

Welcome to the twenty-third edition of the Kensington Parkwood PTA Weekly Newsletter! Please read on for:

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Visit the KP Science Fair on Monday March 6, 7-8:30pm in the KP APR! Scholastic Book Fair open until 9pm that night! Join the PTA Meeting in person or virtually on Tuesday March 7, 7pm!

Upcoming Events

Monday March 6, 7-8:30pm	KP Science Fair Location: KP APR
Monday March 6 - Friday March 10	Scholastic Book Fair at KP Location: Media Center
Tuesday March 7, 7pm	PTA Membership Meeting Location: In person location TBD, follow signs at school; Zoom details below
Saturday March 18, 7-9pm	Skate Night at Wheaton Ice Arena
Friday March 24, 7-9pm	International Night Location: KP APR/Gym
Friday March 31	No School (Professional day for teachers; end of quarter)

Topic: March KP PTA Meeting

Time: Mar 7, 2023 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86533827713? pwd=RkFDNIhHMnZ4S0s4cVFHdkZlY3hlZz09

Meeting ID: 865 3382 7713

Passcode: 1d0qv4 One tap mobile

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+13126266799,,86533827713#,,,,*926962# US (Chicago)

KP Spirit Wear Sale: Now - March 19

The wait is over! Our online sale is now live, so click <u>here</u> to order your KP spirit wear, available in child and adult sizes. All orders will be distributed to students by their teachers the week of April 10. The sale closes on March 19, so don't delay - order today!

Thanks, Amy McAlvanah and Jen Monick KP Spirit Wear Committee

https://kensington23.itemorder.com/shop/home/

KP Scholastic Book Fair: Mon. March 6 - Fri. March 10

The KP Book Fair is this week, and we need your help to make it a success. Volunteers will receive one free poster for their child and one \$10 voucher to use at the fair.

Sign up to volunteer: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4FACAB2CA2F5C61-kensington1

Thursday March 9 and most afternoons have many empty volunteer slots. The Fair will have late hours (until 9pm!) on Monday March 6, during the Science Fair. Thanks to those who already signed up. We look forward to seeing you all at the fair!

5th Grade Bake Sale is Ready for Scholastic Book Fair Opening Night!

Books are brain food . . . and so are cupcakes, brownies, and other yummy treats that will be available for sale to support the 5th grade activities fund. Cash, credit, and PayPal accepted.

See you at the sale and thank you for your support!

International Night Country Representatives Needed: Sign Up by Wed. March 8

International Night is around the corner on Friday, March 24, from 7-9pm!

Every year this event gathers our KP families from around the world and families who want to showcase a country they have studied or visited. Entertainment will start at 7:15pm with our very own **KP Singers** followed by the group **Cantaré** at 7:30pm!

If you choose to be a **country representative**, you get to decorate a table the way you want. You may bring books, pictures, clothes, and games, or prepare a poster, and of course, you can bring food to share!

So far, here are the countries represented: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, South Korea, Mexico, Ireland, Chile, Pakistan, Argentina, Sweden, Ecuador, Kosovo, Venezuela, Nigeria, Greece, Japan, Brazil, Lebanon, Germany, India, and France. Come join these countries or offer to represent another one!

To sign-up for a table: https://forms.gle/oeU8AzLGuQkyBD5z6.

We hope to see you and if you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us (see attached form).

Best, Audrey and Hosai



KP Skate Night: Saturday March 18

Mark your calendars for the beloved Skate Night at Wheaton Ice Arena on **Saturday March 18 from 7-9pm!** Courtesy of the PTA, there will be free admission for the first 100 skaters and free skate rental for the first 60 skaters. After that, admission is \$7 and skate rental is \$4. Lace up your skates and join the fun!

Green Team Update

The fifth grade Green Team members spent some time cleaning up the courtyard and preparing the planters for the second graders to begin their Salad Science project next week. The seeds they started two weeks ago have begun to sprout, so we are very excited about our gardens this year! Great job, Green Team members!





IEPs Explained: xMinds Virtual Presentation

xMinds is offering a virtual presentation about IEPs (Individualized Education Programs) on **Tuesday March 7 from 7-8:30pm**. They'll go over what's in an IEP and answer your questions.

