

KENMORE ELEMENTARY PAW PRINTS

APRIL 2022



FAMILY CULTURE NIGHT LOGO

A HUGE thank you to Kenmore's own 5th grader, Grace Kurcinka, for creating this year's Family Culture Night's Logo!

The flags displayed in this logo were specially chosen to represent the top 16 birth countries of our Kenmore Cubs. Can you spot the flags of the US, Mexico, Brazil, Israel, China, Australia, Cambodia, Iran, Singapore, Thailand, Uganda, Cuba, El Salvador, Ethiopia, France and Germany?

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Happy Spring Kenmore Families,

I love the month of April for multiple reasons, one being the longer days and the opportunity to participate in a variety of warm weather activities.

A big thank you to **Betsy Kurcinka** and **Mariana Lasalle** who have been tirelessly working these past few weeks to beautify our school. You will see evidence of this in our courtyard, and various points around campus. I can't thank them enough for what is to come!

My first experience of the KEPTA Auction was eye opening as to all the work and love that envelopes our school. Thank you to all the organizers and contributors, **Tiffany Masen-Smith, Mariana Lassalle, Anna Nanavati, Sarah Linville, Tiffany Hagen, Laurie Branch, Amy Lowe, Edouard Lassalle, Betsy Kurcinka, Rebecca Ferbrache, Jessie Lewis, Patti Foster** and the many hands behind the scenes.

As COVID restrictions begin to loosen up, our list of school activities are beginning to grow. We hope you will join us for one or more of these events.

April Highlights

April 4-7 - Recess Reboot-Playworks training for staff and Junior Coaches

April 5 - Informational Zoom on the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA)
Zoom link is provided below.

April 29 - STEAM Fair, April 29, 6pm-8pm. Please join us as our students will be sharing the results of their hard work in science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics.

May Highlights

In preparation for the Family Cultural Week event, we would like to learn more about your family. We encourage you to share your family heritage or talent at this event. No submission is required to participate, please join us to learn, celebrate our community and have a meal provided by local vendors.

For those interested in contributing to this event please visit the KEPTA- [SignUp Genius](#) to indicate your interest by Friday, April 8. Or reach out to elisabethlepine@gmail.com to ask questions, offer suggestions and ideas for this community event where KE Cubs can learn more about each other!

This past month, staff and student leaders voted on frequency and ideas for upcoming **Spirit Days**. Here are the selections for the remainder of the year: Throwback Day, Mismatch Day, and Color By Grade Day. Every Friday will be School Colors/Spirit day!

As we continue to work towards making Kenmore Elementary an amazing place we would like to hear from you about how our school is doing. We appreciate you taking a moment to provide your **feedback** in this short [survey](#).

Lastly, today marks the beginning of Ramadan, the holy month of fasting, prayer and introspection for our Muslim friends. We wish all our Muslim families here at Kenmore Ramadan Mubarak (April 1-May 1).

For our Christian families observing Lent, the season of prayer, reflection and preparation for Easter, we wish you a Happy Easter (April 17).

To all of us-Happy Spring!!

Ms. George-Shapiro
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

April 5th - Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) Informational Meeting via ZOOM, 5:30-6:00pm

April 7th - Gyl Club, Music Room, 3:45-4:30pm

April 11th-15th: SPRING BREAK ~ NO SCHOOL!

April 21st - Gyl Club, Music Room, 3:45-4:30pm

April 23rd - Woodville High School Daddy Daughter Dance, WHS Main Commons, 6:00-8:00pm

April 28th - Gyl Club, Music Room, 3:45-4:30pm

April 29th - STEAM Fair, Gym, 6:00-8:00pm

KENMORE ELEMENTARY FAMILY SURVEY

As we continue to work towards making Kenmore Elementary an amazing place we would like to hear from you about how our school is doing. We appreciate you taking a moment to provide your feedback in this short survey:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdchuQPcKgi6a6R7Fm9DcRt0Ik1SuCKu2MdVPw_Lfc7ahJHYQ/viewform

SMARTER BALANCED ASSESSMENT

Students will take the Smarter Balanced Assessment (3rd-5th grade) and Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science (5th) in May.

SBA INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Do you have a 3rd, 4th or 5th grader at Kenmore Elementary this year? Do you have questions about the SBA and how to support your child? *If so, join Principal George-Shapiro, Assistant Principal Cano, Mrs. Grossman, Mrs. Myers and Mr. Parra for a short informational Zoom.*

When: April 5th from 5:30pm-6:00pm

Where: <https://nsd.zoom.us/j/3099145778>

Hope to see you then!

SOWAH MENSAH

Sowah Mensah is returning to KE the week of May 2-6. We've been privileged to have him work with our students for 16 years. He will be drumming with every student and teaching them about customs and traditions in Ghana, Africa. A core group of 5th graders and 4th graders have been learning the drums, gyil xylophones and gourds over the past couple of months and will perform a concert with Sowah on Thursday evening May 5th. We are also hoping to have a school assembly with Sowah – perhaps outdoors - on the afternoon of May 6th TBD. A BIG THANK YOU to the PTA for sponsoring this unique, week long music education experience for our students!!

