

Kenwood School Newsletter

Principally Speaking

February 24, 2021

Dear Parents,

In an attempt to keep everything clear and understandable, I would like to share with you what our plan looks like for our targeted re-opening of "in class" instruction for April 12th.

First of all, we plan to open with a "hybrid" model, which means that all classes will be split into two separate cohorts, not to exceed 12 students in each cohort. Cohort A will be on campus on Monday and Tuesday from 8:20-12:20. Cohort B will be on campus on Thursday and Friday from 8:20-12:20. All students will receive instruction in the "distance learning" format on Wednesday. The kindergarten schedule will vary from the aforementioned format to meet the unique academic and social needs of this grade level. Kindergarten parents will be receiving a more detailed schedule later this week from Mrs. S. Students will be required to wear masks and desks will be configured 6 feet apart in the classrooms or separated by a plexiglass partition where the 6-foot distance is not possible.

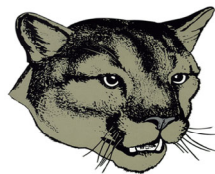
One of our primary goals in returning to "in class" instruction for the final seven weeks of the current school year will be to address the social and emotional well-being of our students. By providing the students with an opportunity to be back at school with at least some of their peers, we hope to be able to provide a positive and interactive re-entry to school, as it will be over one year since students have been in classrooms together. Our curriculum will focus on the subjects of math and language arts, but other subjects will be introduced in class and through distance learning, at the discretion of each classroom teacher.

Recess breaks will be staggered so that children will not be mixing with other cohorts. Lunches will be available on a "grab and go" basis for those who wish to purchase them from Chef Diana in our school kitchen.

I will provide the specifics of arrival and departure procedures, temperature checks and other important information at a later date. I would like to keep this week's communication focused on the cohort process and provide parents with an opportunity to consider how this change will work for your family schedule.

In forming our cohort groups for "in class" instruction, I would respectfully inform our families that we will not be accepting requests to be placed with a particular child(ren) in a group. Our priority will be to keep siblings together on the same cohort day, as much as we possibly can. There will be no "Cougar Club" open for the current school year, so parents will need to pick up their children at 12:20 on the "in class" days.

For parents who would choose to have your child(ren) continue with "distance learning" for the remainder of the school year, I must point out that "distance learning" will look very different from the model we have utilized since August. For example, since the teachers will be teaching "in class" learning activities four days per week, "distance learning" will involve much more independent work and less teacher directed activities.

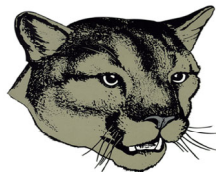


Within the next week each classroom teacher will be communicating his/her specific teaching plan, in order for parents to have a clear understanding of what “in class” instruction and “distance learning” will look like in each grade level. Please understand that each grade level is different, and each teacher’s instructional model will vary to meet the unique needs of the grade level. After receiving the communication from your child’s teacher, we will ask you to indicate whether your child will return for “in class” hybrid instruction or remain in the reformatted distance learning model. Next week a google survey form will be sent out by your child’s teacher for you to indicate your preferred educational model. I must point out that if you opt for “distance learning” there will not be an option to switch to “in class” instruction later in the school year.

I realize and understand that this has been an incredibly stressful year for our students, families, staff, and community. I wish I had the ability to make everything work out perfectly for all involved as we attempt to transition to "in class" learning in April. Please know that our staff remains committed to doing our very best, in a safe environment for all. We hope to finish the current school year in a strong and inspiring manner, as we look forward to a more "normal" return to school in August for the upcoming school year.

Upcoming Events

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| 2/25/21 | Special Board of Trustees Meeting, 3:00 p.m.
Zoom Meeting ID: 846 3119 3225 Password: 112930 |
| 3/5/21 | Report Cards Sent Home |
| 3/12/21 | Board of Trustees Candidate Information Sheets Due |
| 3/22-3/26 | Spring Break |
| 5/31/21 | Memorial Day: No School |
| 6/4-6/8 | Emergency Make-up Days |
| 6/7 | Sixth Grade Graduation |
| 6/8 | Last Day of School |



March 2021 Kenwood School Lunch Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3	4	5
Cheese Pizza Homemade marinara topped with shredded mozzarella cheese -Caesar salad	Beef Burrito Steamed rice, beef, and shredded cheese in a flour tortilla -Chips & salsa	Chicken Pesto Sandwich Breaded chicken patty, on a bun with pesto -Vegetable sticks -Fruit	Teriyaki Chicken Soy, ginger, and garlic marinated chicken over steamed rice -Potstickers	Lasagna Homemade marinara sauce layered with mozzarella, ricotta, and lasagna noodles -Garlic bread
8	9	10	11	12
Cheese Pizza Homemade marinara topped with shredded mozzarella cheese -Caesar salad	Chicken Burritos Flour tortillas filled with chicken, rice, & cheese -Chips and salsa	Pulled BBQ Sandwiches Shredded chicken coated with bbq sauce w/side of pickles -Fruit	Chow Mein Chinese noodles sautéed with ginger, garlic, & soy sauce -Potstickers	Beef Raviolis served w/homemade marinara sauce -Caesar salad
15	16	17	18	19
Pepperoni Pizza Homemade marinara topped with shredded mozzarella cheese -Caesar salad	Bean & Cheese Burrito Seasoned beans & cheese wrapped in a flour tortilla -Chips & salsa	Meatball Sandwich w/homemade marinara & optional cheese -Caesar pasta salad	Fried Rice Steamed white rice sautéed with ginger, garlic, carrots, green onion & egg -Potstickers	Pesto Tortellini Cheese tortellini tossed in a pesto cream sauce -Roll -Vegetable sticks
22	23	24	25	26
NO	SCHOOL	FOR	SPRING	BREAK
29	30	31	1	2
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