

# Kenwood School Newsletter

## Principally Speaking

## October 16, 2019

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to our students, staff and entire community for maintaining a calm and non-anxious presence during last week's power outages that closed so many schools in Sonoma County. I appreciate and respect the great job that our entire staff did in keeping our school open for our children and our families. With all of the challenges that came with the power outages, we still had over 80% of our students in attendance last week during the two days in which power was out.

I have included for all of our families a guideline that was developed in a task group made up of myself, our School Board President (Pat Alexander), our district secretary (Suzanne Borgert) and our facilities consultant (John Magnoli). This document was also created with the assistance of neighboring school districts who we consulted with in order to address closure guidelines for power shut offs, heat advisories and air quality concerns.

Again, thank you for your patience and your flexibility with the challenges that we have all faced in Sonoma County regarding school closures in the past two years.

## Upcoming Events

10/16 Grades 1 and 2 Field Trip to Tolay Fall Festival, Sonoma, 8:30-1:15 p.m.

10/17 Great Shakeout Earthquake Drill

10/18 Student Council Sponsors "Cougar Pride Day!"

10/22 Grade 3 Field Trip to Luther Burbank Center, 8:45-11

10/24 Grade 3 Field Trip to Bouverie Preserve in Glen Ellen, 9:30-1:45

10/25 K & Grade 6 to SR Pumpkin Patch, 8:30-11:30

10/31 Halloween Parade, 9 a.m.

11/5 Picture Retake Day

11/5 K Field Trip to RV Library, 9:40-11:30

11/6 School Site Council Meeting at 1:45 p.m. in the School Library

11/7 Rainbow Garden Field Trip to Sonoma County Wildlife Rescue Center, 8:35-11:00

11/11 Veterans Day—No School

11/18-11/22 Teacher/Parent Conferences, 1:30 p.m. Early Dismissal

11/25-29 Thanksgiving Break—No School

12/2 Kindergarten Extended Day Begins: Dismissal at 1:30 p.m.

Dear Kenwood Families,

Our KIDS Campaign is off to a wonderful start!! A huge Thank you to all who have been able to donate. Remember the campaign continues all year and you can choose to make a one- time donation or spread it out over 10 months.

Our classroom competition does end at the end of October. Now is the time to recruit grandparents and family members to help your child's classroom win the pizza party! Remember the contest isn't about how much is raised, but how many participated! You can make your donation at

[kenwoodeducationfoundation.org](http://kenwoodeducationfoundation.org) or  
<http://kef.schoolauction.net/kids2019>

Thank you!

Kenwood Families Rock!

Cheryl Ghisla

Kenwood Education Foundation

**Attendance Office News:**

School begins at 8:25 a.m. Students arriving after this time, will be marked tardy.

**Cougar Club statements are out and payments are due!**

**Lost and Found Rack**

Please check the Lost and Found Rack at the end of the main hallway. The rack is full of lost items.

**Main Office: 833-2500**  
**Attendance Line: 341-0102**  
**Cougar Club: 833-4383**  
**Rainbow Garden Preschool: 833-6551**

**Parent Reminder:**  
**Wednesday**  
**Dismissal Time is**  
**1:30pm**

## **Kenwood School Association**

### **K.S.A**

Kenwood School's  
Parent Teacher Group

#### **Mission:**

To enhance and strengthen our Kenwood School community. Provide funding to support school wide enrichment and improvements.

#### **Non-Profit Status:**

509(a)2 IRS tax-deductible organization  
Tax ID #: 68-0333667

#### **Free Events:**

Fall Festival  
Mother-Son  
Holiday Boutique  
Chili Cook-Off  
Father-Daughter Dance

#### **Annual Fundraiser:**

Jog-a-Thon

#### **Funded by K.S.A.:**

Special assemblies  
Outdoor Education transportation  
Teacher mini grants  
Harvest of the Month Program  
Schoolwide improvements  
Free community events  
School Directory

#### **Website:**

[www.kenwoodschoollassociation.com](http://www.kenwoodschoollassociation.com)

## **Kenwood Education Foundation**

### **K.E.F.**

Kenwood School's  
Program Funding Organization

#### **Mission:**

To support and enrich the quality of education. Raises funds to support educational programs, creates opportunities for broader community involvement, and enhances the educational experiences available to the students.

