

Kenwood School Newsletter

Principally Speaking

December 13, 2023

Greetings to all families! It always amazes me how quickly this time of year arrives. This year, however, seems particularly quick! Perhaps it is all the wonderful weather we are getting, and it just does not feel like December? Hopefully, you are doing well and have your plans all solidified for the Winter Break. Whether you are staying home, going skiing, or visiting friends or relatives, we hope you have a fantastic time while school is closed.

The Holiday Boutique was, yet again, a huge success. If you have not had a chance to volunteer and watch as students shop for loved ones, I highly suggest you try to make time and help out KSA next year. The students really do begin making the connections that shopping or giving to others is incredibly fun!

Organized chaos is the name of the game for the next week or so. Classroom celebrations, art projects, and various other activities are being wrapped up (excuse the pun) as we close out 2023. We also have a Mr. Music Assembly next week, similar to our Halloween Concert earlier in the year, as well as our Winter Concert on December 20th. And as a reminder, Cougar Club will be closed on Dec. 21, our last day of school before the break.

I would like to say thank you to our Parents and Guardians; we appreciate how you diligently check your child's homework, show how proud you are of their efforts, and spend quality time with these amazing students. To all the volunteers who give countless hours to make Kenwood School a better place for students and staff. The Holiday Boutique, Turkey Trot, and classroom volunteers are examples of the amazing things you do for our community. We appreciate all the people in our district who are committed to giving their best to your children every day, who plan events and put on spectacular auctions, jog-a-thons and other action-packed, fun filled festivities. Thank you to Custodians, Food Service Staff, Intervention Specialists, the School Counselor and Nurse, Instructional Aides, Office Staff, Teachers, and members of the School Board. All of you are doing your very best to provide the best education we can for the Kenwood School students! Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Kindergarten Registration for the 2024– 2025 School Year

For registration information, please contact Suzanne Borgert in the school office at (707) 833-2500. Kindergarten registration is open to children who turn five on or before September 1, 2024. Parents must provide proof that they are a Kenwood resident.

Transitional Kindergarten registration is open to children who reside within the Kenwood School District boundaries and whose fifth birthday is between September 2 and June 2, 2025

For kindergarten, if you reside outside of the Kenwood School District boundaries, you will need to file a District of Choice Transfer Form with the Kenwood School office by January 1, 2024.

Upcoming Events

- 12/14 Board of Trustees Meeting, 8:30 a.m. in the School Library, Closed Session at the end of the meeting
- 12/15 Canned Food Drive Ends
- 12/18-22 Holly Jolly Spirit Week (See flyer for details)
- 12/19 **Reminder: January CONTRACTS and PAYMENTS are due Tuesday, December 19th! (See attachments)**
Lego Robotics Forms Due
- 12/20/23 Winter Performance, 6 p.m., (*morning dress rehearsal at 10:30 a.m.*), MPR
- 12/21/23 Early Dismissal: Kindergarten 1:15 pm and Grades 1-6 at 1:30 pm
No Cougar Club
- 12/22/23-1/5/24 Winter Break
- 1/15/24 MLK Holiday – No School
- 1/19/2024 Crafty Kids for Students in Grades 1-3: After School Enrichment Sign-Ups Due (See flyer for details)

SAVE the DATE: KSA Dine and Donate at Kina's Kitchen 1/25 from 5-9 pm

Main Office: (707) 833-2500

Attendance Line: (707) 341-0102

Cougar Club: (707) 833-4383

Rainbow Garden Preschool: (707) 833-6551

Parent Reminder

Wednesday

Dismissal Time is

1:30 p.m.

For Grades 1-6

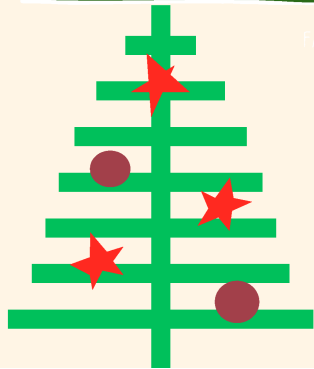


**Happy
Holidays**

HOLLY JOLLY SPIRIT WEEK 12/18

Lets kick off our last week before Winter Break in style!

Monday 12/18
HOLIDAY DOWN
UNDER
HOLIDAYS WITH A
TROPICAL TWIST-DRESS
FOR A HOLIDAY TROPICAL
VACATION



Tuesday 12/19
HOLIDAY
HEADWEAR
WEAR YOUR FAVORITE
HOLIDAY HATS AND
HEADBANDS

LET'S SEE YOUR
FAVORITE HOLIDAY
COLORS!



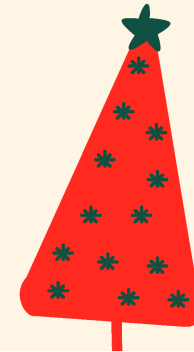
Wednesday 12/20
HOLIDAY
COLORS
SHOW OFF YOUR
FAVORITE HOLIDAY
COLORS!



