

Kenwood School Newsletter February 15, 2023

Principally Speaking


Our school depends on KEF to fund STEAM, library, and P.E... those programs would not be the same without our support! There are many ways to help:

Read-A-Thon (February 27-March 3): Support the school by reading! This is one of our students' favorite fundraisers. KEF's goal is for every child to participate, but the students' goal is to read as many books as possible. Activate your student's fundraising page via the 99pledges email. Log reading minutes and earn prizes! Our school's collective progress can be tracked [here](#).

Big Heart Awards (March 3 from 5:30-7:00pm @ Kenwood School Multi-Purpose Room / RSVP due Feb 24): Big Heart is KEF's night of appreciation, recognizing those often unsung individuals who made our school special. Please join KEF in celebrating this year's recipients: former Superintendent/Principal Bob Bales, and the teachers and staff of Kenwood School 2020-2021 and 2021-2022, whose tireless work during COVID held our school together. Tickets to the event are \$40 per person and include appetizers. Wine and beer are available for a small donation. Purchase tickets and RSVP [here](#) by Feb 24. Adults only please--we cannot serve alcohol on campus if children are present.

Lights, Camera, Auction! (May 20th, 5-10pm @ Oakmont Country Club / RSVP due May 1): Shine those cowboy boots and break out the rhinestones, KEF's biggest annual fundraiser is themed *Denim & Diamonds!* Tickets are \$125 per person, adults only, and include dinner, an open bar, plus live and silent auction. Purchase tickets and RSVP [here](#) by May 1. Click these links to learn more about [How to Help](#) or to sponsor a beloved [Parent Party](#).

Upcoming Events

2/17/23	Teacher Work Day, No SCHOOL	
2/17/23	School Site Council Meeting, 9:30 a.m.	
2/20/23	Presidents' Day, No SCHOOL	
2/22/23	Math Night, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.	
2/27-3/3/23	KEF Read-A-Thon	
3/2/23	Board of Trustees Meeting, 4:00 p.m., School Library	
3/3/23	Big Heart Awards: 5:30-7:00 p.m. Kenwood School, MPR	
3/9/23	Conferences: Early Dismissal (K-1:15, 1-6 at 1:30)	
3/10/23	Coffee with the Principal, 8:30 a.m. in the School Library	
3/13-3/16	Book Fair, School Library	
3/16/23	Grandparents and Special Friends Day	
3/17/23	Early Dismissal (K-1:15, 1-6 at 1:30)	
3/20-3/24	Spring Break	
5/20/23	Lights, Camera, Auction, (LCA) 5:00 - 10:00 p.m., Fairview - Oakmont Country Club	

KEF Upcoming Events

Big Heart Awards

Friday, March 3, 2023

5:30-7:00 pm

Kenwood Elementary School, Multi-Purpose Room

Read-A-Thon

National Read Across America Week

February 27-March 3rd

Light, Camera, Auction (LCA)

Saturday, May 20, 2023

5:00-10:00 pm

Fairview at the Oakmont Country Club

COUGAR CLUB REMINDERS:

March contracts are DUE, Tuesday, February 21st. Contracts can be found in Cougar Club, the front office and on the school's website, under the Cougar Club tab. Getting your contracts in on time holds your place in Cougar Club as space is limited! Remember: Make Checks payable to : Kenwood School District (child's name in memo)

RAINBOW GARDEN REMINDER:

If you know anyone with preschool aged children who may be interested in our wonderful program, please have them give us a call at 707--833-6551 to schedule a tour and get more information.

The Book Fair is Coming!

March 13-March 16th

(Monday-Thursday)

Parent Reminder:

If your child is absent, please call our attendance line at (707) 341-0102. Please state your child's name and the reason for their absence.

Main Office: (707) 833-2500

Attendance Line: (707) 341-0102

Cougar Club: (707) 833-4383

Rainbow Garden Preschool: (707) 833-6551

Teacher/Parent Conferences

Early Dismissal: Thursday, March 9, 2023

K: 1:15 p.m.

Grades 1-6: 1:30 p.m.



Yearbook Illustration Contest

Do you like to draw? How would you like to have one of your **hand drawn** pictures included in this year's Kenwood School yearbook? We are having a contest to pick some student drawings for this year's book. If you'd like to enter our contest, simply draw a picture that celebrates our school. For example, kids playing at school, our Kenwood mascot (the cougar), a drawing of our school or any idea you have. Please draw an original picture on 8.5 x 11 inch, plain, white paper, holding your paper vertically (the tall way). Binder paper drawings will **not** be accepted! Please use markers or crayons so that your picture will show clearly when printed in the yearbook, if it is selected. Only include drawings, not words on your picture. Be sure that your name and grade are written on the back in pencil. Please turn your drawings (one per person) into the office by Thursday, February 16.

Thank you for participating,
Mrs. Watson and Mrs. S.

Family Math Night



Dear Kenwood Families,

We would like to welcome you all to a *Family Math Night* at Kenwood Elementary School on February 22nd from 5:00pm-6:00pm. By attending this event you are supporting your young mathematicians' learning. The math seed you plant now will blossom and help them to succeed in life whatever path they choose. Your family will spend time at six math stations that teachers have prepped, learning activities and games that you can play with your child. Have fun filling out a "mathport" along the way. We hope that you can attend this fun event!

