

# Kenwood School Newsletter

Principally Speaking

February 5, 2025

## Upcoming Events

*12/2-2/29 Registration for Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten*

*For TK students - must turn 4 by September 1, 2025*

*For Kindergarten students - must turn 5 by September 1, 2025*

*2/7 KEF Read-a-thon Pledge Drive Begins*

*No School: 2/10, 2/17, 2/24*

*2/13 Board of Trustees Meeting, School Library, 4:00 p.m.*

*2/19 Talent Show Applications Due*

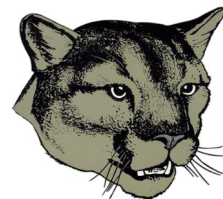
*KSA Dine & Donate at Golden Bear Station, 4:30 – 9:00 p.m.*

*3/6 Yearbook Illustrations Due*

*KEF Read-A-Thon, March 3 - 7*

*Spring Break: March 17 - 21*

*Save the Date: KEF School Auction, May 17, 2025*



## THREE important notes about Cougar Club:

1. March Cougar Club contracts are **due Friday, February 14th**. Contracts received after that date will incur a **daily** drop-in fee for all the dates requested. (The contract for March is attached, if you want to get ahead of the game.)
2. If there were additional drop ins or extra time added to January, look for those bills in the middle of the month. (Mrs. Stenerson is out of the office the first week of February)
3. Remember to check your emails for invoices and make payments in a timely manner.

Thank you,  
Cougar Club

*Sweeten Someone's Day with a*

# **CANDY GRAM**

Want to surprise a friend, classmate, teacher or any staff member with a sweet treat? For just \$1 each, you can send a Candy Gram to brighten their day. Buy as many as you like - the more the merrier! All proceeds go toward making the 5th grade outdoor ed trip an unforgettable experience.

Send your child with \$1 for each gram in an envelope and have them visit the table outside the Multipurpose Room beginning Feb 6th. Our 5th graders will be there, ready to take orders and fill out messages for our friends who are unable to do it themselves.

***All Candy Grams will be delivered  
on Valentine's Day, Feb 14th!***

We're so excited for the start of Kenwood School's Annual

# Read-A-Thon



our goal is for every child to participate in this school-wide event, and to raise \$10,000 to fund our amazing programs



**Let's Read!** During the week of **Monday March 3rd to Friday March 7th**, 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 all those minutes!



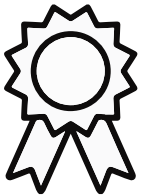
**Let's Raise!** Students will collect pledges from **Friday February 7th to Friday March 7th** on their individualized student page on the 99 pledges platform, which will be emailed to parent/guardian emails this week. Pledges can be made as a flat donation (i.e. \$20) or as a per minute pledge (i.e. 25 cents each minute). The pledge pages are easy to share with friends and family, near and far, by email and social media! All the \$ raised will support Kenwood's wonderful Library & programs!



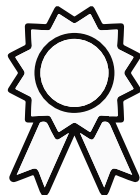
**Let's Log!** Track all minutes read during the week of **Monday March 3rd to Friday March 7th** on the attached reading log, and be sure to turn in the completed log to your teacher on **Monday, March 10th**. This is a fun way to encourage students to spend more time reading, and fund our Library, STEAM, Music, PE, Art & More.

## Prizes

### Top Donations



The class with the highest average \$ raised (per student) will get an amazing class party!



### Top readers

In the class with the highest average minutes read per student, each student will receive a \$10 gift card to Copperfield's



### Every Reader

All participating students will earn a small surprise for reading!



KENWOOD  
EDUCATION  
FOUNDATION

Any donation amount makes a difference  
Thank you in advance for your amazing participation  
Any questions: [mstkristenvandyne@gmail.com](mailto:mstkristenvandyne@gmail.com)

# KENWOOD COUGAR CLUB T-Kindergarten - 6th Grade March 2025 – CONTRACT

Contracts for childcare are DUE NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, February 14th  
to avoid being charged THE DROP – IN RATE for the month!

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mark the **DAYS and TIMES** your child will be attending in the calendar boxes below.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5 <i>Wed. 1:30 pm dismissal</i>	6 <i>1:30 pm dismissal</i>	7
		<i>Conferences</i>	<i>Conferences</i>	
10	11	12 <i>Wed. 1:30 pm dismissal</i>	13	14 <i>1:30 pm dismissal</i>
<b>*April contracts due!</b>				
<b>Spring Break - March 17- 21, 2025 &gt;No School</b>				
24	25	26 <i>Wed. 1:30 pm dismissal</i>	27	28
30	<b>*Remember: Contracts for March are due Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup></b> <b>*Drop in charges will incur if turned in after the due date.</b>			

**FEES WORK SHEET:**

\_\_\_\_\_ (# of HOURS) TK/Kinder - 6<sup>th</sup> grade \$9.00 per hour 1:30 – 5:00pm  
1/2 hr. ok, NO 1/4 hr. Rate

