

# Kenwood School Newsletter

## Principally Speaking

## January 10, 2024

Dear Kenwood Families,

Happy New Year! As we step into a brand-new year filled with hope and renewed energy, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the journey we've shared so far and express my gratitude for the wonderful community that makes Kenwood Elementary School truly special.

First and foremost, I want to commend our students for their hard work, resilience, and eagerness to learn. Your dedication to academic excellence and personal growth continues to inspire us all. Your extraordinary AR Goals and points are proof of all your hard work.

To our dedicated and passionate staff. Thank you for your commitment to providing a nurturing and engaging environment for our students. Your creativity, patience, and enthusiasm make a lasting impact on the lives of the young minds you shape. I count my lucky stars every day that I have this opportunity to work with such amazing educators.

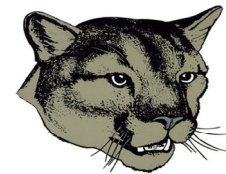
Parents and guardians, your support and involvement are integral to our school's success. Thank you for entrusting us with the education and well-being of your children. Together, we form a strong partnership that fosters a positive and enriching learning experience.

As we embrace 2024, let us carry forward the values of kindness, respect, and empathy. Our community is our strength, and by celebrating each other and our differences, we create an inclusive and welcoming space for all. Let's continue to encourage a culture of understanding and acceptance.

Wishing you all a joyful, prosperous, and fulfilling New Year!

### Upcoming Events

- 1/12/24 Coffee with the Principal, School Library, 8:30 a.m.
- 1/15/24 MLK Holiday – No School
- 1/25/24 KSA Dine and Donate at Kina's Kitchen from 5-9 pm
- 2/2/24 KSA Chili Cook-Off



**No School: February 12th, February 19th, and February 26th**

**Crafty Kids** for Students in Grades 1-3: After School Enrichment Sign-Ups  
Deadline extended (See flyer for details)

# 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](mailto: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.

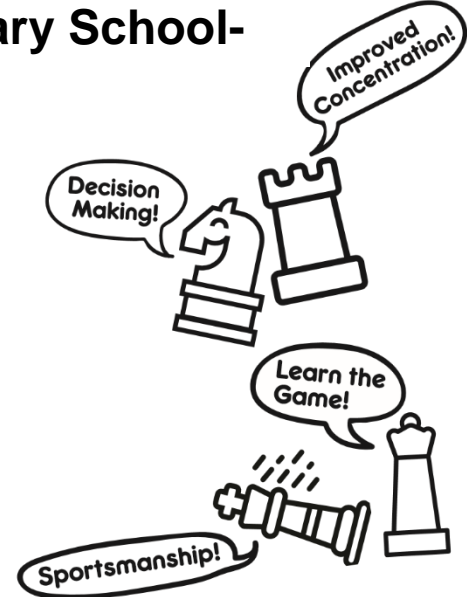
**Please note: Students attending Cougar Club will be walked over to class and back to the club after class.**

# CHESS FOR KIDS

- Kenwood Elementary School-



**Mondays:**  
January – 22, 29  
February – 5  
March 4, 11, 25  
No class Feb 12, 19, 26  
No March 18  
Time: 3:10 – 4:10  
Location: Steam Lab  
Fee: \$105 per Student  
Siblings are always  
Half Price.  
(Scholarships considered)



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.*

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 4<sup>th</sup> St. SR CA, 95404

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**Call: (707)364-5193 for info**

**Enroll online at: [www.chessclubforkids.com](http://www.chessclubforkids.com)**

# Please Save Your Holiday Bags!



KSA will be collecting gently used holiday gift bags and tissue paper the week of January 8-12 for next year's Holiday Boutique. Please bring them in and put in the bin at the front of the school or send in with your student.

**Thank you!**



**KINA'S KITCHEN & BAR**  
**THURSDAY JANUARY 25, 2023**  
**5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (AFTER HAPPY HOUR)**

**DINE & DONATE**

Serving homemade burgers, Mexican inspired favorites, pasta, salads, soups, and more—perfect for the whole family. **Kina's will donate 20%** of dine-in, take-out, & delivery orders~ Gift cards too!

**CENAR y CONTRIBUYE**

Servimos delicias con toques inspirados en el arte culinario mexicano, como hamburguesas caseras, pasta, ensaladas, sopas, tacos y más, que la familia entera seguro deleitará. Al cenar con nosotros u ordenar para llevar, usted contribuirá con un 20% de donación para nuestras escuelas locales. También ofrecemos y aplica en tarjetas de regalo.