Register to attend here: https://xminds.org/event-5053264

Unfortunately, our March PTA meeting is at the SAME TIME. We'll have a virtual option if you'd like to try dialing in to both, and we'll record the PTA meeting to share later.

National School Bus Safety Week Poster Contest: Entries Due March 15

Pre-K through grade 12 students are invited to participate in the 2022-2023 National School Bus Safety Week Poster Contest. Thousands of school districts in over 40 states participate in local and state-level competitions to select artwork that depicts school bus safety-related themes and encourages and promotes school bus safety. The winning posters are used to promote safer school transportation for everyone during National School Bus Safety Week in October 2023. See contest details here. **Deadline** to submit Maryland entries is March 15, 2023.

5th Grade Baby Photos Needed by March 10

Fifth Grade Families: It's time for the 5th grade tradition of the annual Baby Picture Project! Baby pictures will be published in the yearbook, and we will make a bulletin board with the pictures to have a guessing contest among the 5th graders.

If your child is in the homeroom of Mr. Cuming or Ms. Ready, please email your child's baby photo (jpeg preferred with his/her name and homeroom in the Subject) to Kelly Ventura at EvansKL4@hotmail.com.

If your child is in the homeroom of Ms. Iciek or Ms. White, please email your child's baby photo (jpeg preferred with his/her name and homeroom in the Subject) to Cara Martin at Caramia427@verizon.net.



Please contact us if you prefer to submit a physical photo instead (it will be scanned and returned).

Deadline to submit photos is this Friday March 10.

Thanks,

Cara Martin and Kelly Ventura 5th Grade Baby Picture Team

Woodward High School Update: YOUR Action Needed

The MCPS CIP (6 year construction plan) is currently before the County Council and full funding is in peril. If the Council is unwilling to fully fund the CIP, delays to Woodward HS are likely.

We are asking parents to email our council member, Kate Stewart:

<u>Councilmember.Stewart@montgomerycountymd.gov</u>

For extra credit, you may also email the at-large members:

Councilmember.Albornoz@montgomerycountymd.gov Councilmember.Glass@montgomerycountymd.gov Councilmember.Jawando@montgomerycountymd.gov Councilmember.Sayles@montgomerycountymd.gov

Suggested language/themes for your emails:

- For more than a decade WJ cluster families have been urging that a solution be found to the looming overcrowding crisis our high school would face. That crisis is here. WJ is now 651 students overcapacity, with only continued growth in sight (projected to be 768 over capacity in fall of 2026).
- We know that the cost of major capital projects like Woodward are a strain on the CIP. However, they are also essential.
 Woodward is mentioned in the Rock Spring Master Plan, the Bethesda Master Plan, the Lyttonsville Sector Plan, all three White Flint Sector Plans, and the Grosvenor-Strathmore Minor Master Plan Amendment as the capacity solution for high school overcrowding in Bethesda, Rockville, Silver Spring, Kensington, and everywhere in between.
- We urge the Council to ensure that this project and the entire MCPS CIP are fully funded so that Woodward and all the other important school projects remain on schedule.

Enrichment Academies Registration

EAI spring clubs registration began on Thursday March

2. Registration may be completed by using https://kp.enrichment-academies.com/. The supported web browsers for registration are Chrome and Firefox.

ENRICHMENT ACADEMIES - KP

Spring Session Key Dates

Shown below are dates as they relate to registration for spring before/ after school clubs. Morning clubs run from 8:15-9:15am. In Person clubs run from 4:00-5:00pm.

- February 23rd: CATALOG DISTRIBUTION via KPEaglenet & student backpack
- March 2nd 5th: EARLY BIRD ONLINE REGISTRATION (starts at 7am)
- March 17th 22nd: REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION
- March 24th 30th: CLUBS START (8 weeks)

Spring Club Schedule

MORNINGS

Mini Polymer Clay Creations (1-5) – Wednesday KPTV Film (5th only) – Thursday

Monday - pm

Artjewelz (3-5) Solar Energy-Bubbles to Rainbows (K-2) Panda Programming (1-5) Session 4 (starts on 4/17) Introduction to Yoga & Mindfulness (K-5) Tumbling (K-2)

Tuesday - pm

Chess (K-5)
Theatrical Adventures – Myths & Legends Onstage (3-5)
Soccer by Pinnacle Soccer Club (outside)

Thursday - pm

Ecology – Eco-KID (3-5) KIBO - Intro to Robotics and Coding (K-2) Soccer by Pinnacle Soccer Club (outside) Theatrical Adventures – Superheros! (K-2)

Friday-pm

Basketball (K-5)

Please email gabrielle@enrichment-academies.com if you have any questions.

