

# Kenwood School Newsletter

## Principally Speaking

April 6, 2020

Dear Parents,

As we continue to “settle” into our new mode of instruction for our students, I would like to thank all of our families for their ongoing support of our incredible teaching staff. Our teachers continue to work very hard to provide learning activities that will help keep our students engaged and moving forward during this unprecedented time away from “in class instruction.”

In this morning’s “virtual” staff meeting, we discussed the importance of reminding our families to please do your best to eliminate any background distractions—as much as possible—during zoom conferencing experiences from the teacher to your child. Even though our delivery model has changed, we are still “in school,” and would encourage all of our students to have an environment that eliminates distractions. We all understand how difficult and frustrating this “new” instructional format can be for all involved during this time. We appreciate your support, understanding, and assistance.

One question that has come up from among our families is how this will affect our class placements for the upcoming school year. Our plan is for our students to advance to the next grade level, based upon the instruction that they have received and will continue to receive through “distance learning” for the remainder of the school year.

In discussion with one of my colleagues during the past week, a famous Winston Churchill quotation came to mind: “A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty.” I encourage all of us to be the optimist and to take advantage of additional time spent together with family, encouraging your child to read, develop new hobbies and perhaps learn something about their sense of perseverance and resilience during this challenging time. We are all in this together and we will continue to make the best of this, one day at a time!

Sincerely,

Bob Bales

What do you call a ship that lies on the bottom of the ocean and shakes?

(A nervous wreck)

Why did the man put his radio in the refrigerator?

(So he could hear cool music)

Why does Batman brush with toothpaste?

(To prevent bat breath)

Yearbook Order Deadline Extended: We're extending ordering time to this Friday, April 17th.

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## **Yearbooks Still Available!**

Dear Kenwood families,

We revisited the yearbook ordering and publishing calendar and determined that we can extend the ordering time to Friday, April 17th. The books will be delivered to school near the end of May. We will pass out the yearbooks in a drive-by-the-school format, or we can hold your book for you until we're together again in August. We are so excited for you to see the books! They are packed with pictures and good memories of this school year. When you order a book online, you'll see the March 30th order deadline. Ignore that date and go ahead and place your order.

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