

Kenwood School Newsletter

Principally Speaking

December 1, 2021

Dear Kenwood Families,

As you may know, Mrs. Sheila Morrissey will be leaving our school at the end of December as she and her husband move to Spain to take on the newest adventure in their lives. As sad as we are to see Mrs. Morrissey leave us, we are lucky to have one of our amazing part-time teachers step up to the plate to take on the challenge of preparing our fantastic 6th graders for their upcoming promotion into the 7th grade.

Please join me in welcoming Mrs. Celia Sedgwick to 6th grade! Mrs. Sedgwick is currently teaching our 4th grade class 2.5 days a week with Mrs. Vukicevich, as well as teaching reading intervention, and STEAM. She comes with an impressive resume and is a huge asset to the school. Mrs. Sedgwick began her teaching career in 1999 and has been bringing her talents to Kenwood School since 2016. She is sad to leave her kiddos in 4th grade but takes solace in knowing she will continue to see them on campus each and every day. As a veteran teacher at Kenwood School, not only does she know and understand the culture of Kenwood, but she also knows most every student in 6th grade. She will be working closely with Mrs. Morrissey over the next month to understand the curriculum, pacing, and various distinctive aspects of this grade level.

This change will affect 4th grade, as well. Luckily, Mrs. Vukicevich is looking forward to working a 4 day a week schedule. Meanwhile we are currently searching for a highly qualified replacement for a 1 day a week position in 4th grade starting on January 6, 2022. We plan to mimic the highly successful 1st and 2nd grade programs, in which the new 4th grade, 1 day a week teacher, will teach specific curriculum, STEAM and other more unique stand-alone instruction, thus allowing for more continuity in Mrs. Vukicevich's weekly lessons.

With Mrs. Sedgwick moving to 6th grade and Mrs. Vukicevich teaching 4th grade 4 days a week, we will also be changing our staffing in the Reading Intervention Program. Luckily, Kenwood School has a plethora of amazing teachers on staff able to step into this role. Mrs. Krista Holden will, in addition to teaching 1 day a week in 1st grade, now be teaching Reading Intervention. Mrs. Holden has been a Reading Teacher in the past and we could not be more thrilled to have her at school more often as we move forward.

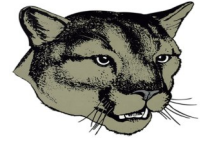
As always, feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Nathan Myers
Superintendent/Principal



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Upcoming Events



11/29-12/10 Student Council Food Drive

12/3 School Spirit Day - Wear your Cougar Gear or Black and Gold

12/6-10 KEF Read-a-Thon

**12/6-12/8 Holiday Boutique: Student made products sold at Boutique run by KSA
(see attached flyer)**

12/6 Holiday Boutique: Check in craft items 8:00-8:30 a.m.

12/7 and 12/8 Holiday Boutique Shopping (see attached schedule)

12/16 Board of Trustees Meeting, School Library, 4:00 p.m.

12/17 Pajama Day

12/17 Early Dismissal: Kindergarten at 1:15 p.m. and Grades 1-6 at 1:30 p.m.

12/20-12/31 Winter Break - *Students return Monday, January 3rd*

Hello Cougar Club Families!

It's that time again. Cougar Club contracts are due **THIS Friday, December 3rd**. Contracts can be found in Cougar Club, the main office and online under the Cougar Club page on the school's website.

Please keep in mind that we will be closing early Friday, December 10th at 3:00 pm for a staff Holiday Party.

Thank you,
Cougar Club Staff

Attendance Line:

To report your child's absence, please call (707)341-0102. Please state your child's name and the reason for the absence. Thank you.

TK and Kindergarten Registration for 2022 – 2023 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, 2022. Parents must provide proof that they are a Kenwood resident. 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, 2021.

Transitional Kindergarten registration is open to children who **reside within the Kenwood School District boundaries** and whose fifth birthday is between September 2, 2022 and February 2, 2023.



Thank you for welcoming me back home as a visiting author to the school that inspired The Rubber Band Series! It was my pleasure to tell you about my writing adventure. If you would like to hear more about what is happening in the future of The Rubber Band book series and my writing, please go to my website and sign-up. It's a great way for us to keep in touch and it would be my honor to hear from you! Remember: Never give up hope and work hard to make your dreams come true!

