

Kenwood School Newsletter

Principally Speaking

December 9, 2020

Dear Kenwood School Parents,

I would like to thank the Kenwood Education Foundation for doing such a great job with our first ever Christmas tree and holiday wreath sales event, which culminated with the pickup and delivery of trees on Saturday, December 5th. The spirit of teamwork and community certainly added to the spirit of the season. Special thanks to KEF board members, Eric and Candace Gilliland, who came up with this new project and did such a great job coordinating the entire event. Thanks to all of our KEF board members who made this such a wonderful day for our families and our community.



On our final "packet pick up" day of 2020, which will be Friday, December 18th, our staff is inviting you to wear your favorite Winter and/or Holiday hat as you drop off completed work and pick up new assignments. We would like to make this final school day prior to the Winter break a festive and fun one. Speaking of "packet pick up" days, please remember to have your child wear a mask even when he/she is in the car with you for that brief period of picking up packets. Thank you for your help!

Thanks to all of our families who completed our parent survey on "Distance Learning," which closed on December 7th. 25% of our families participated in the survey. We are very appreciative of the many kind comments and your continued support of our teachers and staff. 70% of our respondents indicated that the "distance learning" experience rated a 7-10 on our 1-10 scale for their child(ren). We will continue to analyze our programs at the respective grade levels and make adjustments, as we can, to make this "experience" the best that it can be for our students!

Have a great week!

My Best,
Bob Bales

Upcoming Events:

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 continuing to stay well and enjoying the holidays. We've heard from Mr. Bales and your teachers that you are still working hard in Zoom School. Please keep up the good work.

As mentioned last week, Santa and I will not be able to see all of you at the fire house like usual, but we will be riding around Kenwood from Treehaven Lane over to Warm Springs Road and many of the side streets.

We hope to see you on the morning of December 12 beginning at 10AM and we'll stop so children can put their Letter to Santa in a bag 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, continue 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.

Remember not to 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

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.

Kenwood Elementary School Canned Food Drive Last Day-This Friday!

Don't miss your chance to help those in need!

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



Good News!

In the very 1st week, we filled up 2 cans!

Let's keep this momentum going!

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

Drop off dates are:

Friday- November 20th **Great Job!**

Friday- December 4th **Great Job!**

Friday- December 11th- Last Day!!

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