Check out Kina's menu here & sign up to receive updates:

**[www.kinaskitchenbar.com/contact](http://www.kinaskitchenbar.com/contact)**

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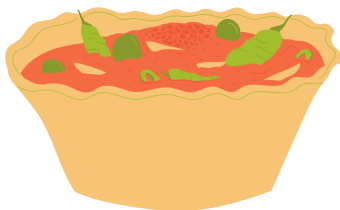
COOK-OFF

February 2nd, 2024

6:00-8:00 PM

Kenwood Depot

The Chili Cook-Off is a fiery fun event that gets kids cooking! Anyone in Kenwood School or the Kenwood Community can enter a chili for judging. The winner gets ultimate bragging rights. Enjoy this free event, and taste some delicious and interesting chilies. What better way to get to know the other students and families at Kenwood School.

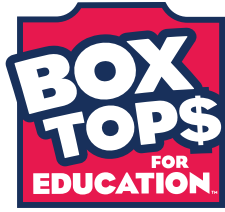


To Enter a Chili or Volunteer visit:

<https://www.kenwoodschoollassociation.com/chili-cook-off>

Can you donate wine to the event? Do you have a raffle prize to contribute? We are looking for donations.

Please contact us at [ksadocs1994@gmail.com](mailto:ksadocs1994@gmail.com)



Dear Families,

Are you looking for a quick and easy way to support our school?

Box Tops for Education has been around for over 25 years, and it really can make a difference. In fact, the Box Tops program has helped give almost one billion dollars to schools since 1996.

The Box Tops app gives participants the ability to earn for any school across the country with just the touch of a button. Plus, the Box Tops app allows you to search for schools that could use a little extra help, so you can help give students in low-income schools the opportunity to succeed.

**HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:** Buy participating products and use the Box Tops app to scan your store receipt. The app identifies eligible products and earnings are credited to your designated school online. Even if you're shopping online or doing grocery pickup, you can still submit your digital or email receipt with the Box Tops app and earn. Twice a year, our school gets a check!

**See a list of participating products at**  
**[BTFE.COM/PRODUCTS](https://www.btfec.com/products)**

Box Tops earnings really add up, and the more people that participate, the bigger the impact we can make. So let's give our teachers the support they need and give more kids the opportunity to succeed. **Together, we can help make a big difference.**

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# WINTER NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 15, 2023



## 1st Trimester Awards →

Read On, Sonoma! recognized and awarded **672 students** who met their 1st Trimester Accelerated Reader goals! Award assemblies were held at Alexander Valley, Kenwood, Madrone, Mark West, Riebli and San Miguel Elementary Schools the week of November 22, 2023.



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDERS

You amazed us this 1st Trimester! Some of you have already read over one million words! We want all of you to reach your goals and earn awards. Reading just 20 minutes a day will help you reach your goals and put you on a path for a fun and fulfilling life. Read On, Sonoma!

**Lawrence Amaturio**

**Guy Fieri**



# WINTER NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 15, 2023



Dear Read On Sonoma Community –

We hope this newsletter finds you well and filled with the holiday spirit! As we reflect on the first trimester of the 2023-24 school year, we are delighted to share some incredible achievements and exciting developments with you.

**Celebrating Success!** We're thrilled to report that our students have embraced the joy of reading with unparalleled enthusiasm. Thanks to their dedication and hard work, we've celebrated a **remarkable 672 number of students** who met their reading goals after Thanksgiving break. The energy and commitment of our young readers is truly inspiring.

Here are some key highlights:

- **Total Books Read:** An impressive **15,491** books have been devoured by our students, averaging 14 books per student. This is a significant increase from the previous school year's average of 10 books.
- **Million Words Club:** **11 students** have achieved the remarkable feat of reading a million words, showcasing their dedication to literacy.
- **Goal Achievement:** An impressive **63% of students** met their first-trimester reading goals, a substantial improvement from 43% at this time last year.
- **Quiz Success:** A commendable **92% of quizzes** taken were passed, demonstrating our students' comprehension and engagement with the material.

These accomplishments reaffirm our belief that Readers become Leaders, and we are honored to witness the motivation, hard work, and joy our Read On, Sonoma students bring to their reading goals.

**Looking Ahead:** As we journey through this school year, Read On Sonoma remains committed to inspiring a love for reading in every child. To further our mission, we are excited to announce our plans for the future:

- **Expanding Partnerships:** We are actively working towards increasing our partnering school sites in Sonoma County, broadening our impact on literacy within the community.
- **Growing our Team:** We invite you to join us on this exciting journey! Read On, Sonoma! is expanding its team of reading volunteers. If you are passionate about literacy and want to make a positive impact on a child's life, we welcome your support.