\_\_\_\_\_ # of hours X 9.00=\$\_\_\_\_\_ → \$\_\_\_\_\_

**\*DROP IN RATE:** Additional \$5.00 Daily Fee

(\*This amount applies daily with the hourly rate when contracts are not turned in by **February, 14th**)

\_\_\_\_\_ # of drop in days X 5.00=\$\_\_\_\_\_ → \$\_\_\_\_\_

Make checks out to  
**Kenwood School District**  
Note child's name

**Total Due:** \$\_\_\_\_\_

**I understand that I need to pay for all the days I contracted for, regardless of whether my child attends. Late pick up fees will be charged. Payments for this month will be billed at the end of the month and due 10 days after bill is sent. If you have any questions, please call Jennifer Stenerson, at 833-6551.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



**Come Join the Fun ... It's Talent Show Time!**

Kenwood School is looking for talented students to participate in the Kenwood School Talent Show! The show will be on Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 and at 6:00. Practices will be in the multi-purpose room on Tuesdays and Thursdays after school beginning on March 4. Initially, kindergarten rehearsals will be 1:35-2:00. Grades 1-3 will rehearse 2:30-3:00 and grades 4-6 will rehearse 3:05-3:45. It is free to any student who would like to participate, but requires a commitment to attend all or most practices. **Also, mandatory dress rehearsals are on April 4<sup>th</sup>, April 3<sup>rd</sup> and April 8<sup>th</sup> from 3:05-4:30 for all grades. Primary grade students will need to return to school. Cougar Club kids will come from and return to Cougar for rehearsals.** Children should bring their own snack if needed.

Now is the time to start thinking of an act that you might want to do with some friends or by yourself. Your act should be less than two minutes long and appropriate for a PreK - 6<sup>th</sup> grade audience. (All songs included in acts need to have the lyrics approved ahead of time.) **Students create their own acts** to be practiced at school. Some ideas are: short skits, dances, instrumental performances, songs, special tricks, special skills or your own creative idea! It is not a competition. There are also some spots for older students (grades 4-6) to do tech crew jobs like lighting, sound and props.

Please return the bottom portion of this page to Mrs. S. (in a box in the office) by Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> if you would like to be involved.

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I am interested in being involved in the talent show as:

\_\_\_\_\_ A performer doing: \_\_\_\_\_

Who else is in your act? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Tech crew (Grades 4-6 only)

My name: \_\_\_\_\_ My grade: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parents:** By signing this application, I agree to help. My child to be at all or most rehearsals, especially dress rehearsals.

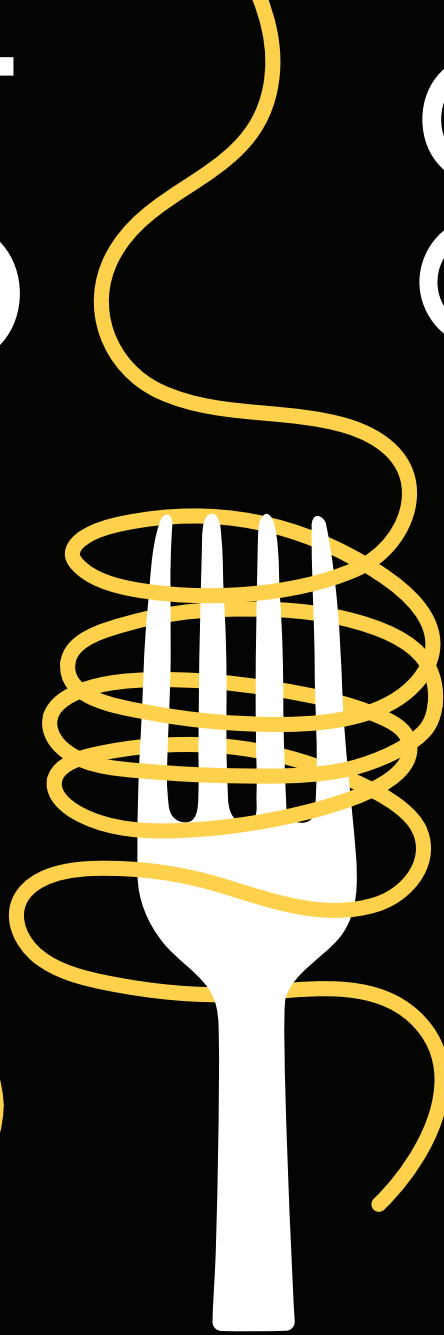
Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# GREAT FOOD

