Kenwood School Newsletter

Principally Speaking   August 16, 2023

Dear Kenwood School Families,

What a great first day of school. It was everything we expected and more. The kids all looked so snazzy and were so eager to meet their new teachers and hang out with their friends. Some even made new friends today.

We are excited to return to our recently implemented program, Restorative Practices. Restorative Practices helps to strengthen relationships between individuals as well as social connections within communities. We feel that by creating a strong and healthy classroom and school community, more students will develop social emotional skills that will increase inclusivity and a sense of belonging. Restorative Practices also helps students to repair any harm they may have caused due to their behavior by helping them to learn how to better deal with difficult situations. We are in the second year of our three-year implementation and will be working to strengthen everyone's undertraining of the program throughout the school year.

You will notice multiple construction projects occurring around school this year. We have already painted the spiral black Legacy Wall in the front of the school and are nearly finish painting the fence along Randolph Ave. We could use your help for an hour or two this Saturday, August 19. We currently only have 1 parent signed up to help! Please click the following link if you can help us on Saturday, August 19th for just an hour or two. https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b4ea4ad2ba3ff2-parent#/

We have also installed a new security system. Please see the map below, showing where all cameras are located around the school site. You will also find our Board Policy explaining how the cameras will be used throughout the year.

Back to School Night was held last Monday, August 14th. We have never held Back to School Night so early in the year but wanted to see how it would work to get you all the information you need, prior to school starting back up. If you were not able to make it to your teacher's presentation, feel free to send them an email or come on into the classroom to get a copy of the important information that was discussed at Back to School Night.

I look forward to spending time with all your children and their teachers this year. I am so excited to start another amazing and fantastic year at Kenwood School. Go Cougars!!!

Nate Myers

Welcome Back Cougar Club Families!

Attention Families who are using our after school childcare (Cougar Club):
August Cougar Club contracts and completed enrollment packets are due on Friday, August 18th. Contracts can be found at https://kenwoodschool.org, in the main office, and in Cougar Club.

September contracts are due: FRIDAY, August 22, 2023.

Upcoming Events

8/17 & 8/18   Early Dismissal for Grades 1-6 at 1:30 p.m.

8/18/23   KSA Parent Meet and Greet, at the Kenwood School Picnic Tables, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

9/4/23   Labor Day: No School

9/7/23   Board of Trustees Meeting in the School Library, 4 p.m.

9/17/23   Spaghetti Feed for Sixth Grade Outdoor Education Fundraiser at Kenwood Plaza Park , 3-6 p.m.

9/22/23   Coffee with the Principal, School Library, 8:30 a.m.

9/29/23   KSA Jog-a-Thon, 9-10 a.m.

9/29/23   KSA Fall Festival, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

10/11/23   Picture Day (Information to Follow)

Parent Reminder
Wednesday
Dismissal Time is
1:30 p.m.
For Grades 1-6

Main Office: (707) 833-2500

Attendance Line: (707) 341-0102

Cougar Club: (707) 833-4383

Rainbow Garden Preschool: (707) 833-6551

Policy 3515: Campus Security
Status: ADOPTED

Original Adopted Date: 12/11/2013 | **Last Revised Date:** 02/02/2023 | **Last Reviewed Date:** 02/02/2023

The Governing Board is committed to providing a school environment that promotes the safety of students, staff, and visitors to school grounds. The Board also recognizes the importance of protecting district property, facilities, and equipment from vandalism and theft.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop campus security procedures, which may be included in the district's comprehensive safety plan and/or site-level safety plans. Such procedures shall be regularly reviewed to reflect changed circumstances and to assess their effectiveness in achieving safe school objectives.

Additionally, the Superintendent or designee shall regularly review current guidance regarding cybersecurity and digital media awareness and incorporate recommended practices into the district's processes and procedures related to the protection of the district's network infrastructure, and the monitoring and response to suspicious and/or threatening digital media content.

Reporting Threats

Any certificated or classified employee, or other school official, whose duties bring the employee or other school official in contact on a regular basis with students in any of grades 6-12, as part of a middle of high school, who are alerted to or observe any threat or perceived threat of a homicidal act, as defined, shall immediately report the threat or perceived threat to law enforcement in accordance with Education Code 49393. (Education Code 49390, 49393)

Threat or perceived threat means any writing or action of a student that creates a reasonable suspicion that the student is preparing to commit a homicidal act related to school or a school activity. This may include possession, use, or depictions of firearms, ammunition, shootings, or targets in association with infliction of physical harm, destruction, or death in a social media post, journal, class note, or other media associated with the student. It may also include a warning by a parent, student, or other individual.