FAMILY CULTURE NIGHT

Planning has begun for Kenmore Elementary PTA's Family Culture Night. It will be held on Friday, May 20th from 5:30-8:30.

We want to learn more about **YOU** and your family! Are you interested in sharing your talent and/or family heritage at this event?

So far we have parents teaching Karate and Kendo workshops and KE's Drumming Club is performing. We are looking for families to perform/demonstrate and/or teach a workshop. Do you...

- play cricket
- perform in a Mariachi band
- do cultural dance
- practice yoga
- create art
- braid hair
- or something else...

Please share your family culture with us!

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ELEMENTARY TRACK & FIELD

On your mark, get set, go!

The 2022 Elementary Track and Field season for students in grades 3rd-5th begins soon. Practices will be on Thursdays and Fridays **during the student's long recess.** The first practice

will be on March 31st.

Meets will be held at Kenmore Elem. on May 6th (**Friday**), May 10th, and 17th starting at 5:00 p.m. The Junior Olympics will be held on May 24st at Bothell High School starting at 5:30p.m. **Parents are responsible for arranging transportation to and from the meets.** The participation fee is \$35 per student. Those who qualify for free/reduced lunch pay \$0. Further information will be coming home with your student(s).

Looking forward to a great season!

~Coach Frisch and Coach Plant

For information about how to register for Track and Field, you can visit the district Elementary Sports website: <https://www.nsd.org/schools/enrichment-activities/athletics/elementary-sports>

ONLINE ENROLLMENT

Enrollment is now open for the 2022-2023 School Year!

Enrollment is needed for **incoming kindergarteners** and **new students** of all grades. See the NSD enrollment website to get started! <https://www.nsd.org/schools/get-started/enrollment>

*Timely kindergarten enrollment is very important as we plan staffing for the 22-23 school year.

ARE YOU MOVING?

An accurate count of students for each grade is very important. If you are moving to another school or district next year, please let our school office staff know as soon as possible so that we can plan for classroom sizes and staffing for the 22-23 school year.

VOLUNTEERING

Classroom(in-person or virtual) or on-campus volunteers ~

Complete a [background check \(level 1\)](#), and submit your proof of vaccination through Safe Visitor Solutions. This background check is through the Washington State Patrol System which many of you are familiar with. More information about background checks are provided in the Northshore School District Orientation.

Drivers or field trip chaperones ~

Complete a [background check \(level 2\)](#), and submit your proof of vaccination through Safe Visitor Solutions. There is a \$12.95 cost to the volunteer to process this background check. In some cases, additional fees may be requested to obtain information from certain jurisdictions. If this cost creates a hardship that will prevent you from volunteering your time, please email partnerships@nsd.org. After your first year of volunteering, you will be asked to complete a free Level 1 background check at your yearly renewal.

THANK YOU!

On March 3rd our amazing **PTA** organized a Staff Appreciation Lunch. **Thank you to everyone who treated us to delicious entrees, drinks and desserts!** Special thanks to **Jessie Lewis** for coordinating the lunch!

Thank you to the PTA for hosting our first Popcorn Thursday of the school year on March 10th. Thank you to our awesome volunteers **Patti Foster, Jessie Lewis, Janice Helmann, Nicole Suarez** and **Erin Quinn!**

Thank you to our PTA members **Patti Foster** and **Becky Dennison** for helping us welcome our incoming Kindergarten families this month during all three of our Kindergarten Tours! It was a huge help!

Thank you to our Student Ambassadors, **Nicole Pena Topete** and **Rhys Dorrian**, for helping escort parents and setting up the Activity Room for Dr. Reid's visit to Kenmore Elementary on March 11th. We couldn't have done it without you!

Thank you to the **Dorrian Family** for bringing the entire KE staff treats all the way from the UK! Tea, cookies and chocolate! Yum!

Thank you to the **Saiyan Family** for celebrating the office staff on International Women's Day with delicious chocolates!

Thank you to the **Burrell Family** for bringing treats for our staff! The madeleines, mandarins and trail mix gave us an extra boost of energy at the end of a busy week.

Thank you so much to our brave picture day volunteers, **Tiffany Masen-Smith, Jessie Lewis** and **Deb Johnson**. We appreciate you spending the day making sure pictures went smoothly and everything stayed organized!

COVID-19 TEST KITS

Please visit the following websites for information on how to order free at home COVID-19 testing kits.

Information about the Federal Program:

<https://special.usps.com/testkits>

Information about the WA state:

<https://www.sayyescovidhometest.org/>

DISTRICT NEWS

CANDY LAND

Daddy Daughter Dance 2022

April 23, 2022
6pm – 8pm

Woodinville High School Commons

Join us for a special night featuring games,
live music, dancing, food, and more!

Scan QR code below for tickets and more
information:



*Face Masks will be required for everyone. All adults must show proof of
Vaccination or a negative Covid-19 test taken within 72 hours prior to the event.

Sponsoring organization: WHS class of 2023

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