

Principally Speaking

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope you are all doing great. Change is in the air and many of us are moving forward with cautious optimism. It appears that we have moved past the worst part of Omicron and case counts in the county, state and nationwide are dropping dramatically. California is transitioning into a new phase as we find ways to live with COVID-19 while also trying to get back to normal. The county has already removed the indoor masking policy that was put in place last month and school districts around the county are looking at how to reduce restrictions while keeping our staff and students safe.

Kenwood School has always looked at multiple ways to go above and beyond to ensure everyone is as safe as possible. As more students have been vaccinated and we have gained more insights into this virus, we have begun thinking about the process of removing some of the less protective measures we have had in place.

At our next Board Meeting on March 3rd, the Board will decide whether we should move to a more traditional approach to our school's COVID guidelines. I will bring to the Board, an updated COVID Safety Plan that strictly follows the California Department of Public Health guidelines and allow us to quickly move forward on any future changes. Changes such as: **no longer taking temperature checks in the morning, allowing students the option to remove their masks while outside, and the return of parent volunteers**, will all follow CDPH guidelines.

I realize that for some, these changes will raise anxiety, while for others you may say, "It's about time". Finding a solution that makes everyone happy will be impossible. However, by following the science and the experts whose job it is to study these situations and create mandates that keep our students safe, has always been foremost in our decision making. For me personally, being able to see the smiling, sometimes toothless, faces will be a wonderful treat. We will continue to monitor local data and may have to change course yet again in this fight against COVID-19. Be assured, any changes we will make will be based on CDPH guidelines and recommendations.

Sincerely,

Nate Myers

Dear Kenwood Families,

Kenwood School conducts an Emergency Drill each month. Our drills range from Fire Drills to Earthquake Drills to Security Alert Drills. Today we conducted a Security Alert Drill. In the case of an actual Security Alert, perhaps an intruder on campus, a wild animal on campus, or an alert from the Sheriff Department, all students are directed to follow their teacher's direction or enter the nearest classroom available if not in a classroom at the moment. The teacher will then lock the classroom doors, close the curtains and move all the students to a safe corner of the room away from doors and windows.

Today's drill went very well. The students followed directions and were remarkably calm and helpful to their teachers. We will continue to conduct Emergency Drills each month and practice how to best conduct ourselves in emergency situations. Our goal is to not frighten students during these drills, but to show a level of concern that helps them to understand the importance of the drills.

As always, feel free to contact the office should you have any questions.

Thank you,
Nate Myers

Hello Cougar Club Families!

It's that time again. Cougar Club contracts are due FRIDAY, March 4th. Contracts can be found in Cougar Club, the main office and online under the Cougar Club page on the school's website.

Thank you,
Cougar Club Staff

New from KSA.

Kenwood School Spirit Gear NEW online store. Available all year with seasonal specials/sales, delivery to your home and 10% of purchases donated to Kenwood School Association.

Start shopping:
Store link: <https://1stplace.sale/12850>

A Great Place to Grow

Now Enrolling for Fall

- ☀️ *A fertile, loving and magical place, where kids use their imaginations, learn, get messy, and have fun!*
- ☀️ *Days are rich with song and joyful exploration. Come visit us!*
- ☀️ *M, T, Th, F 8:15-2:15, W 8:15-1:15*

Lic.#49011142 **707-833-6551**



Upcoming Events

- 2/25 Crazy Hair Day
- 2/28 Teacher Workday: No School
- 3/3 Board of Trustees Meeting at 4:00 p.m., School Library
- 3/9 and 3/10 Teacher/Parent Conferences
Early Dismissal K at 1:15 p.m. and Grades 1-6 at 1:30 p.m.
- Spring Break: March 21-25
- 4/15 Local Holiday: No School

Donation Needed for STEAM:

Empty two liter soda bottles are needed for a STEAM project. Please drop-off at the front of the school in the main hallway.
Thank you.