

Kenwood School Newsletter

Principally Speaking

January 29, 2020

I am pleased to share with you that we have two new staff members who have joined us within the past week. Ms. Sarah Moe, who is a graduate of Kenwood School, will take over for the remainder of the school year as Mrs. Forster's instructional assistant in the 3rd grade. Sarah will be replacing Mrs. Gooding, who was offered a full-time position in another industry.

I am also pleased to welcome our new Physical Education teacher, Ms. Samantha Thaxton (Ms. T), who will be teaching our students on Mondays and Thursdays. Ms. T is replacing Coach DQ, who took another position in the East Bay.

Please join with me and our staff in welcoming our two newest additions to the Kenwood School team!

GRANDPARENTS and SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY

I would like to encourage all of our families to please note that our annual **“Grandparents and Special Friends Day”** will take place on **Wednesday, March 11th**, just prior to our week long spring break. For those who are new to our school this year, this event is designed to allow our students to invite their Grandparent(s) or Special Friend (neighbor, aunt/uncle, family friend, etc.) to our school for a morning of activities in each classroom.



We will begin the day by welcoming our guests in the multipurpose room with coffee and snacks beginning at 8:30. We will have a special student presentation before beginning our classroom activities at 9:00. Each teacher will select a specific interactive activity for students and their guests during the classroom visits from 9:00-10:00. Just prior to our morning recess break, we will say goodbye to our guests and return to our regular schedule of activities for the day.

As we get closer to the actual day of the event, you will be hearing more information about this event from your child's teacher. As I know how quickly our calendars can fill up, I wanted to let you know well in advance of the date so that you may make arrangements for a grandparent or special friend to join your child for the morning.



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Parent Reminder: If your child is absent, please leave a message on the **attendance line at 341-0201**. Please state the date and the reason for the absence. Thank you!

Upcoming Events

- 2/5 School Site Council, School Library, 1:45 p.m.
2/6 Grade 5 Field Trip to Green Music Center, 10-1:30 p.m.
2/7 KSA Chili Cook-Off from 6-8 p.m.
2/10 Local Holiday—No School Lincoln’s Birthday
2/13 Board of Trustees Meeting, School Library, 4 p.m.
2/17 No School: Presidents’ Day Holiday
2/20 SAVE THE DATE: Community Conversation 9:00 a.m.
2/24 No School: Teacher Work Day
2/26 K Field Trip to Mary’s Pizza, Summerfield Rd., SR, 9-11 a.m.
3/6 KEF Big Heart Event at Deerfield Ranch Winery, 5:30 p.m.
3/11 Grandparents and Special Friends Day, 8:30 a.m.
3/11 and 3/12 Teacher/Parent Conferences: Dismissal at 1:30 p.m. grades 1-6, 1:15 for K
SPRING BREAK: March 16-20

Missing Clarinet: A student’s clarinet is missing. The clarinet was last seen in the band room after the Holiday Performance. The case is black with a label that says, “Rose”. It has sentimental value. If you have any information, please contact the school office at (707)833-2500. Thank you.



Main Office: 833-2500

Attendance Line: 341-0102

Cougar Club: 833-4383

Rainbow Garden Preschool: 833-6551



Rainbow Garden Preschool

FALL 2020-2021 enrollment of new students will be open starting Monday, February 3rd at 8:00 a.m. Call Jennifer at 707-883-6551 to schedule a tour any time in January or February.

Cougar Club News:

Cougar Club contracts are out and ready to be completed. Contracts and payments are due by Friday, February 7th.

Parent Reminder:

Wednesday

Dismissal Time is 1:30pm

CHILI! COOK-OFF

FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY
7TH

THE KENWOOD DEPOT
314 WARM SPRINGS RD

6:00-8:00 PM

SIGN UP
YOUR
FAVORITE
CHILI

BEVERAGES AND
NACHO BAR



KENWOOD SCHOOL ASSOCIATION



Yearbook Illustration Contest

Do you like to draw? How would you like to have one of your **hand drawn** pictures included in this year's Kenwood School yearbook? We are having a contest to pick some student drawings for this year's book. If you'd like to enter our contest, simply draw a picture that celebrates our school. For example, kids playing at school, our Kenwood mascot (the cougar), a drawing of our school or any idea you have. Please draw on the provided 8.5 x 11 inch white paper, holding your paper vertically (the tall way). Extra papers are available in the office. Please use markers or crayons so that your picture will show clearly when printed in the yearbook, if it is selected. Only include drawings, not words on your picture. Be sure that your name and grade are written on the back in pencil. Please turn your drawings (one per person) into the office by Thursday, February 21.

