

Kenwood School Newsletter

Principally Speaking

January 8, 2020

On behalf of our entire staff, I would like to welcome all of our families back from our Winter break! We are looking forward to a great 2020 for all of our students! Please note the following dates on your calendar as we begin our “new” year:

*** Thursday, February 20th will be our annual “Community Conversation” at 8:45 a.m. and again at 3:15 p.m.** This event will be an open discussion regarding programs that we would like to see continue for our children, as well as an opportunity to share suggestions that would enrich our program offerings for our students, as we begin to formulate plans and budgeting for the 2020-21 school year.

***Friday, March 6th will be our annual “Big Heart” awards celebration beginning at 5:30 p.m.** in the beautiful Deerfield Ranch Winery Caves. This year’s recipients will be Julie and Tom Atwood, Peter and Mary Klabunde and Cynthia Coleman. Please make plans to purchase a ticket and join us for this wonderful event.

***Saturday, May 16 will be our “Lights, Camera, Auction” fundraising event.** Our biggest fundraiser of the year will begin at approximately 5:00 p.m. at the Hanna Boys’ Center in Sonoma. All of the proceeds from this great party go to support the continuity of maintaining our classroom teaching assistants, music, art, library, physical education, technology, STEAM, preschool, Cougar Club, and culinary programs.

As always, thank you for your support and happy 2020 to all of our families!

Upcoming Events

- 1/9 Board of Trustees Meeting at 4 p.m., School Library
- 1/10 KSA Meeting at 8:30 a.m., Cougar Club
- 1/16 Grade 5 Field Trip to Greater Farallones Visitor Center, SF, 8:45-2 p.m.
- 1/20 Martin Luther King Day: No School
- 1/22 School Site Council Meeting at 1:45 p.m., School Library
- 2/7 KSA Chili Cook-Off from 6-8 p.m.

Cougar Club News:

Statements are out. Payments are due.



January contracts are ready to be completed (located in Cougar Club, the main office and online at www.kenwoodschool.org). Due Friday, January 10, 2020

Kindergarten Registration for 2020-2021 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, 2020. Parents must provide proof that they are a Kenwood resident.

Transitional Kindergarten registration is open to children who reside within the Kenwood School District boundaries and whose fifth birthday is between September 2 and December 2, 2020.

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, 2019.



Rainbow Garden Preschool

FALL 2020-2021 enrollment of new students will be open starting Monday, February 3rd. Call Jennifer at 707-883-6551 to schedule a tour any time in January or February.

Main Office: 833-2500

Attendance Line: 341-0102

Cougar Club: 833-4383

Rainbow Garden Preschool: 833-6551

Parent Reminder:

Wednesday

Dismissal Time is 1:30pm

Sonoma Little League

Registration Now Open!

www.sonomalittleleague.com



CHILI! **COOK-OFF**

**FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY
7TH**

**THE KENWOOD DEPOT
314 WARM SPRINGS RD**

6:00-8:00 PM

**SIGN UP
YOUR
FAVORITE
CHILI**

**BEVERAGES AND
NACHO BAR**



KENWOOD SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The Kenwood School Ocean Guardians and Garden Club Announce a Native Plant Sale

The Ocean Guardians and Garden Club have three species of native plants for sale: Yarrow, Coyote Bush, and California Fescue. The plants are available in 6" plugs that cost \$1:00 each and are ready for easy planting. And now is the time to plant. Native plants benefit from being planted in the winter months when temperatures are cool and they have a chance to develop strong, deep roots before the onset of summer heat.

Why Grow Native Plants?

You can conserve water, which means there's more water available in our streams and rivers for important ocean fish species, such as Steelhead Trout and Chinook and Coho Salmon.

You can reduce or eliminate your use of toxic pesticides and keep them out of our local creeks, watershed, and ocean.

You can attract birds and beneficial insects that help control mosquitoes or the "bad" bugs in your vegetable and flower gardens.

You can support our local ecosystems by providing important bridges for wildlife between the remaining undeveloped areas near where you live.