#### **Non-Profit Status:**

501(c)3 IRS tax deductible organization  
Tax ID #: 68-042239

#### **Annual Fundraising Events:**

K.I.D.S. Campaign  
Big Heart  
Lights, Camera, Auction! (LCA)  
Legacy Wall  
Golf Tournament

#### **Funded by K.E.F.:**

Classroom Instructional aides  
P.E.  
Music  
Art  
STEAM  
Culinary Program  
Library  
Computer Lab

#### **Website:**

[www.kenwoodeeducationfoundation.com](http://www.kenwoodeeducationfoundation.com)



# Kenwood Elementary School

## Meditation, Music & Mindfulness

with Miss Katie



- Guided meditations to unwind and connect with the present moment
- Practical tools for integrating meditation and mindfulness into daily life
- Fun mindful awareness activities for children and adults

### Tuesdays

September 24 through October 29

2:30 - 3:00 grades 1-3    3:15 - 3:45 grades 4-6

Parents and Students

*Teachers and Staff Welcome too!*

\$ 10 per person per class

*\*parents accompanying children no charge*

*drop-ins welcome*

#### Meditation, Music and Mindfulness

Please return the form to the school office

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

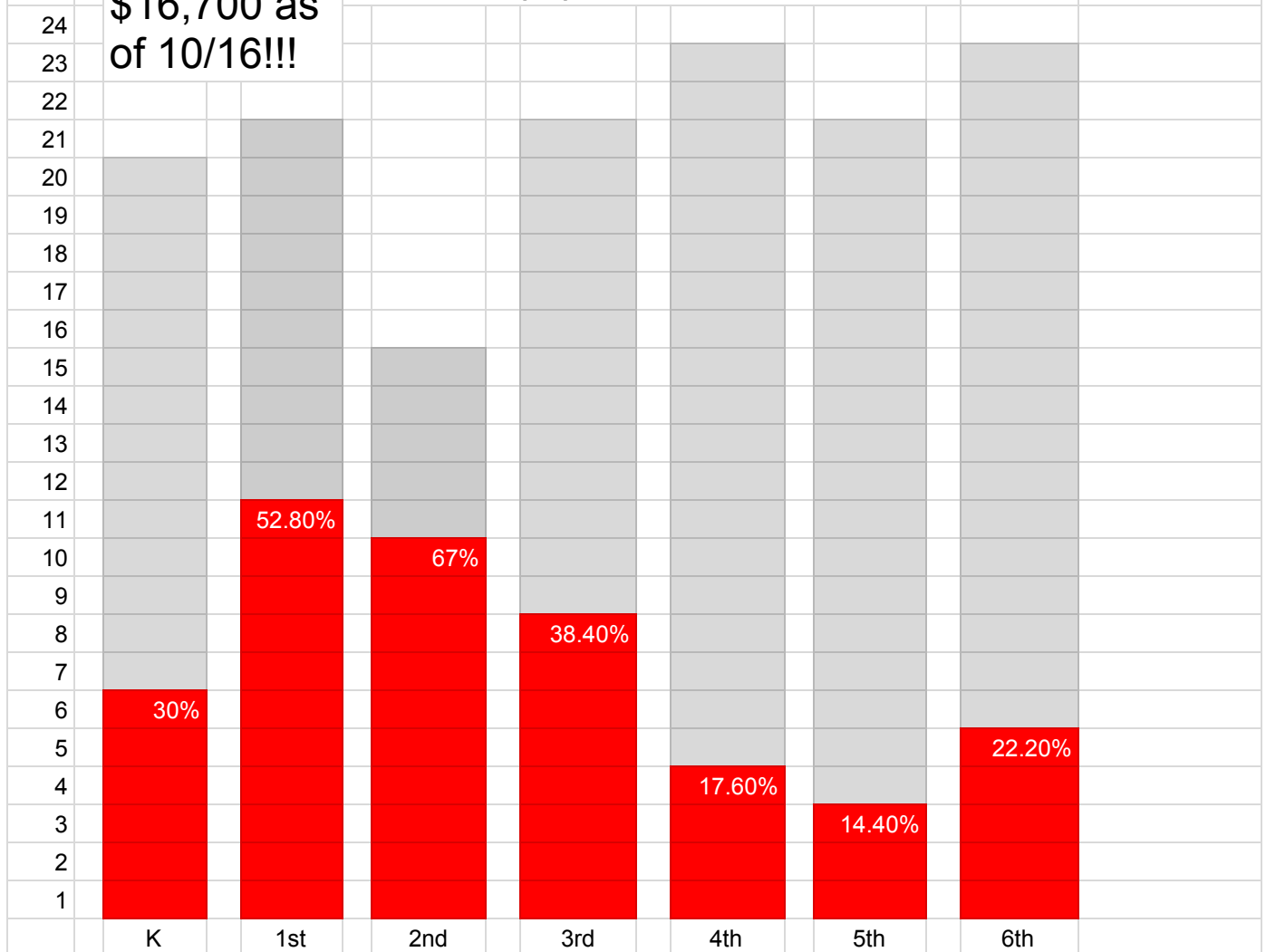
*Checks payable to Katie DeJongh*

# KIDS Campaign 2019-2020

Contest runs through Oct. 31st. The class with the highest % wins a pizza party!!

**We'll host multiple parties if there is a tie!!**

**\$16,700 as of 10/16!!!**



## Thank you to our donors!

Karen Shields	Lopata Family	Pat Alexander	Schielein Builders
Seyms Family	Harry and Megan Seller	Maggie and Evan Howland	Peg Vancini
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# Kenwood School District

## District Plan for School Activity and Closure Guidelines for Public Safety Power Shutoffs, Heat Advisories, and Air Quality

**School Closure Guidelines:** School safety is of paramount importance. Schools are generally among the safest places for students. School closures are taken very seriously and will be considered when there is a significant safety risk to students.

Air Quality	Power Shut Off	Other
