

# Kenwood School Newsletter

## Principally Speaking

## February 12, 2020

I would like to remind all of our parents that due to the PG&E power outages last fall, we will be utilizing our two emergency days on Monday, June 1st and Tuesday, June 2nd. What this means is that school will conclude on June 2nd rather than May 29th. Both days will be early dismissal days for all students (K-1:15 pm and Grades 1-6, 1:30 pm)



Our sixth grade ceremony will be held on Monday, June 1st at 7 pm.

As always, thank you for your support.

**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**

**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

- 2/13 Board of Trustees Meeting, School Library, 4 p.m.
  - 2/17 No School: Presidents' Day Holiday
  - 2/19 NEW DATE: School Site Council Meeting at 1:45 p.m., School Library
  - 2/20 SAVE THE DATE: Community Conversation 9:00 a.m. And 4 p.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.
  - 3/9-3/12 Copperfield's Book Fair, School Library
  - 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

***We have a few spots left..... Rainbow Garden Preschool is now accepting new students for the 2020-2021 school year. Call (707) 833-6551 to arrange a morning visit for you and your preschooler to check us out.***

## 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 11<sup>th</sup>**, 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.

Thank you very much for your support.

### **“GRANDPARENTS AND SPECIAL FRIENDS DAY”**

Childs Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

My child will participate in “Grandparents’ and Special Friends’ Day” as follows:

- \_\_\_\_\_ My child will invite a grandparent/grandparents
- \_\_\_\_\_ My child will invite a special friend

Name of guest/guests: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_



Dear Administrators, Teachers, Staff, and Parents:

The Sonoma Department of Health Services (DHS) is working closely with other Bay Area health departments, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to closely monitor the 2019 novel coronavirus.

At this time, residents of the Bay Area are still at low risk of becoming infected with coronavirus, unless they have recently traveled to Wuhan or have come in close contact with someone who was ill who recently traveled in that area. So far there are 11 confirmed cases of coronavirus in the United States, of which six are in California: two people in Santa Clara County, two people in San Benito County, one person in Los Angeles County and one person in Orange County.

Beginning February 3 all flights arriving to the U.S. from China will be funneled through 11 airports where enhanced screening and triage activities will be conducted. All U.S. citizens, permanent residents and their families arriving to the US from Hubei Province, China will be screened and placed in mandatory quarantine centers for 14 days. Passengers belonging to this same group who have traveled to mainland China, but not Hubei Province, will be screened at the airport. If they have no symptoms of illness, they will be directed to return to their homes and work with their local health departments for support in home-monitoring for 14 days. Students and school staff will be asked to stay home for 14 days and conduct home-monitoring. All US airlines with flights to China have voluntarily suspended services.

When new viruses surface, there can be lots of anxiety and stress. It's important to stay informed. We acknowledge the impact that this outbreak is having on our community, and on those who have friends or relatives who are affected. We are thinking of you.

### **What you need to know**

- Any child or staff member who recently traveled from China should stay home from school and school activities for 14 days after they left China.

Please note that the risk of exposure to this new coronavirus in China is increasing over time. The recommendation to exclude students from school is effective Monday, February 3, 2020. Persons who have arrived from China prior to February 3, 2020 are at lower risk and do not need to be excluded.

In the unusual event that a child or staff member is identified who

- recently traveled from mainland China, AND
- has symptoms of respiratory illness, such as fever and cough,

that person should be provided a surgical mask to wear, sent home, and the school should

immediately contact the Sonoma County Disease Control Unit at (707) 565-4567.

**At this time, there is low risk to residents of California from novel coronavirus, but schools can take common-sense precautions to prevent the spread of all infectious diseases.** These precautions will be also helpful to prevent the spread of other common illness such as influenza and gastroenteritis.

- Encourage students and staff to stay home when they are sick.
  - Those who have a fever at school should go home and stay home until at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever without the use of fever-reducing medicine.
  - Separate sick students and staff from others, ideally in a separate place, until they can be picked up to go home.
- Promote hand hygiene among students and staff through education, scheduled time for handwashing, and availability of soap and water or hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your face, particularly your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Teach and encourage proper cough etiquette—cough or sneeze into a tissue, sleeve, or arm (do not use hands).
- Perform routine surface cleaning.
- Consider not attending large gatherings, as this is where cold, flu, and other respiratory viruses often spread
- Get your annual flu shot, which is the best way to protect you from flu; influenza still kills thousands of people in the US every year.

Finally, the response to coronavirus is evolving quickly, and we are learning more daily. DHS has a webpage dedicated to novel coronavirus at [sonomacounty.ca.gov/Novel-Coronavirus-Identified/](https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Novel-Coronavirus-Identified/); we will keep the webpage updated as we know more. We will monitor the developing situation and inform you of any additional public health recommendations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'CP', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Celeste Philip, MD, MPH  
Health Officer, County of Sonoma

Kenwood Education Foundation Presents:

Deerfield Ranch Winery

March 6, 2020

5:30-7:00

# Big Heart



**Honorees:**

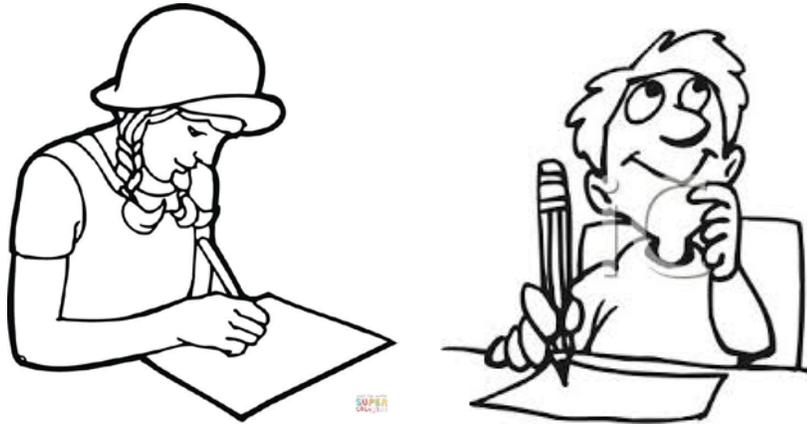
**Julie and Tom Atwood**

**Mary and Peter Klabunde**

**Cynthia Coleman**

**TICKETS ON SALE, NOW!**

**[kef.schoolauction.net/bigheart2020](http://kef.schoolauction.net/bigheart2020)**



## 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.