Please be sure to stay with your child at each location.
Kenwood Teachers

Places to visit:

Station 1: Kindergarten Room - Number sense and geometry

Station 2: 1st Grade - Number sense and Estimation Jar

Station 3- 2nd Grade- Number sense card games

Station 4- 3rd Grade- Patterns

Station 5- 4th Grade-

Station 5- MPR- 3D Sierpinski Triangle



Come Join the Fun ... It's Talent Show Time!

Kenwood School is looking for talented students to participate in the Kenwood School Talent Show! The show will be on Thursday, April 20th at 10:30 and at 6:00. Practices will be in the multi-purpose room on Mondays and Thursdays after school beginning on March 13. Initially, kindergarten rehearsals will be 1:35-2:00. Grades 1-3 will rehearse 2:30-3:00 and grades 4-6 will rehearse 3:05-3:45.. It is free to any student who would like to participate, but requires a commitment to attend all or most practices. **Also, mandatory dress rehearsals are on April 10th, April 13th and April 17th from 3:05-4:15 for all grades. Primary grade students will need to return to school. Cougar Club kids will come from and return to Cougar for rehearsals.**

Now is the time to start thinking of an act that you might want to do with some friends or by yourself. Your act should be less than two minutes long and appropriate for a PreK - 6th grade audience. (All songs included in acts need to have the lyrics approved ahead of time.) **Students create their own acts** to be practiced at school. Some ideas are: short skits, dances, instrumental performances, jokes, songs, special tricks, special skills or your own creative idea! It is not a competition. I have a few spots for older students to help M.C. the show and, of course, for tech crew jobs like lighting, sound and props will be chosen.

Please return the bottom portion of this page to Mrs. S. (in a box in the office) by Feb. 22nd if you would like to be involved.

I am interested in being involved in the talent show as:

_____ A performer doing: _____

Who else is in your act? _____

_____ An MC (Grades 5-6 only) (Lottery if multiple sign-ups. If you don't get chosen in the lottery, you can do an act or tech if you like.)

_____ Tech crew (Grades 4-6 only)

My name: _____ My grade: _____

Parent Signature: _____



Kenwood School Read-a-Thon

We're so excited for the start of Kenwood School's 3rd Annual Read-a-Thon! This is a fun way to encourage students to spend more time reading, and also raise money for our specialty programs such as STEAM, Music, Art, and, of course, full access to the library.

Our goal is for every child to participate in this school-wide event!

During the week of **February 27th to March 3rd**, students will track the minutes they read. Students can log their assigned reading time for class, along with any other reading they do during this week. Magazines, books, comic books, reading out loud, and being read to are all part of literacy. Be sure to track those minutes!

How it works:

- **Students collect pledges from February 1st – March 3rd.** Each student will have their own page on the 99pledges platform, which is easy to share with friends and family by email and social media. This is a fun way to connect with loved ones who live far away!
 - We will send individualized student pages to parent/guardian emails. Keep your eyes out for an email from 99pledges, and be sure to check your spam filters. If you haven't received your student's page this week, please contact: boyle@kenwoodeducationfoundation.org
 - Pledges can be made as a flat donation (i.e. \$20) or as a per minute pledge (i.e. 25 cents each minute). We strongly encourage all pledges to be made on your student's 99pledges page. This is the safest and most efficient payment method, and makes it much easier to track student progress!
 - Checks and cash may be donated to the school office. Please be sure that your student's name is written on the memo of the check, or attached as a note.
 - Any donation amount makes a difference!
- Track all minutes read during the week of the 27th – 3rd on the attached reading log, and be sure to turn in the completed log on **Monday, March 6th**. Minutes can also be emailed to boyle@kenwoodeducationfoundation.org.
- Prizes!
 - The student who raises the most money for the school will win a **\$100 Amazon Gift Card and Surprise Basket of Reading Goodies!**
 - The top reader in each class will win a \$25 gift certificate to **Copperfield's Books**.
 - Every class with a 90% participation rate will earn a **Class Party!**
 - All participating students will earn a surprise treat.

Thank you in advance for participating in this event!



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THIS YEAR'S HONOREES,

chosen for their historied and treasured careers, and for their pioneering fortitude and vigilance in the face of the challenges of the pandemic—all in the name of Kenwood's students—are:

BOB BALES

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**THE TEACHERS & STAFF OF KENWOOD SCHOOL
2019–20 & 2020–21**

Please join us in celebrating their recognition on

FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2023 | 5:30–7:00PM

KENWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

RSVP BY: FEBRUARY 24, 2023

Tickets can be purchased in advance at: <https://bit.ly/bighearts2023>

Appetizers are included in the ticket price. Wine and beer are available for a small donation.
No attendees under 18 please: Alcohol cannot be consumed on campus if children are present.



The Book Fair is Coming!



March 13th - March 16th
(Monday - Thursday)

Kenwood School's annual Book Fair is almost here! Volunteers are needed for setting up the fair, helping students during the sale, and packing up at the end of the fair.

Setting up for the sale involves arranging rolling cases in the library and putting books on display tables. It will be fun to see the great titles available for purchase.

Volunteering during the sale involves helping the students find books, counting their money (when help is needed), assisting with book donation labels, and whatever else needs to be done.

Right after the book sale ends after lunch on Thursday, we pack up unsold books. It's usually a quick task.

Here is the link to the Sign-Up Genius for volunteering to help:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F4CA8AA23A2FB6-book>

If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Watson at swatson@kenwoodschoo.org

Thank you!