<b>Consider</b> school closure when air quality reaches the very unhealthy range (Air Now 201 or higher)	<b>Consider</b> school closure when power shut off is expected to last a full school day or longer (particularly when there are high temperatures, high winds, or other safety issues)	School closures will be <b>considered</b> whenever there are significant school safety concerns—flooding, earthquakes, downed power lines, extreme fire risk

### Steps to close school:

- 1) Notify Board, staff, and parents: via SchoolWise—text and email
- 2) Notify SCOE (see procedure)
- 3) Make sure battery backups for refrigerators, freezers, and phone system are engaged
- 4) Put up signs alerting parents who may not have received alert

### Making up School Days:

We have negotiated two emergency days into our calendar and will use these days in the event of school closure due to a power shutoff. When appropriate, we will file a J-13 waiver with the State.

### Heat Advisory Activity Guidelines

Outside Temperature	Recommended School Activities	School Actions
Under 82	<b>Great day</b> to be active outside	Normal supervision
82-90	<b>Caution:</b> Outdoor activities should include slower pace/light activity and breaks at least 25% of the time period, encourage hydration	Monitor temperature readings, monitor students, particularly sensitive students
91-96	<b>Extreme Caution:</b> Outdoor activities should be limited and include slower pace/light activity and breaks at least 50% of the time period, encourage hydration	Indoor lunch; limited outdoor PE and recess  Watch for heat related symptoms  Play on the grass more than the blacktop
97 and above	<b>Danger:</b> No outdoor PE or lunch recess. Encourage hydration.	Indoor lunch eating limited outdoor PE and recess—play on the grass more than the blacktop  Add a cooling station  Watch for heat related symptoms

### Staff Guidelines for Heat-Related Illness

Staff members who observe students or colleagues exhibiting symptoms related to heat-related illness, such as those listed below, should encourage hydration and contact the school nurse for assistance as soon as possible.

- Muscular cramps brought on by exercise and the resulting loss of sodium;
- Cool, moist, pale, or flushed skin;
- Heavy sweating, headache, nausea or vomiting;
- Dizziness or exhaustion.

## Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS)

### Setting up Notification

PG&E aims to provide 72- to 48-hour notice in advance of a shutoff, though this may not always be possible. We are signed up to receive the power shut off notifications from PGE.

### Important Information

If a planned outage takes place this year, it could be very different from those in prior years. PG&E is now authorized to shut down transmission lines, which could take out power to a much larger area. Even areas that are not in a high fire threat zone could be impacted.

PG&E has set a goal of providing 48 hours notice before they shut off power, but it could be much less than that.

Once a planned outage occurs, it could take five days or more to fully restore power.

Cell phone towers could go down after one to two days.

Municipal water and gas lines are not expected to be impacted. If you have well water, be sure to fill up your reserve tanks if a PSPS is announced.

It is estimated that there could be as many as six PSPS events during a single fire season.

### Planning

It is difficult for PG&E to predict which areas will be impacted far in advance of a weather event, due to a range of variables including the direction of the wind, location of any fires, etc. For this reason, we have prepared both for school day and longer impact shutoffs.

#### Factors include:

- **School closures:** School will remain open if power goes out during the school day and it is safe to stay in session. If school is expected to be out of power for a full school day or longer, school may close, if it is safer to close it than to keep it open. Factors include imminent fire danger, temperatures in excess of 90 degrees, high winds, and downed power lines.
- **Communications:** If power is out for an hour or more, we will alert parents via our text-messaging alert system—School will remain in session throughout the day unless there is a student safety issue requiring closure.
- **Reporting School Closures to SCOE:** In the event that we need to close school due to a power outage, we will use the normal reporting procedure (attached) to notify SCOE so that SCOE may alert the media. In the event that SCOE's power is out, the superintendent will contact the County Superintendent directly on his cell phone.
  - **Do you have generators and backup generators?** We have purchased generators to maintain our phone system in the office, lighting for student restrooms and for our kitchen freezer to provide for our students who purchase school lunch.

- 1) SoCo Emergency – Power Shut Off Announcement with Tips: <https://socoemergency.org/power-shutoff-watch-announced-for-sonoma-county/>
- 2) Find Out If Your Home Will be Impacted: [https://www.pge.com/en\\_US/safety/emergency-preparedness/natural-disaster/wildfires/psps-service-impact-map.page?fbclid=IwAR3nSjO-4AYnU\\_bqa73ER-VyWy9YrMUtqYTlyzICEtyp-k5VCzzIQWBmgw](https://www.pge.com/en_US/safety/emergency-preparedness/natural-disaster/wildfires/psps-service-impact-map.page?fbclid=IwAR3nSjO-4AYnU_bqa73ER-VyWy9YrMUtqYTlyzICEtyp-k5VCzzIQWBmgw)
- 3) Register to receive Power Shutoff Alerts from PG&E:  
[https://www.pge.com/en\\_US/residential/your-account/account-management/manage-your-account/alerts-and-notifications/update-your-contact-information.page](https://www.pge.com/en_US/residential/your-account/account-management/manage-your-account/alerts-and-notifications/update-your-contact-information.page)
- 4) Potential Areas for Power Shutoffs:  
[https://www.pge.com/en\\_US/safety/emergency-preparedness/natural-disaster/wildfires/psps-service-impact-map.page](https://www.pge.com/en_US/safety/emergency-preparedness/natural-disaster/wildfires/psps-service-impact-map.page)
- 5) Current Power Shut offs:  
<https://m.pge.com/#outages>

**Additional Resources:**

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ep/index.asp> - CA Department of Education Emergency Planning

<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/ep/pspsfaqs.asp> - CA Department of Education FAQ Power Outage

<https://www.caloes.ca.gov/schools-educators> - Cal OES Emergency Planning for Schools

<https://www.ready.gov/power-outages> - Department of Homeland Security Power Outages

[https://www.pge.com/en\\_US/safety/emergency-preparedness/natural-disaster/wildfires/public-safety-power-shutoff-faq.page](https://www.pge.com/en_US/safety/emergency-preparedness/natural-disaster/wildfires/public-safety-power-shutoff-faq.page) - PG&E Power Shutoff FAQ's