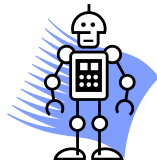
Thursday 12/21
PJ DAY
WEAR YOUR COZY
PJS-NO SLIPPERS
PLEASE.



Friday
NO
SCHOOL!!



Lego Robotics



Open to ALL 4th through 6th
Grade Students!!!!

It's once again time for Kenwood School's Lego Robotics Program!

Lego Robotics will prepare students to compete against students from other Sonoma County schools with Lego-based robots they have built and programmed with the computer. Competition events include drag races, sumo-bots, and obstacle courses, among many others. Kenwood students will prepare for the competition with weekly meetings to get ready for the event on **Saturday, May 4, 2024**. If you like Legos, and you want to learn computer programming, this is the class for you!

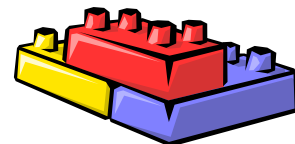
Lego Robotics sessions will meet weekly to prepare for the competition in May, either on Tuesdays OR Thursdays beginning in January and February from **3:05 to 4:00**. In **March, April and the first week of May**, we will meet every Tuesday OR Thursday from **3:05 to 4:30**.

This year there will be two separate groups, one on Tuesday, and one on Thursdays. Please indicate your preference for your child's meeting day on the form below.

There is a limit of 24 spots in this class— **if more than 24 student sign up, there will be a lottery to select participants.**

Also—we need parent volunteers to help coach students throughout this program. If you are interested in coaching (you don't need to have robotics or computer programming experience), please check the box on the form below. **We need at least 6 coaches to make this program happen!**

There is no charge for the class.



Lego Robotics Sign-Up Form—Tuesdays OR Thursdays 3:05-4:00 (March/April/May 3:05-4:30)

Name: _____ Grade Level : 4 5 6

Preferred Meeting Day : (Circle One) Tuesday Thursday Either Day

Phone Number : _____ E-Mail Address : _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

I am interested in volunteering as a coach. (You will be contacted with further details)

Please read the important reminders below:

By signing above, I agree that my child will be able to participate in the Saturday, May 4, 2024 competition.

More than 3 non-illness related absences during practices or inability to attend the competition day may result in you child's spot being given to another student.

Please return this form to the office no later than Tuesday, December 19th.

Students will be selected for the class by lottery and notified before Winter Break. **Classes begin 1/16/2024**

WINTER After School Enrichment

C R A F T Y

Kids

It's time to get crafty! With lots of fun hands-on activities, you'll make all sorts of cool creations. Each week will have a theme: Trip to the Beach, Under the Sea, Wild about Animals, On the Road, Exploring Outer Space, and Winter Wonderland. Get creative and make something fabulous for yourself, your family, and friends!

GRADES K-3 | WEDNESDAYS (6 weeks)

January 24 - February 28, 2024

1:40PM - 3:00PM

FEE - \$ 110 per student

TO ENROLL: SquareUp Link: <https://square.link/u/YdcmfbVf>

Please EMAIL me if you have registration issues or any questions about the class @ catharynhatcher@gmail.com

INSTRUCTOR: Cathy Hatcher

Cathy has taught enrichment for over 15 years in Sonoma County. She received both her B.A. and M.A. from Sonoma State University with an emphasis on Education and Psychology. She has created over 30 classes for students ages 5-14.

Please note: Students attending Cougar Club will be walked over to class and back to the club after class.

Hello Kenwood Families,

Our students are working hard to be innovative and create during STEAM lessons. The lab is used for K-6th grade classes and we go through a lot of materials. I work hard to create lessons using low-cost or recycled materials. I am looking to replenish some of our supplies.

If you can contribute, please have your child(ren) bring items to school and deposit them in the STEAM bin by the office or to Mrs. Ehn's classroom.

We are collecting the following cleaned or unused items:

Paper towel tubes (wrapping paper tube)	Yarn	Strawberry baskets
funnels	Pipe cleaners	Duct tape of all types and colors
2 liter bottles	Boxes- packing, cereal, pasta	Yogurt containers
Paper towel rolls (please no TP rolls)	Shoe boxes	Packing materials- please no styrofoam
corks	Ribbons	Straws (unused)
pom-poms	Small plastic toys	Paper cups
Small working flashlights	Paper plates	Ziplock bag (any size)

Thank you,
Patricia Ehn
2nd Grade and STEAM Teacher



It's that time again...

JANUARY

*Cougar Club Contracts &
payments are due*

*Tuesday,
December 19th**

Pick up a contract in Cougar Club, the Main Office or print off from www.kenwoodschoool.org under the Cougar Club page.

**Spots are very limited
& not guaranteed.*