Time to Order Yearbooks

It's time to order your 2022-2023 KP Yearbook! The link to order is- https://yearbooks.classic-photo.com/KensingtonParkwood/home3/Bookstore.jsp (Please note that 5th graders do not need to order a yearbook. The 5th Grade Committee gifts a yearbook to each 5th grader.)

Lunch and Recess Volunteering

Volunteers support our school's staff members to help keep lunch and recess safe and fun for our kids. Kids love to see volunteers helping out at school! The volunteer signup is set up through January. Lunch and recess are from noon to 2 pm. We've broken that into two slots on the signup, but you're welcome to sign up for both if you'd like to stay the whole time.

Before you sign up, please <u>complete the volunteer training</u> <u>and send in your documents</u>. If you last completed it in 2019, it's time to do it again. Don't miss the COVID part of the training! Contact our volunteer coordinator, <u>lleana Benitez</u>, if you need help.

KP is using the Visitor Management System (VMS) to print badge stickers. This helps keep our kids safe by doing a quick background check. You must bring an ID (such as a driver's license) to use the VMS, and please don't forget to sign out.

Recess Running Club will be on Wednesdays, whenever the field is open and enough volunteers are available. Look for the club coordinator at recess and help by setting up cones, marking hands, and handing out charms.

KP Career Day May 12: Seeking Participants

The 2023 KP Career Day will be held for all grades on **Friday May 12 from 10am - 3:30pm**.

KP needs YOUR experiences! Whether you are a nurse, mechanic, astronaut, custodian, business owner, etc., we need you! We are looking for a variety of people interested in spending a day talking to our students about their career.

Many of our students are unaware of the career opportunities available to them, and this is a fantastic way to provide them with first-hand knowledge of potential career paths. This is also a great way for you to get involved in KP and make an impact on the students' futures. If you know others who might be interested in presenting, please share our (or their) contact information.

Lunch will be provided for speakers. Thank you in advance for your involvement!

If you have any questions or would like to get additional information, please contact Beth Wert at 240-740-3697 or email at Elizabeth_A_Wert@mcpsmd.org.

Please fill out this <u>Google form</u> if you are willing to spend the day at Kensington Parkwood to share about your career with our school community.

Notes from KP Administration

Spring Testing Dates and Information



Kensington Parkwood Elementary School

February 9, 2023

Kensington Parkwood Parents and Guardians,

As we move into the second half of the school year, we are beginning to prepare for Spring testing! These are all required local and state Spring assessments in the areas of Science, ELA and Math.

Please review the testing windows below, specific testing days and times will be shared in the near future as we finalize our schedule. Classroom teachers will be communicating this information to you and can be found on the KP website.

Please note that all students will be tested in some capacity, and this will unfortunately cause some disruptions to classroom instructions. To the best of your ability, please try to schedule appointments outside of the testing days. We apologize in advance for the inconvenience.

Thank you, Blair Pearce Assistant Principal and Testing Coordinator

• Maryland School Survey

Testing Dates: 3/3

Who will participate: 5th grade only

Maryland Integrated Science Assessment (MISA)

Testing Dates: 3/14-3/15

o Who will participate: 5th grade only

• Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP) ELA and Math

o Testing Window: 4/17-5/25

Who will participate: 3rd-5th grade only

Map-M (Math) and Map-R (Reading)

o Testing Window: 4/25-5/26

o Who will participate: 3rd-5th grade only

Map-P (Math)

Testing Window: 5/1-6/2

Who will participate: K-2nd grade only

Benchmark Interim 3 Assessment

o Testing Window: 4/17-5/17

o Who will participate: All grades

Free Laptops Available through Montgomery County

Montgomery Connects, the County's digital equity and inclusion initiative, is providing 50,000 new loaner Chromebook laptop computers to qualified Montgomery County residents who do not have a computer to use for educational purposes. https://montgomerycountymd.gov/obp/computer-for-you.html

KP Kindergarten Orientation Update

Please mark your calendars and let friends and neighbors with children entering Kindergarten this fall know: *Kindergarten Orientation will be held at KP on April 19 and 20*.