Christy Hoss

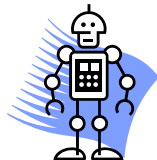
www.christyhoss.com

School Lunch News:

Student lunches are available, M-F.

Please pre-order at lunchorders@kenwoodschoo.org by Friday at 2:00 p.m. for the following week. You may also sign up in the morning at the front of the school, if you did not pre-order.

Lego Robotics



Open to ALL 4th through 6th
Grade Students!!!!

It's once again time for Kenwood School's Lego Robotics Program!

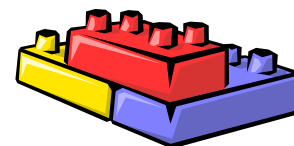
Lego Robotics will prepare students to compete against students from other Sonoma County schools with Lego-based robots they have built and programmed with the computer. Competition events include drag races, sumo-bots, and obstacle courses, among many others. Kenwood students will prepare for the competition with weekly meetings to get ready for the event on **Saturday, April 30, 2022**. If you like Legos, and you want to learn computer programming, this is the class for you!

Lego Robotics sessions will meet weekly to prepare for the competition in April, either on Tuesdays OR Thursdays beginning in January and February from **3:05 to 4:00**. In **March and April**, we will meet every Tuesday OR Thursday from **3:05 to 4:30**.

This year there will be two separate groups, one on Tuesdays, and one on Thursdays. Please indicate your preference for your child's meeting day on the form below.

There is a limit of 18 spots in this class— **if more than 18 student sign up, there will be a lottery to select participants.**

There is no charge for the class, only a small registration donation (usually about \$10) for the competition day, collected later.



Lego Robotics Sign-Up Form—Tuesdays OR Thursdays 3:05-4:00 (March/April 3:05-4:30)

Name: _____ Grade Level : 4 5 6

Preferred Meeting Day : (Circle One) Tuesday Thursday Either Day

Phone Number : _____ E-Mail Address : _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Please read the important reminders below:

By signing above, I agree that my child will be able to participate in the Saturday, April 30, 2022 competition.

More than 3 non-illness related absences during practices or inability to attend the competition day may result in you child's spot being given to another student.

Please return this form to the office no later than Wednesday, December 15th.

Students will be selected for the class by lottery and notified before Winter Break. Classes begin 1/11/2022

Kenwood Elementary School Student Council Canned Food Drive

Now through December 10th

For their 1st community service activity, the Student Council is sponsoring a Canned Food Drive in support of the Redwood Empire Food Bank. The canned food drive will be running from November 29th until Wednesday, December 10th. Please help us support our community by bringing in non-perishable foods. Please, no food in glass jars.

**Students will bring in canned food to their classes.
The top 3 classes who bring in the most cans or other non-perishable items will win a class prize.**

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



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



Kenwood School Association's
**ANNUAL HOLIDAY
BOUTIQUE**

December 7th and 8th

The HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE is approaching fast and is THE place for all Kenwood students to do their very own holiday shopping. The best part is, every item for sale is made by the students themselves. The boutique is a great opportunity for the students to showcase their own handy-work, all the while providing wonderful, affordable items for sale for the schoolmates to select and purchase as gifts for the holiday season!

Students will have an opportunity to shop during school hours on Tuesday and Wednesday when each class will take a field trip to the boutique. All monies from sales are given back to the children who made and sold them.

Get into the holiday spirit by being creative together and make some money doing it. The Holiday Boutique offers our kids a chance to be creative, thoughtful and to learn a little bit about business.





HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE HOW-TO SELL

Step 1: MAKE IT!

Create your craft (parental guidance and some help is perfectly acceptable), and package it if needed. Please- **NO** items that resemble **weapons** of any kind, **NO** home made **perishable**. This year due to COVID restrictions we can **NOT** accept food items that have been opened or partitioned out to make an item (i.e. BBQ rubs, cookie ingredients or anything baked or cooked). Aim for making crafts and or hand made items.

Step 2: TAG IT!

