



KENBROOK

Connection

March 20

Green Team Book Swap

March 22

Author Leslie Helakoski visits

March 23

Half Day

March 26

Report Cards available on Parent Connect

March 28 & 29

Book Fair and Parent Teacher Conferences

April 2- 6

Spring Break

April 16

PTA General Meeting 7:00 (FREE BABYSITTING)

May 4

Kindergarten Orientation

Kenbrook Koality—Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Responsible!

Principally speaking...

Empty Bowls: Thanks to all the students, Staff, and parents who made this two month project so successful in so many different ways for all involved. Children learned the gift of giving to others, we all learned about children who go to bed hungry every night, and that each one of us does make a difference in this world.

The bowls were beautiful, dinner was great, and we came together as a school community to help those less fortunate than us. Thanks to the generosity of the Kenbrook families, we raised \$1,500 that will be donated to the Farmington Neighborhood House. They will use the funds to assist Farmington Hills residents in need. I am so proud of everyone for supporting this Project. Art teacher, Linda Ulrich made sure every student and all staff and parents who wanted to could make a bowl for this charity event. Two parents worked overtime to make sure we had enough soup and bread for the dinner. Claudia Camino and Michelle Danielson organized the forty volunteers and made sure every would be ready for the dinner.

Kindergarten Registration: Kindergarten registration begins March 5 and all the forms are on the Kenbrook website. Kindergarten student orientation is Friday, May 4 this year. Please register as soon as possible so we have enough space and teachers for the 2012-2013 school year. If you know any neighbors who do not have children currently in school and have a five year old who will be entering Kindergarten this fall, to call or come into the office. This will assist in our planning for next year.

March is Reading Month: The March is reading month calendar has been sent home. Please read it with your child for see all the reading month activities. We do not want to have children miss out. March 2 is a birthday celebration for Dr. Seuss and we want all students to wear red that day. We will read silently throughout the day.

The following Friday, March 9 is the Student Council Spirit Day and they are encouraging all students to wear their favorite Hawaiian Shirt to school. The Green Team will host a book swap on March 20 and the PTA is sponsoring children's author Leslie Helakoski for the children, March 22. The PTA is also hosting the spring book Fair at the end of the month. So please encourage your child in participate in all our reading activities and please read, read, read at home every night. Read with them and to them. This is the great gift and indicator of school success.

Kenbrook Post Office: there is one more week of the post office and stamps will be sold to the students on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Parents are encouraged to write a letter to their child and their child's teacher. The blank letters are on a table in the lobby and parents can purchase stamps in the office. Teaching the correct letter writing skills, writing a letter, and receiving a letter gives students a real life skill. Seeing the smiles on the children's faces when they receive a letter reminds parents and staff why this is such a rewarding project organized by the third grade teachers.

As we continue to keep every one extremely busy, and seeing the joy and smiles it brings to everyone, and the memories we are making is the gift we give to our children. Thanks to all the parents volunteers and the PTA for supporting our students and our school.

Yours in education,

Annie Rubin
Kenbrook Principal

Zap Zone Fundraiser

Thank you for all of you who attended the Zap Zone fundraiser last week! We earned almost \$600! Thank you so much! All money will go towards classroom technology!



Box Tops For Education

Kenbrook collects Box Tops and Campbell Labels for Education. If you have any food items with these labels, bring them in and help earn money and supplies for our school.

Dine Out To Donate April 12, 2012

Save the date! April 12th take the family out for some yummy food at Max & Erma's. You can eat lunch or dinner or do take out and 20% of your total bill will go towards Kenbrook PTA to help raise money for our children's classrooms. Save the date and plan a night out with the fam!



Kenbrook Science Fair

Attention all Young Scientists!!! Kenbrook is having a Science Fair Thursday, April 19th! Mad Science will be here to present a show, science projects will be on display, make and take crafts and a science scavenger hunt for raffle prizes! This a FREE family event for all kenbrook families! Find science project ideas in the main lobby, online, at Kenbrook library or at the public library and get started today! Boards available in the office for \$4! Extra raffle drawing for those students that participate!