As we embrace the holiday season, let's continue to celebrate the successes of our readers and look forward to the promising developments that lie ahead. Together, we can foster a community where every child discovers the joy of reading.

Wishing you a festive holiday season filled with warmth and wonderful books!

Happy Holidays,

**Michelle Leisen, Director**



scan to visit [ReadOnSonoma.org](https://ReadOnSonoma.org)

# BOLETÍN DE INVIERNO

15 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2023



## Premios del 1er trimestre



¡Sigue leyendo, Sonoma! ¡Reconoció y premió a 672 estudiantes que alcanzaron sus objetivos de Lector Acelerado del 1.er trimestre! Las asambleas de premiación se llevaron a cabo en las escuelas primarias Alexander Valley, Kenwood, Madrone, Mark West, Riebli y San Miguel la semana del 22 de noviembre de 2023.



## UN MENSAJE DE NUESTROS FUNDADORES

¡Nos sorprendiste este 1er Trimestre! ¡Algunos de ustedes ya han leído más de un millón de palabras! Queremos que todos ustedes alcancen sus objetivos y ganen premios. Leer solo 20 minutos al día te ayudará a alcanzar tus objetivos y te encaminará hacia una vida divertida y plena. ¡Sigue leyendo, Sonoma!

**Lawrence Amaturro**

**Guy Fieri**

# BOLETÍN DE INVIERNO

15 DE DICIEMBRE DE 2023

Estimada comunidad de lectura en Sonoma:



¡Esperamos que este boletín lo encuentre bien y lleno del espíritu navideño! Mientras reflexionamos sobre el primer trimestre del año escolar 2023-24, estamos encantados de compartir con ustedes algunos logros increíbles y desarrollos emocionantes.

**¡Celebrando el éxito! Estamos encantados de informar que nuestros estudiantes han abrazado el placer de leer con un entusiasmo incomparable. Gracias a su dedicación y trabajo duro, hemos celebrado un notable número de 672 estudiantes que alcanzaron sus objetivos de lectura después de las vacaciones de Acción de Gracias. La energía y el compromiso de nuestros jóvenes lectores son verdaderamente inspiradores.**

A continuación se muestran algunos aspectos clave:

- **Total de libros leídos:** Nuestros estudiantes han devorado la impresionante cantidad de 15,491 libros, con un promedio de 14 libros por estudiante. Este es un aumento significativo con respecto al promedio de 10 libros del año escolar anterior.
- **Club del Millón de Palabras:** 11 estudiantes han logrado la notable hazaña de leer un millón de palabras, demostrando su dedicación a la alfabetización.
- **Logro de metas:** Un impresionante 63% de los estudiantes cumplieron sus metas de lectura en el primer trimestre, una mejora sustancial con respecto al 43% en esta época el año pasado.
- **Éxito de los exámenes:** se aprobó un encomiable 92% de los exámenes realizados, lo que demuestra la comprensión y el compromiso de nuestros estudiantes con el material.

Estos logros reafirman nuestra creencia de que los lectores se convierten en líderes y nos sentimos honrados de ser testigos de la motivación, el trabajo duro y la alegría que nuestros estudiantes de Read On, Sonoma aportan a sus objetivos de lectura.

**De cara al futuro:** A medida que avanzamos en este año escolar, Read On Sonoma sigue comprometido a inspirar el amor por la lectura en todos los niños. Para promover nuestra misión, nos complace anunciar nuestros planes para el futuro:

- **Ampliación de asociaciones:** estamos trabajando activamente para aumentar nuestras escuelas asociadas en el condado de Sonoma, ampliando nuestro impacto en la alfabetización dentro de la comunidad.
- **Hacer crecer nuestro equipo:** ¡Te invitamos a unirte a nosotros en este emocionante viaje! ¡Sigue leyendo, Sonoma! está ampliando su equipo de voluntarios de lectura. Si le apasiona la alfabetización y desea tener un impacto positivo en la vida de un niño, agradecemos su apoyo.

Mientras abrazamos la temporada navideña, sigamos celebrando los éxitos de nuestros lectores y esperemos con ansias los prometedores acontecimientos que se avecinan. Juntos, podemos fomentar una comunidad donde cada niño descubra el placer de leer.

¡Les deseo unas fiestas festivas llenas de calidez y libros maravillosos!

Felices vacaciones,

**Michelle Leisen, directora**



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