

Kenwood School Newsletter

Principally Speaking

June 2, 2021

Dear Kenwood School Families,



It is difficult to find words to describe all that we have been through together as a school community during the 2020-21 school year. Of course, the first things that come to mind are "resilience," "perseverance" and "flexibility."

I would like to acknowledge and thank our teachers, classroom assistants, office staff and support staff who have done an absolutely incredible job throughout this challenging time. Thank you to our parents, who have supported, encouraged and thanked us throughout the many times we have had to "pivot" this year based on state and county health department protocols. The many decisions with regard to "distance learning," "hybrid instruction" and the return to five days per week on campus have been fraught with controversy and frustration for all of us. It hasn't been easy on anyone, and yet we have kept our focus on trying to keep our students and families safe. I have great respect for the way that our teachers have provided the most appropriate instructional practice based upon the circumstances that have changed throughout the year.

Most importantly, thank you to our students, who have continued to provide all of us with joy and a sense of purpose that makes me so proud to be a part of this wonderful little country school. This group of children will--no doubt--be a resilient and grateful community of life long learners, both in their academic pursuits, as well as in their personal connections with others.

It is very difficult for me to say goodbye. Kenwood School has been such an important part of my life for the past 23 years. I have been blessed beyond measure to have been a member of this team and this incredible community. As I look forward to the next chapter of my life following my retirement at the end of this month, I will always have a piece of my heart here with you and your families. Thank you so much for your kindness, trust, friendship and inspiration. I wish all of you the very best in the years to come.

Love,
Bob Bales

Cougar Club Site Supervisor:

We are in the process of hiring a new Site Supervisor for Cougar Club. While we will be advertising formally, if you or someone you know is interested, please call the school office at (707) 833-2500.

Upcoming Events

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| 5/31/21 | Memorial Day: No School |
| 6/1/21 | All library books due back |
| 6/3/21 | Board of Trustees Meeting, Kenwood School Library, 4:00 p.m.
Zoom ID: 828 2099 7892 Password: 296637 |
| 6/4-6/8 | Emergency Make-up Days |
| 6/7 | Sixth Grade Graduation at 6:00 p.m. |
| 6/8 | Last Day of School |
| 6/10 | Board of Trustees Meeting,, 4:00 p.m., Kenwood School Library |

Library News:

All library books are due back by June 1, 2021.

Student Dismissal Reminder:

If you park in the pick-up zone, please remain in your car. These are loading and unloading zones only. While on campus both students and adults are asked to wear properly fitting masks. Thank you for your patience and understanding.