2012 HIP HOP DANCE WAS A BLAST!!

Our Hip Hop Dance was an amazing night! Thanks to all of our wonderful Kenbrook families for coming out on a snowy January night to "warm up" to the sounds of Living Energy.

A "BIG THANKS" goes out to:

- The Staff of Living Energy!
- Cindy Yellen and Stacey Karson for chairing the event!
- Buschs, LOC Credit Union, Hercules, Bonaventure and The Putting Edge for food and prize donations!
- All of our wonderful families who donated treats and goodies to make this dance such a great success!
- The following volunteers who worked the night of Stacey Karson, Cindy Yellen, Alison Williams, Erika and Danny Yellen, Olivia and Jonah Karson, Bob Long, Kelly Bell, Stephanie Jett, Elena Smith-Moulden, Jillian Wright, Carolyn & Morgan Berg, Susan Weingarden, Cheryl Smith, Arsho Kurkechian, Gillian Kuhnhen, Jill Cardoza, Brian Sharplin, Amal Zarifah, Lisa Shenton, Teresa Schuler, Laura Jackson, Kathi Watkins, Lisa Null, Kelly Vista, Kathy Haas, The O'Neills, Rebecca Denny, Heather Baker, Amy & Jeff Simpson, Leigh Collins, and anyone else we inadvertently left out!!!

Our raffle winners were: Liarra Woodley, Bryan Weingarden, Vanesa Hernandez, Terrence Bartell, Brian Schroeder, Olivia Karson, Jason Running, Gavin Quirrollo, Ethan Dillon, Riley Laycock, Courtney Bell, Cole Shenton, Miracle Laney, and Danny Yellen.

Thanks for a great family fun evening!!
Cindy Yellen





As the largest volunteer child advocacy association in the nation, Parent Teacher Association (PTA) reminds our country of its obligations to children and provides parents and families with a powerful voice to speak on behalf of every child while providing the best tools for parents to help their children be successful students.

PTA is looking for volunteers and new faces for the executive board! Are you interested in making decisions crucial to our children's education? Are you interested in being more involved in your child's school? The PTA has a place for you! Contact Lisa Shenton for more information at: anastasiolisa@yahoo.com

**Kenbrook PTA Meeting Schedule
2011-2012
Apr. 16th • May 21st**

All meetings start at 7 PM and have free child care provided.

PTA Executive Board

President

Lisa Shenton - anastasiolisa@yahoo.com

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Open position

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PTA Committee Chairs

Art Smarts: Open

Beautification: Open

Bonaventure Skating Party: Cindy Yellen

Book Fair: Amy Simpson

Box Tops: Open

Campbell's Soup Labels: Kathy Armstrong

Dance: Cindy Yellen

Directory: Nicole Putala

Donuts with Dads: Alison Wisenhunt/Cindy Yellen

Flower Sale: Open

Fun Run Fund Raising Event: Stacy Karson

International Night: Open

Junior Great Books: Open

Literature Event: Cindy Yellen

Math Olympiad: Animesh Das

Math Pentathlon: Steve Weingarden

Enchanted Hike: Amy Simpson

Media Center: Mrs. Kaliski

Membership: Heather Baker

PTA Nominating Committee: Open

Projects with a Purpose: Mrs. Ulrich

Publishing Center: Christine Roggow

Room Parent Coordinator: Lisa Salowich

Safety/Traffic Committee: Alison Williams

Science Fair/Science Night: Open

Staff Appreciation: Open

Yearbook: Kim Sharplin

Spirit Wear: Gina Negy

Scripts: Melissa Diermert

If you are interested in helping on one of these committees, or chairing a committee please contact Lisa Shenton at anastasiolisa@yahoo.com.