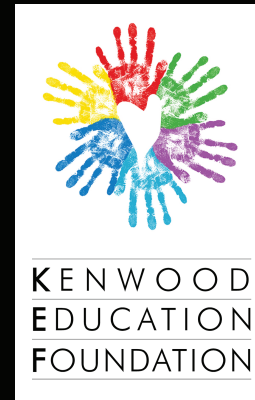
# GOOD CAUSE

EAT. DRINK  
WEDNESDAY  
FEB 19TH  
4:30 TO 9 PM

ALL FOOD SALES  
WILL BE DONATED  
TO SUPPORT  
KENWOOD  
PROGRAMS



RESERVATION HERE



ART • PE  
MUSIC  
LIBRARY  
OUTDOOR ED  
STEAM  
PRESCHOOL  
GARDEN  
AND MORE

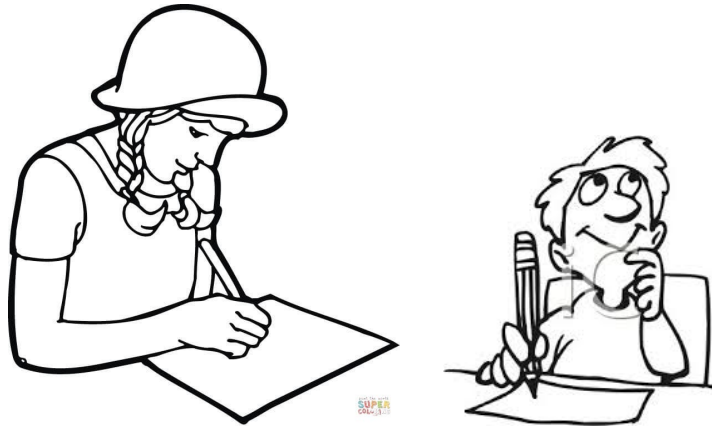
MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS  
TODAY. FOR GROUPS WITH  
MORE THAN SIX PEOPLE,  
PLEASE AN SEND EMAIL TO  
[BOOKING@GOLDENBEARSTATION.COM](mailto:BOOKING@GOLDENBEARSTATION.COM)



KENWOOD ELEMENTARY  
PARENTS JOSHUA SMOOKLER  
& HEIDY HE, INVITE YOU TO  
THEIR KENWOOD SPOT TO  
SAVOR PIZZAS, PASTAS  
& SEASONAL DELICACIES.

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BE SURE TO MENTION KENWOOD SCHOOL OR SHOW THIS FLYER WHEN YOU DINE.



## Yearbook Illustration Contest

Do you like to draw? How would you like to have one of your **hand drawn** pictures included in this year's Kenwood School yearbook? We are having a contest to pick some student drawings for this year's book. If you'd like to enter our contest, simply draw a picture that celebrates our school. For example, kids playing at school, our Kenwood mascot (the cougar), a drawing of our school or any idea you have. Please draw an original picture on 8.5 x 11 inch, plain, white paper, holding your paper vertically (the tall way). Binder paper drawings will **not** be accepted! Please use markers or crayons so that your picture will show clearly when printed in the yearbook, if it is selected. Only include drawings, not words on your picture. Be sure that your name and grade are written on the back in pencil. Please turn your drawings (one per person) into the office by Thursday, March 6.

Thank you for participating,  
Mrs. Sedgwick and Mrs. S.

*26th Annual Gala Benefiting Kenwood Elementary School Programs*

**05.17.25**

**5PM - 10PM**

**HANNA CENTER**

**17000 ARNOLD DR**

**SONOMA, CA 95476**

**LIVE & SILENT AUCTION**

**MISSION: IMPECCABLY DRESSED**

**DINNER • DANCING**

**OPEN BAR • FUN**



*Scan Me*



**100% LICENSE TO RAISE**



**EARLY BIRD**

**TICKETS: \$125**

**TABLES: \$1,500**

**10 PEOPLE TO A TABLE**

**FOR TICKETS, DONATIONS, OR MORE INFO: [WWW.KENWOODEDUCATIONFOUNDATION.ORG](http://WWW.KENWOODEDUCATIONFOUNDATION.ORG)**

*Early Bird Ticket Sales Open Feb 1st - Ending March 1st*



Hello Kenwood Families,

Our students are working hard to be innovative and create during STEAM lessons. The lab is used for TK-6th grade classes, and we use many materials. I work hard to create lessons using low-cost or recycled materials and want to replenish some of our supplies.

If you can contribute, please have your child(ren) bring items to school and deposit them in the STEAM bin by the office.

We are collecting the following cleaned or unused items:

Paper towel tubes (wrapping paper tube)	Yarn	Strawberry baskets
Pool noodles	Pipe cleaners	Duct tape of all types and colors
2-liter bottles	Boxes- packing, cereal, pasta	Yogurt containers
Paper towel rolls (please, no TP rolls)	Shoe boxes	Packing materials- please no styrofoam
Crafting paper	Ribbons	Straws (unused)
pom-poms	Small plastic toys	Paper cups
Small working flashlights	Paper plates	Ziplock bag (any size)

Thank you,  
Patricia Ehn  
STEAM Teacher