



# Principal's Newsletter 9/9/2008

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## Welcome Back!

Welcome back to the 2008-2009 school year. I hope your child is off to a fantastic start. At Kenroy we are committed to making sure that every child is safe and challenged to learn to their highest potential.

Our mission at Kenroy is to "Provide a quality education within a positive, safe, and caring environment." We take this commitment seriously. We want *every* student to be challenged and stretched. We are committed to making *every* child feel safe every day. And one of the things in which we pride ourselves at Kenroy is the community atmosphere where students are surrounded by caring adults and where children are expected to be polite and kind. However, we want to continue to improve in all of these areas, and we certainly could not achieve any of this without the help and support from our parents. If you have ideas on how we can better fulfill our mission, please contact your child's teacher, or you can set up an appointment to meet or talk with me at 884-1443.

Jon Abbott, Principal

## Open House

**Open House is scheduled for Thursday, September 18, from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.** This is the most important event of the school year to help teachers communicate with parents about what goes on in their child's classroom. At 5:30 p.m., kindergarten, first grade, and second grade teachers will be sharing with parents information about classroom and grade level curriculum. At 6:15 p.m. third and fourth grade teachers will take their turn at presenting curriculum information. All classrooms are open the remainder of the time for parents to stop by and see the classroom. Please make it a priority to be present for this event. Also, look for information to be coming home about the BBQ dinner available for purchase, sponsored by the Kenroy PTO.

## Calendar

Sept. 18	4 <sup>th</sup> grade field trip to SalmonFest
Sept. 18	5:30-7:00 Open House (See Schedule above)
Oct. 8	4 <sup>th</sup> Annual Walk To School Event
Oct. 9	Early Release for Teacher Training (11:55)
Oct. 10	Professional Day (No School)
Oct. 22	School Pictures
Oct. 27-31	Conferences for ½ day kindergarten; <b>no school for ½ day kindergarteners</b>
October 29-31	Conferences for all-day kindergarten and grades 1-12 <b>NO SCHOOL</b>

## Wanting to Get Involved?

One of the hallmarks of high-achieving schools is active parent involvement. At Kenroy, we strive to involve parents as partners in creating the very best school for our children. I encourage you to ask your child's teacher how you can be involved in the classroom. This is a great question to ask at Open House.

The PTO is an active organization at Kenroy that has a strong history of enriching the education of Kenroy students. Please consider coming to the PTO meetings to learn more. The meetings are open to any Kenroy parents and always consist of a welcoming, friendly group that cares about children. Meetings are scheduled for the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.; the first PTO meeting is this Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in the Kenroy library. New this year, the PTO is looking to have one designated parent PTO representative in each classroom, someone who would be willing to help contact parents when volunteers are needed for PTO activities, classroom activities, or field trips. For more information about the Kenroy PTO, please contact the Lisa VanWell, PTO President, at [Lvanwell@msn.com](mailto:Lvanwell@msn.com) or call at 886-4753.

I am looking for two or more parents to volunteer to become involved in our building's Site Council, a leadership team charged with the task of improving student learning. The group meets approximately twice per month before school. They are the overseers of our School Improvement Plan, and we need active parent participation to make our plan most effective. Also, one goal I have for us at Kenroy is to have at least one schoolwide cultural celebration, reflective of the significant number of Latino students and families at Kenroy and in our community. If you are interested in helping with any of these volunteer opportunities, please contact me at [ab-bottj@eastmont206.org](mailto:ab-bottj@eastmont206.org) or call 884-1443.

## Sex Offender Notice

The Douglas County Sheriff's Department has issued a notice that there is a registered sex offender in the 200 Block of N. Kansas Street. For further information please contact the Douglas County Sheriff's Department.

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## Keeping our Students Safe After School

After school is the most challenging time for schools to maintain order while allowing parents to reliably know where their children will be. Maintaining adequate supervision and order as 370 students are leaving at the same time cars and buses are arriving is no small feat, but the stakes are too high for even one mistake! It is for this reason that we have the following rules to maintain as safe and orderly of an environment as possible:

All playground equipment is off limits after school until 4:00 p.m. This includes Kenroy students as well as to the public. This way students do not segregate in an unsupervised setting and parents can reliably find students for pick-up where they should be waiting--by the flag pole. Pick up on the Jonathan Ave. parking lot should ONLY occur in front of the main office, not in front of the library. While waiting for a child to meet them in front of circular drive by the main office, parents should pull forward as far as possible, to make room for cars behind them. Please remind your students to meet you by the flag pole immediately after school.

Parents should not leave their car to meet a child unless they park in an assigned parking space or in a legal area on the side of the street. Unless the curb is painted yellow or there is a sign indicating otherwise, parking on the street is allowed. Please reserve the handicapped parking areas for cars with handicapped parking permits.

Thanks for your help in keeping our students safe. If you have any ideas on how to improve our students' safety, please contact principal Jon Abbott at 884-1443.

## Book Fair is coming!

Next week, Sept. 15-19, and 22-23, we will have the Scholastic Book Fair in the Library from 8:15am-4:00pm daily. Students will receive a book order form during their Library time, and parents are invited to come and see the books and products set up in the Library throughout the week! During Open House on Sept. 18th, we will be open from 5:00pm-8:00pm. A special Family Night is planned for Sept. 22 from 6:30-7:30pm. Come join us to celebrate reading!