

Kenwood School Newsletter

Principally Speaking

February 21, 2024

Kenwood School will host “Grandparents’ and Special Friends’ Day” on the morning of **Thursday, March 14, 2024**. Grandparents and special friends will be invited to come and share an exciting morning at school with the children. Both generations seem to enjoy and benefit from this wonderful experience, and our school community is expanded.

Guests will arrive between 8:15 and 8:25 a.m. Greeters at the front of the school will provide directions for our guests. They will then proceed to the multipurpose room for the Welcome Assembly. After the assembly has concluded, the grandparents and special friends will join the children in their classrooms, meet the teachers and share in a classroom activity. Grandparents’ and Special Friends’ Day will conclude at 10:00 a.m. and the children will be dismissed for recess at 10:10 a.m.

Students without grandparents able to attend may wish to invite an aunt or uncle, a neighbor or other “special someone” as their special friend for the morning.

Thank you very much for your support.

“GRANDPARENTS’ AND SPECIAL FRIENDS’ DAY”

Childs Name: _____ Grade: ____ Teacher: _____

My child will participate in “Grandparents’ and Special Friends’ Day” as follows:

____My child will invite a grandparent/grandparents

____My child will invite a special friend

Name of guest/guests: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Relationship to child: _____

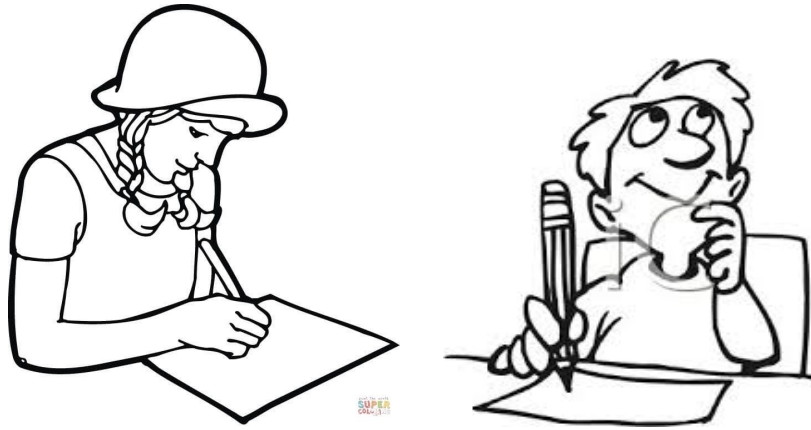
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Upcoming Events

- 2/7-3/8 KEF Collect Pledges for the Read-a-Thon**
- 2/21-3/1 Student Council Sponsors a **Winter Sock Drive** (new socks only)
- 2/26 **Teacher Work Day: No School**
- 3/4-3/8 KEF Read-a-Thon
- 3/7 **Teacher/Parent Conference Day, 1:30 Dismissal, 1:15 (K) Dismissal**
- 3/7 Yearbook Illustrations Due
- 3/7 **Board of Trustees meeting in the school library, 4:00 p.m.**
- 3/14 Grandparents and Special Friends Day, 8:30 a.m., MPR
- 3/14 **KSA Cal Skate, 6-8 p.m., Rohnert Park**
- 3/15 Minimum Day, 1:30 Dismissal, 1:15 (K) Dismissal
- 3/18-22 **Spring Break**
- 5/18 KEF Lights, Camera, Auction (Tickets on sale now.)

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



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, March 7.

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



KENWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL

Winter Sock DRIVE



Feb. 21–March 1

ALL DONATIONS OF NEW SOCKS WILL BE GOING TO LOCAL HOMELESS SHELTERS. WE ARE IN NEED OF ALL SIZES (BABIES, YOUTH, AND ADULTS). THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR DRIVE AND OUR COMMUNITY!

Drop off bin in the office

Kenwood Elementary

Skate & Donate Cal Skate



Thursday March 14th 2024

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

This is a fundraising event!

(A percentage of your admission goes back to KSA)
You must show a hard or digital copy of this flyer at the door to be counted towards this fundraiser!

PLUS: Your price for admission & skate rental are discounted from our regular public pricing for the evening.

Discounted Admission \$9.00 / Discounted Skate Rental \$3.00

(no spectator fee for supervising adults)

**We have a no outside food or beverage policy. Our snack bar is open.

This is a fundraising event~please show your support!!!

(No passes or coupons)



Cal Skate of Rohnert Park

6100 Commerce Blvd.

Info:585-0494/www.calskate.com

We're so excited for the start of Kenwood School's Annual

Read-A-Thon



our goal is for every child to participate in this school-wide event, and to raise \$13,000 to fund our amazing programs



Let's Read! During the week of **Monday March 4th to Friday March 8th**, 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 all those minutes!



