

Kenwood School Newsletter

Principally Speaking

December 13, 2017

As we prepare to head into our final six days of the 2017 portion of our school year, I would like to give thanks to all of our Kenwood School families who have been so supportive of our entire community during this challenging time brought about by the October fires.

While we are always grateful for the kindness and generosity of our community, this year's holiday season is an especially poignant time to remember and to cherish all that we still have in our children, our neighbors and our Kenwood School community.

On behalf of our entire staff, I would like to wish everyone a peaceful, joyful and restful holiday season!



Upcoming Events

11/28-12/15 CANNED FOOD DRIVE

12/14 Board of Trustees Meeting, Closed Session, 4 p.m., Regular Session 4:30 p.m.

12/15 K Field Trip to Spring Lake Village, 9-10:30 a.m.

12/20 Holiday Performance, MPR, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.

12/21 LANGUAGE TRUCK SPANISH CLASS at 1:30 for both classes

12/21 Pajama Day

12/21 1:30 Early Dismissal, Grades 1-6, 1:15 (K)

12/21 KSA Holiday Send-Off Party

12/22 NO SCHOOL

12/22-1/5 Winter Break

1/8 Return to School



Please check the lost and found bin at the end of the main hallway. All remaining items will be donated to a local charity during winter break.

Kenwood School
Holiday Performance
Wednesday, December 20th
Morning Performance at
10:30 a.m.
Evening Performance at 6:00

Marine Corps League

Toys for Tots Program is in the 70th anniversary year. The program runs from November 6th until December 18th. A box has been placed in the main hallway. Please share the Joy of Christmas by Donating a Toy to a Needy Child this Year. Please only NEW UNWRAPPED TOYS. Thank

ART PROGRAM NEWS

We will be doing some craft projects with old Christmas Cards and wood pieces (5 by 7", 4 by 6" or 8 by 10". Please bring any donations to Room 13 on Thursday afternoons or Friday.

**Thanks,
Maria Crane**

Lost and Found

Please remember to check the lost and found rack at the end of the main hallway. Thank you.

ART CLUB will meet on the next four Thursdays ending 12/21.

Gift Card Donations:

For those of you who would like to support those families and staff members who suffered loss due to the fires, Kenwood School is holding a gift card drive. We are asking for gift card donations so individual families can fulfill their own needs as they arise. We suggest gift cards that can be used for a variety of items such as VISA gift cards, Safeway gift cards, Target gift cards, or gas station gift cards. We have a gift card donation box located in the front office, please place any donations inside and we will distribute to those families in need.

School Lunch News:

On Facebook, search for the "Kenwood Café" to find out about our exciting school lunch program.

Main Office: 833-2500

Attendance Line: 341-0102

Cougar Club: 833-4383

Rainbow Garden Preschool: 833-6551

COUGAR CLUB

Cougar Club payments are due.



**Thank you,
Cougar Club Staff**

Rainbow Garden:

We still have openings for fall on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

A Great Place for Preschool Kids to Grow

Now Enrolling for Fall

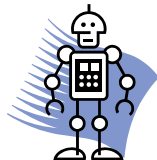
- A fertile, loving and magical place, where kids use their imaginations, learn, get messy, and have fun!
- Days are rich with song and joyful exploration. Come visit us!

- M, T, Th, F 8:15-2:15, W 8:15-1:15

Lic.#49011142 **707-833-6551**



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, May 5, 2018**. If you like Legos, and you want to learn computer programming, this is the class for you!

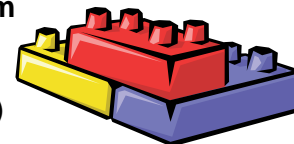
Lego Robotics sessions will meet weekly to prepare for the competition in May, either on Mondays OR Tuesdays beginning in January and February from **3:05 to 4:00**. In **March, April and May**, we will meet every Monday OR Tuesday from **3:05 to 4:30**.

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

There is a limit of 30 spots in this class— **if more than 30 student sign up, there will be a lottery to select participants.**

Also—**we need parent volunteers to help coach students throughout this program.** If you are interested in coaching (you don't need to have robotics or computer programming experience), please check the box on the form below. **We need at least 6 coaches to make this program happen!**

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—Mondays OR Tuesdays 3:05-4:00 (March/April/May 3:05-4:30)

Name: _____ Grade Level : 4 5 6

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

Phone Number : _____ E-Mail Address : _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

I am interested in volunteering as a coach. (You will be contacted with further details)

Please read the important reminders below:

By signing above, I agree that my child will be able to participate in the Saturday, May 5, 2018 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 20th.

