

# Kenwood School Newsletter

## Principally Speaking

March 3, 2021

Dear Parents,

As we look forward to welcoming our students back on campus, our teachers continue to focus on providing the best possible "distance learning" program until our "targeted" return to "in class" instruction on Monday, April 12th. I know that there are many questions surrounding this transition. I would like to refer you to our district's COVID-19 Safety Plan that was approved by our Board of Trustees at their most recent meeting on February 25th. Our Safety Plan is posted on our school website. If you would prefer to have a printed copy of the plan, please contact Suzanne in our school office (833-2500).

Foremost on most people's minds regarding our impending return to "in class" instruction, concerns safety protocols that will be in place. We will be taking student temperatures in cars, prior to directing our students to their respective classrooms. Students may arrive as early as 8:05 and then may proceed directly to class.

We will have separate arrival and departure locations for primary classrooms and intermediate grade levels. All students and adults will be wearing masks (provided by the school, if needed). Students will be physically distanced (six feet apart) in classrooms.

Bathrooms will be assigned to primary and intermediate grades, with the expectation of one person in the restroom at a time. We will have adults supervising the halls and within the vicinity of the student restrooms throughout the day. Hand sanitizer and hand washing stations will be in every classroom, as well as in various locations throughout the campus. Students will be taught handwashing protocol. Drinking faucets will not be utilized, so we will request that students bring their own water bottle to school. Recesses will be separated so that children will be taking their morning break only with their own classroom cohort. Air filtration systems will be placed in all classrooms. We will be utilizing our Cougar Club building as an area for any student who gets sick during the day. The Cougar Club building will be staffed by a staff member when children are present.

As I shared in last week's newsletter, each classroom teacher will be sending out his/her plans to inform parents what our "in class" learning schedule will look like in each grade level.

Please keep in mind that "in class" hours (8:20-12:20) will be adjusted in grades 1-6 to allow our teachers to have a lunch break prior to checking in on zoom in the afternoon with the other cohort of students who will be working from home. As a public school, we are still required to provide a minimum number of instructional minutes, whether "in class" or through zoom. I would like to emphasize that if you opt to continue with "distance learning" for the remainder of the school year for your child, it will be in a very different format than our current format.

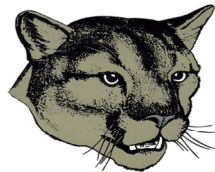
As our teachers will have even more to plan and balance in this multi-dimensional program offering, the revamped "distance learning" will involve less direct teacher instruction and interaction.

Please complete the brief google document that will accompany the schedule that you will receive from your child's teacher, indicating whether you will have your child return for "in class" instruction on April 12th or remain in "distance learning." All documents are due to us by Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at noon.

After we review this data, we will then be able to form cohort groups, based upon the actual number of students who will be returning to "in class" instruction.

I know that this is a great deal of information. As we get closer to our return to "in class" instruction, we will provide you with any additional information needed as we welcome our students back to school. Thank you for your incredible support of our school!

My Best,  
Bob Bales



**Upcoming Events**

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| 3/5/21         | Report Cards Sent Home                             |
| 3/12/21        | Board of Trustees Candidate Information Sheets Due |
| 3/22-3/26      | Spring Break                                       |
| 5/31/21        | Memorial Day: No School                            |
| <b>6/4-6/8</b> | <b>Emergency Make-up Days</b>                      |
| 6/7            | Sixth Grade Graduation                             |
| <b>6/8</b>     | <b>Last Day of School</b>                          |

