer Lab, STEAM, Art, Music and PE. So order your tickets now!

Can't play? Please donate! Click the link below, show your support and make a difference for our school.

Come play golf for the kids!

<http://kef.schoolauction.net/golf2019/>

★ **You Are Invited To The** ★
Kenwood Community Church

CHANNING ROW at WARM SPRINGS ROAD

7:00
to
11:30

★ **4th of July** ★

Pancake



Breakfast

and Silent Auction

8:30 AM - 1:00 PM • GREAT STUFF ~ GOOD CAUSE!

Pancakes • Scrambled Eggs • Sausages • Fruit

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **Coffee & Juice** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Adults (13+)... \$10.00 ★ Children (4-12).....\$8.00



May 13, 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I would like to take this opportunity to provide an update on the current measles outbreak in California to encourage all unvaccinated children receive the measles vaccine as soon as possible, and to outline expectations should there be a case of measles in a Sonoma County school. I also write this letter to emphasize to parents and guardians the seriousness of this current measles outbreak and the potential impact to unvaccinated or under vaccinated children.

As of May 10, 2019, there have been 44 cases in California and over 750 cases in the U.S. in 2019. This is the highest number of cases since measles was nearly eliminated in 2000. Several Bay Area counties have reported cases in this outbreak. Sonoma County has been spared thus far, but we are vulnerable. Although childhood vaccination rates are 94 percent overall, in some County schools less than half of students are up to date with the recommended vaccination schedule.

Measles is a very contagious airborne illness and is highly preventable through vaccination. The virus is spread by sharing the same air with an infected person, especially if that person coughs or sneezes. Individuals are contagious four days before they develop a rash and may unknowingly make others ill.

Measles usually starts with a high fever, runny nose, red and irritated eyes, and then a rash. The rash is red and bumpy, starts on the face and moves down the body. Even in previously healthy children, measles can cause serious illness requiring hospitalization. Common complications are ear or throat infections. Less common but more serious complications are pneumonia and brain swelling. In some cases it can even be fatal.

The best way to prevent measles is the MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccine. Children routinely get their first dose of the MMR vaccine at 12-15 months of age, and the second dose before beginning kindergarten. This combination is about 97 percent effective in preventing measles. I would also like to emphasize the MMR vaccine has a long established history of being safe and effective.

If your child is unvaccinated or cannot provide laboratory confirmation of measles immunity and there is a case in their school, they will likely **be excluded from attending school for 21 days** after their last exposure to the contagious individual. This exclusion helps protect the susceptible students and limits further spread of disease.

Measles is more common abroad, and Sonoma County hosts visitors from all over the world and our residents are frequent travelers, which increases the chances of coming into contact with the disease. If you plan to travel abroad, I highly recommend checking the CDC website's page on measles and before your trip at <https://www.cdc.gov/measles/travelers.html>.

It takes two weeks to develop immunity after receiving a measles vaccine. Unvaccinated or under vaccinated children should be vaccinated as soon as possible through their healthcare provider so they will have protection, will not further spread illness and will not need to be absent from school.

As your Health Officer, I would like to thank you for doing your part to keep families in Sonoma County healthy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "C. Philip".

Celeste Philip, MD, MPH
Sonoma County Health Officer