For the 2023-2024 school year, Kindergarten registration will be online through the ParentVUE portal **starting March 27**. Parent Vue link: https://md-mcps.edupoint.com/PXP2_Login.aspx

Documents should be submitted online.

MCPS Elementary Immersion Programs Update

If you are interested in MCPS elementary school language immersion programs, detailed information is available on the MCPS website.

The <u>registration form</u> for the immersion programs opened on **February 1, 2023.** The deadline to register is **April 21, 2023**.

A Note from the School Nurse Regarding Lice

See below for information about lice, which is a common condition in elementary-age children everywhere and here at KP.

Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services Public Health Services School Health Services **Montgomery County Public Schools**

Dear Parent:

The following is pertinent information about a condition found commonly in preschool and elementary-age children. Head lice, also called *Pediculus humanus capitis*, are parasitic insects found on the heads of people. Anyone who comes in close contact (especially head-to-head contact) with someone who has head lice is at greatest risk. Occasionally, head lice may be acquired from contact with clothing or personal items that belong to an infested person. Personal hygiene or cleanliness in the home or school has nothing to do with getting head lice. Here are some ways you can identify and/or prevent head lice.

BE ALERT FOR THE SIGNS OF HEAD LICE: Signs and symptoms of head lice infestation include a tickling feeling of something moving in the hair, itching and/or sores caused by scratching on the back of the neck and head. If you observe your child scratching in this area, check his/her head for lice and nits attached to the hair shafts. The adult louse is about the size of a sesame seed, has six legs, no wings, and is tan to grayish white. Lice eggs are called nits. Nits are very small, about the size of a knot in thread, teardrop shaped, hard to see and often confused for dandruff or hair spray droplets. The female louse attaches the nits to the hair shaft, close to the scalp with a glue-like substance that makes the nits difficult to remove. Ordinary combing, brushing or shampooing will not remove them.

INSPECT: Examine the hair and scalp of all family members regularly throughout the year. This means all adults and children living in the same house. Pets do not carry human lice. Close inspection of the hair and scalp will sometimes reveal the adult lice, but you are more likely to see the nits.

TREAT: If lice or nits within $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of the scalp are found, or your child has been excluded from school because of a lice infestation, use a special over-the-counter medication, called a pediculicide, or a medication prescribed by your health care provider. Use the <u>medicated treatment exactly according to directions</u>. After the treatment and the hair is dry, the nits close to the scalp should be removed with a special nit comb. Check the hair every 2 - 3 days for 2 - 3 weeks until you are sure all lice and nits within $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of the scalp are gone.

CLEAN THE ENVIRONMENT: Check other household members for lice and/or nits and treat if necessary. Wash all washable clothing and bed linens worn or used by the infested person during the 2 days before treatment. Use hot water and dry laundry using high heat for at least 20 minutes. Clothing and other items that are not washable (coats, hats, scarves, stuffed animals) may be dry cleaned or stored in sealed plastic bags for two weeks. Soak combs and brushes for 1 hour in rubbing alcohol, Lysol or wash with hot soap and water. Vacuum the floor and furniture. Do not use fumigant sprays; they can be toxic if inhaled or absorbed through the skin.

PREVENT A REINFESTATION:

Avoid head-to-head contact which is common during play at school and at home (sports activities, on the playground, slumber parties, at camp). Do not share clothing, such as hats, scarves, coats, sports uniforms, or hair ribbons/clips. Do not share combs, brushes, or towels. Do not lie on beds, couches, pillows, carpets, or stuffed animals that have recently been in contact with an infested person. You are encouraged to notify the health room if you have found a head lice infestation on your child so that prevention measures can be implemented at school. This information will be kept confidential.

Please contact your chil information at	d's School Community Health Nurse if you have any quest	ions and/or look for additional
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http://www.cdc.gov/par	asites/lice/head/gen_info/fags.html	
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Principal	School Community Health Nurse	Telephone

Departamento de Salud y Servicios del Condado de Montgomery Servicios Escolares	Humanos	Escuelas Públicas del Condado de Montgomery
Fecha:		
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