

Kenwood School Newsletter

Principally Speaking

December 16, 2020

Dear Parents,

As we head into our Winter Break at the conclusion of this week, I would like to thank all of the students (and families) who participated in our Read-A-Thon. Special thanks to Susan Boyle, from the Kenwood Education Foundation, who coordinated this great event for our school. The Read-A-Thon raised nearly \$15,000 for the Foundation, which supports our enrichment programs for our students. The following students were "Top Readers" for each grade level. Each of these students won a gift certificate to Reader's Books.



- K: Wyatt Coffey
- 1: Oliver Seyms
- 2: Victoria Phelan
- 3: Carmen Wyatt
- 4: Sophie Seller
- 5: (To be determined--not all reading logs have been turned in as of 12/16/20)
- 6: Izzy Boyle

I would like to remind all of our families that you are invited to wear a festive winter/holiday hat at this Friday's packet pick up, as we add a little cheer to celebrate the holiday season. Please remember to have all people in the car wear masks for the pick up process.

I would like to welcome our newest member of the Kenwood School District Board of Trustees, Mr. Javier Tenorio (father of Jacob in 2nd and Grant in our Rainbow Garden Preschool), who was sworn in to serve a four year term at our recent meeting on December 11th. Welcome Mr. Tenorio!

The Board of Trustees unanimously voted to "officially" extend our "Distance Learning" format through February 19, 2021. We will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation in our County and make program decisions, as we receive updated information.

Finally, on behalf of our entire staff, I would like to wish all of our families a wonderful Holiday season. Whatever you choose to celebrate, we celebrate with you! Thank you for your incredible support during this opening part of our school year! May 2021 bring renewed hope and continued blessings to all of our families and our entire community!

My Best,
Bob Bales

Upcoming Events:

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| 12/21-1/1 | Winter Break: No School |
| 1/15/21 | Picture Retake Day: 1-3 MPR |
| 1/18/21 | MLK Holiday: No School |

A message from Mr. Bales

Dear Kenwood School Families,

Although some of you may have already read this in the recent edition of the Kenwood Press, I would like to share with you that I will be retiring from my position as the Superintendent/Principal of Kenwood School, at the conclusion of the current school year, in June, 2021.

It has been my privilege and my honor to have served this incredible community for the past 23 years. I will always cherish my time here and the many wonderful people I have been fortunate to know. Of course, I will miss your children more than I can express. I would like to thank all of our families for your kindness, friendship and support.

While I will craft a specific message later in the year to our students, I want you to know that I intend to finish strong and to make sure that the person who follows me in this position will be set up for success.

Thanks to your support, we have a tremendously talented and dedicated staff of teachers, classroom teaching assistants, office staff and support staff that will continue to offer the very best possible educational program to our students for years to come.

The Board of Trustees of Kenwood School will consider hiring a search firm that specializes in providing quality candidates for the Superintendent/Principal position. I am confident that the Board will select the appropriate company that will invite and incorporate input and feedback from the staff, the parent community, the Kenwood Education Foundation (KEF) and the Kenwood School Association (KSA) and all interested stakeholders in selecting the next person to serve in this position. The Board and I will be keeping you informed of the process and time lines as we head into 2021.

I look forward to enjoying every moment of the next six months before we finish our current school year. Thank you for making Kenwood School such a special place for all of us! It will always have a special place in my heart.

My Best,

Bob Bales

Superintendent/Principal

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.

Grade 6 Parent Information:

Registration for resident families for RVMS and any school in the Santa Rosa City School District begins in January. The process is the same as last year where families will register online. Please note the link is NOT live yet for the 21/22 school year.

- Due to COVID restrictions, we will not be holding a Showcase Night on our campus for incoming 7th and 8th grade families. In lieu of Showcase, we will be posting a slideshow and videos highlighting RVMS to help families learn more about us on our school website. We hope to have this material up on our website in January. We encourage families to check our website for information or reach out to us directly for questions.
- We will also be hosting a RVMS Fireside Chat Q&A via Zoom on January 16th 6:30pm- 8:00pm. Incoming 7th grade or 8th grade families are encouraged to attend to get answers to some of their questions if they cannot find answers on our website.