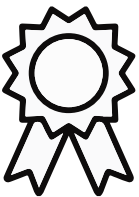
Let's Raise! Students will collect pledges from **wednesday February 7th to Friday March 8th** on their individualized student page on the 99 pledges platform, which will be emailed to parent/guardian emails this week. Pledges can be made as a flat donation (i.e. \$20) or as a per minute pledge (i.e. 25 cents each minute). The pledge pages are easy to share with friends and family, near and far, by email and social media! All the \$ raised will support Kenwood's wonderful programs!



Let's Log! Track all minutes read during the week of **Monday March 4th to Friday March 8th** on the attached reading log, and be sure to turn in the completed log to your teacher on **Monday, March 11th**. This is a fun way to encourage students to spend more time reading, and fund Art, STEAM, Music, PE, Library & More.

Prizes

Top Donations



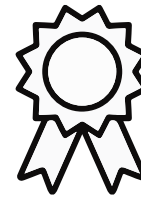
The class with the highest average \$ raised (per student) will get a fun class party!

Top readers



In the class with the highest average minutes read per student, each student will receive a \$10 gift card to Copperfield's

Every Reader



All participating students will earn a small surprise for reading!



KENWOOD
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Any donation amount makes a difference
Thank you in advance for your amazing participation
Any questions: msutula@kenwoodeducationfoundation.org



2024 Honoree
Linda Rosso



Gratitude for a Big HeART

As you may know, Kenwood Education Foundation works tirelessly to generate funds for Kenwood Elementary School's enrichment programs, including art, music, STEAM, library, gardening, after-school child care, and physical education.

In October of last year, we featured an article in the Kenwood Press, outlining the financial commitment KEF makes to sustain these programs for all our students. We hoped to reach community members who appreciate the enduring impact of these programs to rally in support of our children.

The great news is that upon reading our article, a caring community member noticed our shortfall in the arts, empathized with our plight, and took action. Since 2001, KEF has annually acknowledged those who have answered our call with remarkable kindness and generosity with the Big Heart Award. The award serves as a poignant reminder that each of us has the power to create a lasting impact on the lives of others.

As President of KEF, it's my distinct privilege to announce this year's honoree, Linda Rosso. Fueled by her love of the arts and her philanthropic spirit, Linda advocated for our cause and presented our mission to the Sonoma Plein Air Foundation, which provides grants for arts education in public schools and community organizations in Sonoma Valley.

Within a few weeks of the article's publication, Linda contacted our Superintendent and Principal, Nate Myers, to share the news that she had reached out to the Sonoma Plein Air board and they had agreed to consider a grant request from Kenwood Elementary School. She encouraged us to apply for a significant grant and graciously offered to act as our liaison. Without her selfless efforts, we would have missed out on this opportunity.

Thanks to Linda Rosso's big heart, the Sonoma Plein Air Foundation has provided the funds to fully support our art program for the ongoing school year at Kenwood Elementary School. We are beyond grateful for Linda, the Sonoma Plein Air Foundation, and our Sonoma Valley community. We hope this news lifts your spirits and sheds some light on the deep affection our community has for our beloved little school.

KENWOOD EDUCATION FOUNDATION PRESENTS



Lights Camera Auction! Barbie & Ken Too!

Early Bird
Tickets
February
1st - 29th

HANNA CENTER

MAY 18 2024

5PM-10PM

17000 ARNOLD DR, SONOMA, CA

With Music By DJ Lionize &
Featuring Auctioneer Johan Graham

TICKETS - [HTTPS://KEF.SCHOOLAUCTION.NET/KEFLCA2024](https://kef.schoolauction.net/keflca2024)

Camp Kenwood Enrollment *(still accepting enrollment forms)*

Classes will cost \$250 for a one-week class. Classes are free of charge for Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELOP) eligible families.

Drop off will begin at 8:00 a.m. daily. Pick up will be by 5:00 p.m. sharp.

I would like to enroll my child _____ in the Camp Kenwood Program.

My child is in _____ grade this school year.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Please check each week that your child will be attending the Camp Kenwood.

___ **Week of June 17 (4 days, no class June 19th) -**
Edible Science 10:00am-11:30am
Design Squad Challenge 12:30pm-2:00pm

___ **Week of June 24 –**
Travel the World of Art 12:30pm-3:30pm

___ **Week of July 1 (4 days, no class July 4th) –**
Myth Busting Science 10am-11:30am
STEAM Lab: Clever Creatures 12:30pm-2:00pm

___ **Week of July 8 –**
Fantasy and Magical Worlds 12:30pm-3:30pm

If you are interested in signing up, please sign and return this permission slip. You may also call the office at 707-833-2500 or email sborgert@kenwoodschoool.org.

Thank you,

Nate Myers
Superintendent/Principal