Additionally, anyone who receives or learns of a health or safety threat related to school or a school activity is encouraged to report the threat to a school or district administrator.
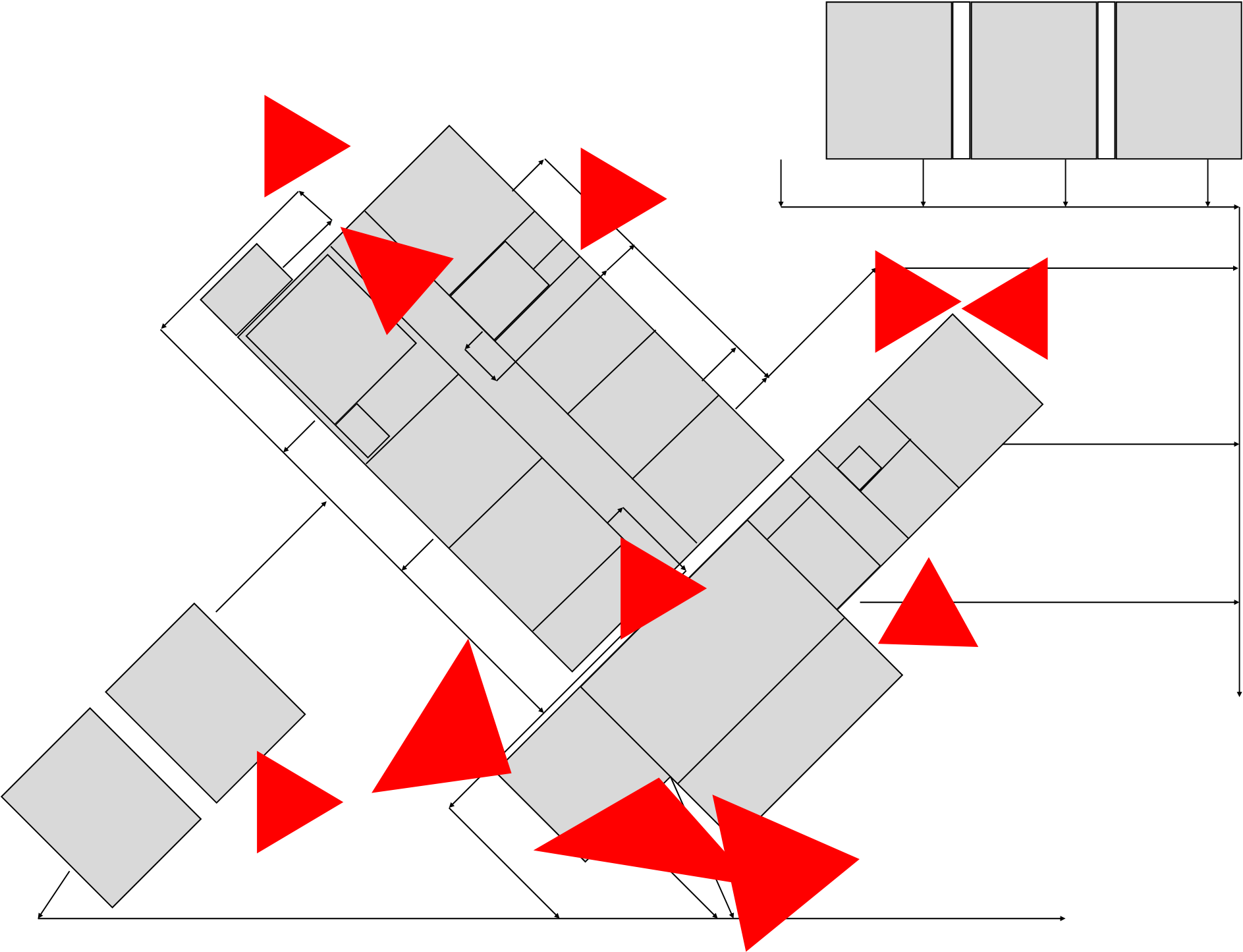
Surveillance Systems

In consultation with the district's school site council, safety planning committee, other relevant stakeholders, and staff, the Superintendent or designee shall identify appropriate locations for the placement of surveillance cameras. Cameras shall not be placed in areas where students, staff, or community members have a reasonable expectation of privacy. Any audio capability on the district's surveillance equipment shall be disabled so that sounds are not recorded.

Prior to the operation of the surveillance system, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that signs are posted at conspicuous and targeted locations around school buildings and grounds. These signs shall state that the facility uses video surveillance equipment for security purposes and that the equipment may or may not be actively monitored at any time. The Superintendent or designee shall also provide prior written notice to students and parents/guardians about the district's surveillance system, including the locations where surveillance may occur and that the recordings may be used in disciplinary proceedings and/or referred to local law enforcement, as appropriate.

To the extent that any images from the district's surveillance system create a student or personnel record, the Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the images are accessed, retained, and disclosed in accordance with law, Board policy, administrative regulation, and any applicable collective bargaining agreements.

KENWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Security Camera Surveillance

![Kenwood School Association logo - KSA. Students : Teachers : Parents : Community](image)

Parent Meet and Greet

Friday, August 18th

8:30am-9:30am
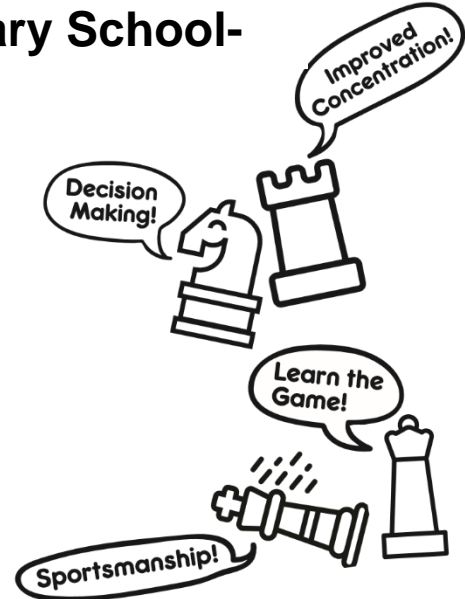
Kenwood School Picnic Tables

Come meet other parents and learn about KSA.

Coffee and pastries provided.

CHESS F⬛R KIDS

- Kenwood Elementary School-

FUN!

Mondays:
August- 28
September – 11, 18, 25
October – 2, 9, 16
No class Sept 4
Time: 3:10 – 4:10
Location: Steam Lab
Fee: $115 per Student
Siblings are always
Half Price.
(Scholarships considered)

Improved Concentration!

Decision Making!

Learn the Game!

Critical Thinking!

Patience Development!

Sportsmanship!

CHESS FOR KIDS, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing chess to as many young people as possible in Sonoma and Napa Counties.

No refunds or make-ups. We will call ONLY if the class is full and cannot accept any more enrollments. Please inform us in advance of any special needs.

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Name: **Boy** ☐ **Girl** ☐ **Grade:**   **Phone:**

Email:

Address:

After Chess Class destination: Parent Pick up ☐ **Daycare** ☐ **Other:**   **Cell:**

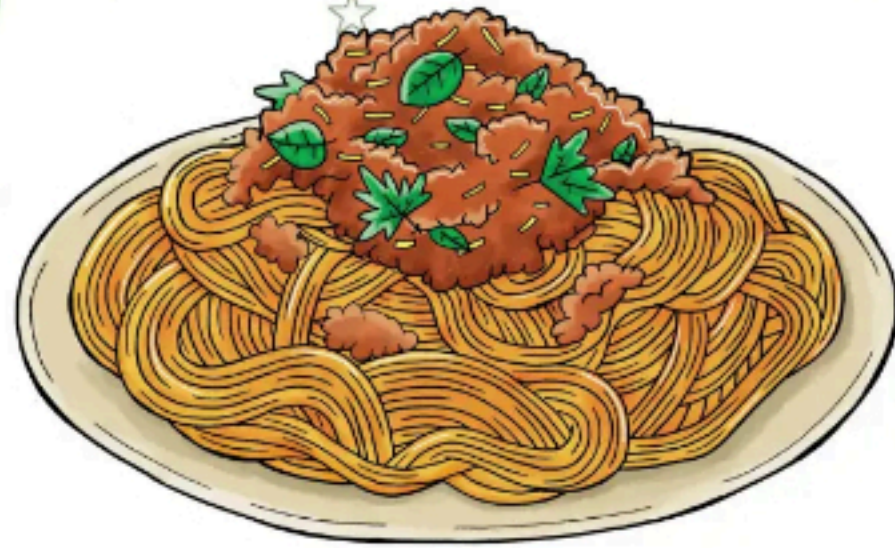**No refunds or make-ups. Initial Here:**   **Amount Enclosed:**

Checks payable to CHESS FOR KIDS, Inc.

Mail to: Chess for Kids, 1275 4ᵗʰ St. SR CA, 95404

Kenwood Elementary School – August 2023

Call: (707)364-5193 for info

Enroll online at: www.chessclubforkids.com

PASTA FEED
F U N D R A I S E R

SUNDAY, SEPT. 17 ~ 3-6pm

KENWOOD PLAZA PARK
200 Warm Springs Rd.

Be ready to bid on some delicious cakes and desserts to support the 6th Grade Outdoor Education trip.

Get your tickets ASAP from a 6th grader or Kenwood Elementary School's Front Office at 230 Randolph Ave. $20 per person in advance ($25 at the door if not sold out)

Contact Kristin Lamar with any questions or to sign up to volunteer or contribue a baked or silent auction item for this event!