

Kenwood School Newsletter

Principally Speaking

April 13, 2020

Dear Kenwood School Families,

This is now the 3rd week of our “distance learning” experience. Our lives certainly look very different than they did three weeks ago. I miss seeing everyone! I know that there are many responsibilities to juggle and this is not easy for any of us.

I have appreciated the attention that our teachers have given to their instruction during this “distance learning” and I want you to be aware that not only is there a learning curve for all of us, the way in which material will be delivered will vary from each grade.

As we have previously mentioned, “distance learning” is not intended to totally replace in-class instruction but designed to deliver essential learning so students may successfully finish their present grade level.

Here is what each family can expect as we move forward with this type of instruction:

- Each teacher will be holding at least one virtual meeting with students per week.
- Each teacher will distribute lesson materials using whatever format that they have communicated to families (Zoom, Google Classroom, Dojo, etc.).

Each teacher will be available for questions during this time via email.

I would like to inform parents of 3rd-6th graders that the CAASPP (California Assessment of Student Progress and Performance) testing has been suspended by the Governor’s office and California Department of Education, so students will not be tested in this format during the current school year.

I appreciate the support that our families have provided to one another and your ongoing support of our teachers and staff during this challenging time. If you have any questions for me, please feel free to contact me through my school email (bbales@kenwoodschool.org) or by calling our office at 833-2500.

Sincerely,

Bob Bales

Parents of K-4 students:

Teachers in grades K-4 would like you to return any completed student work beginning next Monday, April 20th. As you are arriving to pick up new packets, we will have a staff member available to collect completed student work and to place it in the appropriate grade level container.

Jokes for the week:

- Why is the letter “A” like a flower?
(Because a “B” comes after it)
- What passes in front of the sun but casts no shadow?
(The wind)
- Do you know how to identify a dogwood tree?
(By bark)

Yearbooks Still Available!

Dear Kenwood families,

We revisited the yearbook ordering and publishing calendar and determined that we can extend the ordering time to Friday, April 17th. The books will be delivered to school near the end of May. We will pass out the yearbooks in a drive-by-the-school format, or we can hold your book for you until we're together again in August. We are so excited for you to see the books! They are packed with pictures and good memories of this school year. When you order a book online, you'll see the March 30th order deadline. Ignore that date and go ahead and place your order.

<http://kenwoodcougars19-20.picaboo.com>



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