Tags must have your name & grade on the left and the price on the right. Attach it securely to your craft. **All items must be tagged**. Tags must be able to be easily removed at "checkout". These tags are removed when an item is sold, and this is how we know who and how much to pay – so tagging is VERY important. You can print tags by using the attached copy or going to:

<https://www.kenwoodschoollassociation.com/holiday-boutique>

Step 3: LIST IT!

Fill out the inventory list so we know everything you have made and given us to sell for you.

Step 4: CHECK IT by Monday 12/6

Bring everything to school on Monday, December 6th and check them in at the school cafeteria. All items must be checked-in by a KSA member. Check-in will be from: 8-8:30



HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

Please check the schedule to see when your child's class will be going to the Holiday Boutique in the school cafeteria. If you would like your child to be able to purchase gifts for friends and family, please complete the "shopping list" and send money to school with them on the appropriate day. All purchases will be gift wrapped.

SHOPPING SCHEDULE

Tuesday – Dec. 7th

8:30 - 9:00 - Kindergarten
9:15 - 9:45 - 1st grade
10:45 - 11:15 - 2nd grade
11:30 - 12:00 - 3rd grade
12:45-1:15 - 4th grade
1:30-2:00 - 5th grade
2:15-2:45 - 6th grade

Wednesday – Dec. 8th

8:30 - 8:45 - Kindergarten
9:00 - 9:15 - 1st grade
10:45 - 11:00 - 2nd grade
11:15 - 11:30 - 3rd grade
11:45-12:00 - 4th grade
12:45-1:00 - 5th grade
1:15-1:30 - 6th grade

Holiday Boutique Shopping List

Please write down the names of people your child should purchase for. For primary students, please put this list in an envelope labeled with your child's name along with the money your child has to spend at the Holiday Boutique.

The form is a green-bordered rectangle. At the top center is a white rounded rectangle for a name. Below it is a list of nine items, each consisting of a small square checkbox on the left and a horizontal line for writing a name. At the bottom right corner, there is a colorful illustration of three wrapped gifts: one green, one yellow with red stripes, and one red with green stripes, all with bows.



Kenwood School Read-a-Thon

We're so excited for the start of Kenwood School's 2nd Annual 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 **December 6th to December 10th**, 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 through December 10th.** 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 this week, please contact: 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 during the week of the 6th – 10th on the attached reading log, and be sure to turn in the completed log on **Monday, December 13th**. Minutes can also be emailed to boyle@kenwoodeducationfoundation.org.
- Prizes!
 - The student who raises the most money for the school will win a **\$100 Amazon Gift Card and Surprise Basket of Reading Goodies!**
 - The top reader in each class will win a \$25 gift certificate to **Copperfield's Books**.
 - Every class with a 90% participation rate will earn a **Class Party!**
 - All participating students will earn a surprise treat.

Thank you in advance for participating in this event!

December 2021 Kenwood School Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2	3
		Breakfast Day French toast, w/yogurt parfait & sausage -Fruit -Drink	Chow Mein Sautéed with ginger, garlic, bell pepper & soy sauce -Potstickers -Drink	BBQ Chicken with cornbread muffin -Baked beans -Salad -Drink
6	7	8	9	10
Chicken Pesto Sandwich Breaded chicken, on a bun with pesto sauce -Caesar salad -Drink	Beef Tacos Seasoned beef in a flour tortilla w/optional toppings -Chips & salsa -Drink	Spaghetti Homemade marinara sauce mixed with al dente spaghetti -Garlic Bread -Drink	Fried Rice Rice sautéed with ginger, garlic, green onion & egg -Potstickers -Drink	Cheese Pizza with homemade marinara and mozzarella cheese -Caesar salad -Drink
13	14	15	16	17
Meatball Sandwiches Meatballs w/homemade marinara sauce -Caesar salad -Drink	Chicken Enchiladas With red sauce and shredded cheese -Chips & salsa -Drink	Breakfast Day French toast, w/yogurt parfait & sausage -Fruit -Drink	Teriyaki Chicken Soy, ginger, and garlic chicken over steamed rice -Potstickers -Drink	Cheese Ravioli Homemade marinara sauce with three cheese ravioli -Caesar Salad -Drink
20	21	22	23	24
No	school	for	Winter	break!
27	28	29	30	31