Thank you for participating,
Mrs. Watson and Mrs. S.

Kenwood Education Foundation Presents:

Deerfield Ranch Winery

March 6, 2020

5:30-7:00

Big Heart



Honorees:

Julie and Tom Atwood

Mary and Peter Klabunde

Cynthia Coleman

TICKETS ON SALE, NOW!

kef.schoolauction.net/bigheart2020

**Kenwood School and the Sonoma Ecology Center
Celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
with Native Plant Community Service Project**



On Monday, January 20, in the town of Sonoma, Kenwood School students, family members, and teachers joined members of the Sonoma Ecology Center and other residents in a community service project in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Participants weeded portions of the Nathanson Creek Preserve Native Plant Demonstration Garden and then planted dozens of native wildflowers and grasses, including many grown at Kenwood School's own native plant nursery. A special thank you goes out to Jason Mills and Tony Passantino of the Sonoma Ecology Center for organizing the event.



child parent institute

PARENTING ADVANCED LEARNERS

FACILITATED BY Karen Littell, MSW

Parenting advanced learners can be wonderfully rewarding. It can also be challenging and exhausting!

This series offers in-depth information about nurturing sensitive, intense, creative, and insatiably curious children. Topics will include understanding and accommodating intensity, meeting social/emotional needs, peer relationships, perfectionism, procrastination, motivation, underachievement, self-regulation, executive function skills, homework help, depression, stress, idealism, twice-exceptional children (gifted plus other issues), frustration tolerance, and much more! You will also have access to a comprehensive lending library.

Please join us for good company, support, lively discussion, and plenty of useful strategies!

SIX TUESDAY MORNINGS | 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

February 4 - March 10, 2020

Child Parent Institute

3642 Standish Avenue, Santa Rosa

OR

SIX TUESDAY EVENINGS | 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

February 4 - March 10, 2020

Santa Rosa Accelerated Charter School

4650 Badger Road, Room 1

COST

\$120 per person for full series of six classes

TO REGISTER

visit www.calparents.org/classes or call (707) 585-6108 extension 1240 or 1220

Karen Littell, MSW, served for four years on the statewide board of the California Association for the Gifted, and has both attended and presented many workshops related to parenting gifted children. She created and chaired the Northern California CAG Symposium, a conference designed to increase the capacity of parents and educators to keep gifted children engaged and challenged at school and thriving at home. Ms. Littell delivered the keynote address at the 2015 Humboldt County GATE Academy and continues to present to school districts throughout our region. She has many years of experience counseling children and families. This will be Ms. Littell's fourteenth cycle as facilitator of Parenting Advanced Learners.

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February 2019 Kenwood School Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5	6	7
Cold Sandwich Bar -meat, cheese, vegetables and optional spreads -Caesar Salad -Salad Bar & Fruit	Taco Bar -Meat or Veggie option -w/Rice & Beans -Chips & Salsa -Salad Bar & Fruit	Cheese Pizza Homemade Sauce & Mozzarella -Caesar Salad -Salad Bar & Fruit	Fried Rice w/sauteed ginger, garlic carrots and egg -Postickers -Salad Bar & Fruit	Grilled Cheese Sandwich w/Tomato Soup -Salad Bar & Fruit
10	11	12	13	14
Holiday No School	Hot Dogs w/ optional toppings -Roasted Potatoes -Salad Bar & Fruit	Breakfast for Lunch French Toast, Fruit, & breakfast meat -Salad Bar & Fruit	Spaghetti w/ Meatballs with marinara sauce -Garlic Bread -Salad Bar & Fruit	Vegetarian Chili w/Cornbread -Chili toppings -Salad Bar & Fruit
17	18	19	20	21
Holiday No School	Cheese Quesadilla -Rice -Guacamole -Salsa & Chips -Salad Bar & Fruit	Cheese Pizza Choice of Marinara or Pesto Sauce -Caesar Salad -Salad Bar & Fruit	Chow Mein Chinese Noodle & Vegetable Stir-Fry -Potstickers -Salad Bar & Fruit	Cheese Raviolis w/Marinara -Garlic Bread -Seasonal Vegetable -Salad Bar & Fruit
24	25	26	27	28
-Teacher Work Day- No School	Bean Burrito Flour tortillas filled w/beans & cheese -Rice & Chips -Salad Bar & Fruit	Chicken Tikka -w/Steamed Rice -Seasonal Vegetable -Salad Bar & Fruit	Breakfast for Lunch Waffles, Fruit, & breakfast meat -Salad Bar & Fruit	Macaroni & Cheese Homemade Cheese Sauce with Noodles -Seasonal Vegetable -Salad Bar & Fruit