Students will be selected for the class by lottery and notified before Winter Break. Classes begin 1/16/2018

KENWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HOLIDAY
SEND-OFF
PARTY



Thursday, December 21st,
1:15-3pm in the MPR

CRAFTS, HOT COCOA, SNACKS AND
LOTS OF HOLIDAY FUN. COME AND
DECORATE COOKIES WITH US!

This is a fun, free KSA event

AGENDA
Organizational Board Meeting
December 14, 2017
4:00PM Regular Session
Kenwood School Library

- I. Call to Order – Board President Pat Alexander or alternate**
- II. Closed Session**
 - A. Comments-Individuals:** At this time members of the public may seek clarification about any item being discussed in closed session.
 - B. Recess to Closed Session**
 - 1.) With respect to every item of business to be discussed in closed session pursuant to Gov. Code Section 54957.6: CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR – Agency Negotiator: Board Members Employee organization or unrepresented employee: KSTA
- III. Regular Session**
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance**
 - B. Roll Call of Board Members**
 - C. Report out of Closed Session**
 - D. Adjustment of Agenda**

Anyone wishing to have an agenda item heard at a time other than as listed should make a request at this time.
 - E. Public Comment**

It should be understood that the Board will not respond to nor take action on presentations under “Public Comment”. This is simply a time for members of the audience to address the Board regarding items not on the agenda. Each presentation shall be limited to three minutes.
 - F. Announcements and Reports**
 - 1. **Board Announcements**
 - 2. **District Organizations’ Reports**
 - 3. **Superintendent’s Report**
 - a. **Rick Phelan, SCOE: Assessment Results**
 - 4. **Facilities Presentation: Maggie Howland and Kevin Chapin**
- IV. Action Items**
 - A. Annual Organizational Meeting**
 - 1. **Election of Board President**
 - 2. **Election of Board Clerk**
 - 3. **Election of Representative to the County Committee on School District Organization**
 - 4. **Set Dates/Time of Regular Board Meetings for 2018**
 - B. Approval of Kenwood School Safety Plan**
 - C. Approval of First Interim Report for the 2017-18 School Year**
 - D. Budget Updates**
 - E. Approval of Warrants**
 - F. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes, November 9, 2017**
 - G. Approve 5% Salary Increase for Business Manager, Effective January 1, 2017**
 - H. Approval of Interdistrict Attendance Permit for Grade 3 from Sonoma Valley**
 - I. Acceptance of \$120 Donation to Kenwood School from Mark Wieszczyk/PGE Employee Giving**

J. Approval of Technology Items for Surplus
K. Approval of the following Board Policy (BP) and Administrative Regulations (AR) updates as Recommended by the California School Board Association: October 2017

Adopt Revised:

BP 0400 Comprehensive Plans
BP/AR 0460 Local Control Accountability Plan
BP 0500 Accountability
BP/AR 1113 District and School Websites
BP 3280 Sale or Lease of District-Owned Real Property
AR 3515.6 Criminal Background Checks for Contractors
BP 4140/4240/4340 Bargaining Units
BP/AR 5113.1 Chronic Absence and Truancy
BP/AR 5117 Interdistrict Attendance
AR 5125.2 Withholding Grades, Diploma or Transcripts
BP 5131.6 Alcohol and Other Drugs
BP/AR 6020 Parent Involvement
AR 6112 School Day
BP 6153 School-Sponsored Trips
BP 6170.1 Transitional Kindergarten
AR 6173.1 Education for Foster Youth
BP/AR 6173.2 Education of Children of Military Families

Adopt New:

BP 3513.4 Drug and Alcohol Free Schools
AR 5113.11 Attendance Supervision
BP/AR 5113.12 District School Attendance Review Board

Delete:

BP/AR 0520.2 Title I Program Improvement Schools
BP 0520.3 Title I Program Improvement Districts
E 5131.63 Steroids

V. Discussion/Report Items

A. E-Rate Contract: Informational Item

B. Discussion of Resolution #945 of the Kenwood School District Parcel Tax Waiver for Destroyed Properties

C. Agenda Items for January Board Meeting

VI. Adjournment

Notice: The District adheres to the Americans with Disabilities Act. Should you require special accommodations, or more information about accessibility, please contact 833-2500. All efforts will be made for reasonable accommodations.