

Thursday Packet

Principal's Message

Kensington Elementary School

Judy Sanders, Principal

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We are entering that time of year when many of us are wearing two hats. We're busy planning for the end of this year: STAR testing, Oceans Week, book inventories, thank you teas, promotion ceremonies, and more. At the same time we have already begun planning for next year: the Garden Party committees have begun doing their work, our School Site Council is soliciting new members, our PTA board is being formed, and the Dads' Club is looking for new officers. It's time for everyone to think about how best to contribute to our wonderful school community in the future. There are so many things to do, and we all must make choices about how to spend our limited time. I would like to suggest that you take some time at the end of this year and consider some new ways to serve our community. Come to the final meetings of the PTA, SSC, and Dads' Clubs. Talk to the current members, ask questions, and think about joining one of these groups and getting involved. The dates are listed below; more information can be found in the current issue of the Kenvue, on the e-tree, and in the Thursday packets.

Last week I spent some time before school at the back entrance. I continue to be very concerned about safety at the back gate. Please share the information about the designated traffic pattern with everyone who drops off your children; we have nannies, grandparents, babysitters, and other caregivers who claim to have no knowledge of the traffic pattern. All drivers should approach the back of the school by heading south on Highland. Students should be dropped off before you enter the intersection of Highland and Arlmont. Turn right on Arlmont after dropping off your children and head down the hill until you reach Arlington. No one should drive up Arlmont to drop students off, nor should anyone drive onto the school grounds or the past the intersection on Highland. Your cooperation is very much appreciated; our children's safety is at stake.

The lost and found containers in the Multi-Purpose Room are filled to overflowing with jackets, sweatshirts, sweaters, and shirts, as well as a few lunchboxes and other items. If your child is missing something, please ask him/her to check the lost and found, or perhaps when you come to the campus for pick up or drop off you can check as well. At the end of the month I will take all of these items to the Goodwill truck at the Recycling Center; I'd hate to donate your child's favorite item! And once again, I ask you to please write your child's name and room number in his/her clothing. It would be so easy for us to return these items to their owners if we had this information.

I have been asked to remind everyone that the addresses in the school directory are provided to allow families to communicate around school and student-related issues. The use of these addresses for other purposes (political, business, chain letters, etc.) is not appropriate. Thanks for your cooperation!

Please look carefully at the following list of upcoming events. We have a lot happening in the next few weeks! I hope you can join us; I look forward to seeing you!

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

- April 22-May 20 - STAR testing
- May 6 - Teacher Appreciation Day
- May 7 - School Site Council Meeting - 6:30-8:00 - Faculty Room
- May 8 - PTA Meeting
- May 10 - Carnival
- May 13 - Dads' Club - 7:00 - 8:00 - MPR
- May 13 - KEF Meeting - 8:00-9:15 - Faculty Room
- May 15 - Open House
- May 17 - District Writing Fair - 12:30-4:00 - Lovonya DeJean

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