

# Kenwood School Newsletter

**Principally Speaking**

December 2, 2020

*Please see the attached Parent Survey regarding Distance Learning.*



*Please complete by Monday, December 7, 2020.*

*Thank you.*

## **Kindergarten Registration for 2021 – 2022 School Year**

For registration information, please contact Suzanne Borgert in the school office at 833-2500. Kindergarten registration is open to children who turn five on or before September 1, 2021. Parents must provide proof that they are a Kenwood resident.

Transitional Kindergarten registration is open to children who reside within the Kenwood School District boundaries and whose fifth birthday is between September 2 and December 2, 2021.

If you reside outside of the Kenwood School District boundaries, you will need to file a District of Choice Transfer Form with the Kenwood School office by December 31, 2020.

### **Upcoming Events:**

11/30-12/4	KEF Read-a-thon
12/5	KEF Tree, Wreaths and Garland Pick-Up, 10AM – 4PM
12/21-1/1	Winter Break: No School
1/15/21	Picture Retake Day: 1-3 MPR
1/18/21	MLK Holiday: No School

# Santa Claus is Coming to Town

Dear Children,

We hope you and your families are staying well and enjoying your time together during this time of Covid. Have you been working hard with your studies at Zoom School? We know this can be very challenging, but we've heard from Mr Bales and your teachers that you are trying your best. Please keep up the good work.

We wanted to let you know that we will not be visiting the Kenwood Fire Station this year. We are not allowed to have more than just a very few people at a time, and there is just too much risk for Santa and Mrs Claus with this virus. We want to be sure Santa is well so that he can make his rounds on Christmas Eve.

Instead of each child being able to personally speak with Santa that day, we will be riding around most of the Kenwood Village area on the morning of December 12 beginning at 10AM and stopping for children to be able to put their *Letter to Santa* in a box that we'll have on the side of the fire engine. That way, Santa will still know what you would like for Christmas, and you can even have your family take a few photos. We might have a little treat for you too.

So start writing your letters in your best handwriting, and get ready to see Santa that morning. If you are just learning to write, it will be ok for someone else to help or write the letter for you. It will be a really fun and different way to have our annual Santa tradition without the risk of exposing anyone to this virus.

Don't stay up too late the night before and listen for the fire siren that morning. Be ready to come out on the street when you hear the fire engine coming. When our driver sees you standing safely in front of a house the engine will stop and then you can come and see us with (or without) your letter. We know there might be very young ones too.

See you then,  
Santa and Mrs Claus



## Kenwood School Read-a-Thon

We're so excited for the start of Kenwood School's Read-a-Thon! This is a fun way to encourage students to spend more time reading, and also raise money for our specialty programs such as STEAM, Music, Art, and, of course, full access to the library.

Our goal is for every child to participate in this school-wide event!

During the week of November 30<sup>th</sup> to December 4<sup>th</sup>, students will track the minutes they read. Students can log their assigned reading time for class, along with any other reading they do during this week. Magazines, books, comic books, reading out loud, and being read to are all part of literacy. Be sure to track those minutes!

How it works:

- Students collect pledges from November 1<sup>st</sup> through December 4<sup>th</sup>. Each student will have their own page on the 99pledges platform, which is easy to share with friends and family by email and social media. This is a fun way to connect with loved ones who live far away!
  - We will send individualized student pages to parent/guardian emails. Keep your eyes out for an email from 99pledges, and be sure to check your spam filters. If you haven't received your student's page by Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>, please contact [boyle@kenwoodeducationfoundation.org](mailto:boyle@kenwoodeducationfoundation.org)
  - Pledges can be made as a flat donation (i.e. \$20) or as a per minute pledge (i.e. 25 cents each minute). We strongly encourage all pledges to be made on your student's 99pledges page. This is the safest and most efficient payment method, and makes it much easier to track student progress!
  - Checks and cash may be donated to the school office. Please be sure that your student's name is written on the memo of the check, or attached as a note.
  - Any donation amount makes a difference!
- Track all minutes read on the attached reading log, and be sure to turn in the completed log on **Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> during packet drop off**. Minutes can also be emailed to [boyle@kenwoodeducationfoundation.org](mailto:boyle@kenwoodeducationfoundation.org) no later than midnight on December 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Prizes!
  - The student who raises the most money for the school will win a new Kindle!
  - The top reader in each class will win a \$50 gift certificate to Reader's Books.
  - Every class with a 90% participation rate will earn a free homework pass.
  - All participating students will earn a surprise treat.

**Thank you in advance for participating in this event!**



# Kenwood Elementary School Canned Food Drive

Help the Redwood Empire Food Bank end hunger by donating food and funds for our neighbors in need.

## **MOST NEEDED ITEMS:**

- Tuna and Canned Meat
- Peanut Butter
- Canned Soups + Stews
- Rice and Dry Beans
- Cereal
- Canned Fruits + Veggies
- Protein Bars

\*NO GLASS CONTAINERS



Bring your canned food on Fridays during our DROP Off and Pick UP times.

Drop off dates are:

Friday- November 20th

Friday- December 4th

Friday- December 11th- Last Day!!

Thank you for helping us fill our cans and feed our community!