Yarrow
(*Achillea millefolium*)

Yarrow is a low, spreading perennial grown for its feathery foliage and showy, flat-topped flowers. Widely used for its medicinal qualities, Yarrow is also known to attract beneficial insects and butterflies and in winter it provides food for birds, especially junco, sparrows, and towhees.. Due to its creeping rootstock, this plant will form a dense cover, and therefore makes an excellent drought tolerant substitute for a lawn (no mowing!).



Coyote Bush
(*Baccharis pilularis*)

The advantages of using Coyote Bush in the landscape are many. Highly adaptable, this upright, rounded, evergreen shrub averages 6-8 feet tall and wide, sometimes reaching 10-12 feet. Its quick growth and neat mounding habit lend it well to use as a screen, barrier, background or windbreak, or for erosion control. Its fluffy white seedheads cover the plant like snow in late fall. The highest use for Coyote Bush is the wildlife habitat it provides, its bloom an important source of nectar for beneficial insects, its low branches essential cover for local foraging birds like the California quail, Spotted towhee, Wrentit, Thrashers, native Sparrows, and many others.

California Fescue
(*Festuca californica*)

Need an attractive addition or accent for your landscape? Consider using a native grass like California Fescue. A perpetual source of interest and texture, perennial bunchgrasses are a unique way to "dress up" an existing hillside, mixed border, or understory. They can also be used in combination with other low-growing annuals and perennials to create a native prairie in place of a resource-intensive lawn; and they make beautiful potted plants!



Native Plant Order Form

Name _____

Email Address _____

Name of Plant	Number of Plants	Price Per Plant	Total
Yarrow			
Coyote Bush			
California Fescue			
		Grand Total:	

Ordering Procedure:

- Select plants (See plant selection information on the back of this Order Form)
- Fill out Order Form
- Place Order Form and payment (cash or check made out to Kenwood School) in envelope
- Bring envelope to school office or have your child bring the envelope to his or her teacher

Plants are available upon payment.

January 2020 Kenwood School Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
30	31	1	2	3
No	School	for	Winter	Break
6	7	8	9	10
Grilled Cheese & Caesar Salad Bread choice -Salad Bar & Fruit	Enchiladas Tortilla topped w/red sauce -Rice -Chips & Salsa -Salad Bar & Fruit	Spaghetti w/marinara sauce -Garlic Bread -Salad & Fruit	Cold Sandwich Bar Meat, cheese, vegetables, & spreads -Fruit Salad -Salad Bar & Fruit	Hot Dogs w/optional toppings -Roasted Potatoes -Salad Bar & Fruit
13	14	15	16	17
Meatball Sandwich or Vegetable Sandwich w/marinara sauce -Three Bean Salad -Salad and Fruit	Tacos -Soft shell tortillas -Meat/Veg options -Rice & toppings -Salad and Chips	Breakfast for Lunch -French Toast -Yogurt & Granola -Salad Bar & Fruit	Teriyaki Chicken w/Steamed Rice -Potstickers -Salad Bar & Fruit	Bean & Cheese Burrito Flour tortillas filled with beans & cheese -Rice -Salad Bar & Fruit
20	21	22	23	24
No School for MLK Day	Cheese Quesadillas -Rice -Guacamole -Chips & Salsa -Salad Bar & Fruit	Pizza Day Cheese Pizza with marinara or pesto sauce -Caesar Salad -Salad Bar & Fruit	Chow Mein Chinese Noodle & Vegetable Stir Fry -Potstickers -Salad Bar & Fruit	Cheese Raviolis -Garlic Bread -Seasonal Vegetable -Salad Bar & Fruit
27	28	29	30	31
Pulled BBQ Sandwiches -Shredded Meat coated -w/ BBQ Sauce -Cabbage Slaw -Salad Bar & Fruit	Chicken Burritos Flour tortillas filled with chicken, rice, & cheese -Chips and salsa -Salad & Fruit	Chicken Tikka Garlic, Tomatoes, & Indian Spices w/ steamed rice -Seasonal Vegetable -Salad Bar & Fruit	Breakfast for Lunch -Waffles -Breakfast meat -Granola & yogurt -Salad Bar & Fruit	Pesto Tortellini -Garlic Bread -Caesar Salad -Salad Bar & Fruit