



From the Principal's Desk

It's been a fast first semester, and I am so happy to be a Kenwood Bulldog! I've loved getting to know your children and am thankful for this opportunity to work with you as we wrap up this first semester. On behalf of the front office staff, I wish you the very merriest holiday break and Happy New Year! We are looking forward to 2022!

Peggy Land Nehring, Principal

TITLE I INFORMATION

Parents and guardians, if you haven't already, please apply for free/reduced meals for your child(ren) by going to the following site: <https://www.myschoolapps.com/>. The percentage of students who qualify for free/reduced meals at Kenwood is what determines our school's Title I eligibility. Title I provides federal funds to the school that support our instructional program. We sincerely appreciate your help with this.

Stay tuned! Math and Science Night is coming Thursday, February 10, 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM!



HOLIDAY READING CHALLENGE



We want our students to read s'more over the Winter Break! To support them in those activities, we are going to allow students to have library books checked out over the Winter Break. Look for information about our holiday reading challenge that was sent home earlier this month. By reaching the reading goal, students can earn the opportunity to have s'mores with Mrs. Jagers.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Please join us in person or on Zoom, January 27 at 3:30 p.m. for our SAC meeting. We need and value your input to continue to make Kenwood the best school that it can be. The Zoom meeting ID is 856 4685 4093 and the passcode is Lk7a0Q.

CLINIC CORNER

Cold and Flu Season has arrived, and we are all still following current COVID-19 guidelines. We appreciate your support in reinforcing good handwashing techniques and teaching children to sneeze/cough into the bend of the elbow rather than into the hand. Please do not send ANY medications to school with your child. All medications must be brought by the parent/guardian and registered in the clinic. Since the weather is changing now, please remember to dress your child in layers. If your child has asthma, please make sure his/her rescue inhaler is in the clinic. Also for our younger students, please remember to pack an extra change of clothes for your child to keep at school. These clothes will only be used for your child and kept in their cubby. As always, lice are pesky critters and we need your help to do regular checks on your children.

Our clinic stock of clean and gently used clothing items is running low. While our space is limited, we do appreciate small donations of clean clothing of all children's sizes. We are currently low in sizes for older children.

LATE ARRIVALS & EARLY CHECK OUTS

Students arriving to class after 8:40 are tardy. Car riders who arrive late must be accompanied to the office by the parent/guardian for check-in. Parents of students who are walkers or bike riders will be notified if their child is tardy to school. Continued tardiness will require a parent conference. Students must be checked



out through the main office. Only those individuals indicated on the contact card by the enrolling parent will be allowed to check out a student. Photo identification is required. This OCSD policy is in place for the safety of all students. To minimize disruptions, Kenwood's policy states that there will be no checkouts after 2:45 PM unless there is an emergency. The office closes at 3:30 PM. Please pick up your student(s) no later than 3:10 PM.

GRADES ONLINE

You can view your student's attendance, assignments, and grades on-line. Just go to our website and click on the link "Grades Online." Your student's ID number is their 10-digit school number and the password is the last 4 digits of that number. www.okaloosaschools.com/kenwood.

WHAT IS "CHILD FIND?"

Child Find is a function of the Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System (FLDRS). FLDRS/Child Find provides free hearing, vision, developmental, speech and language screenings to 3-, 4- and 5- year old children who are not enrolled in public school. This screening is the first step in the process to getting pre-K disability services through the public school district. FLDRS/Child Find helps children who may have developmental delays, speech and/or language delays, vision or hearing concerns, medical and/or physical concerns, and social and/or emotional delays. Below are some things your pre-K age child should be able to do.

2-3 years old –

Use 2- to 4- word sentences; follow simple instructions; point to objects or pictures; use spoon and fork to eat; hold and mark with pencil; climb ladder on a slide; identify basic emotions; claim things as "mine;" run with ease

3-4 years old –

Use 4- to 5- word sentences; ask "what," "where," and "why" questions; engage in conversation; respond to questions; pedal a tricycle; is toilet trained; count to five; play in small groups; imitate adults and playmates; show affection for playmates; speak so that s/he is easily understood by parent.

4-5 years old –

Use 5- to 6- word sentences; follow three step command; cooperate with playmates; throw/catch a ball; tell a story; copy simple shapes; try to write his/her name; speak so that s/he is easily understood by others.

If you note concerns about your preschool child, contact FLDRS at 850-469-5423 or 1-888-445-9662. You may also visit online at www.fldrsemeraldcoast.org for more information or to submit a referral online.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

JANUARY

3 – Teacher Workday / Student Holiday
4 – Teacher Professional Development Day / Student Holiday
5 – Students return to school; start of third nine weeks
7 – PACK Meeting 3:30
10-31 – i-Ready Diagnostic 2 grades KG – 5 as scheduled by each grade level
11 – Report Cards available in Parent Portal
17 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
20 – Student Council 3:30
26 – Tijuana Flats Spirit Night (fundraiser supports our PBIS program Kenny dollar rewards)
27 – School Advisory Council (SAC) meeting 3:30

FEBRUARY

3 – Student Council 3:30
4 – 1st grade field trip
9 – Mid-quarter reports go home for 3rd nine weeks
10 – Math and Science Night 5:00 – 6:30
17 – Student Council 3:30
21 – Presidents Day Holiday – NO SCHOOL

Dear Parent or Legal Guardian,

The Florida Department of Health in Okaloosa County has provided Okaloosa County schools a limited supply of **FREE** BinaxNow COVID-19 Home Tests.

The test kits are intended for home use. Students or their family members experiencing one or more of the following symptoms should test before coming to school or work:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

To use the kit, **download** the **Abbott Navica-Medical app**. The app is available in the App Store and Google Play Store. A parent or guardian will need to:

- Create an account
- Agree to the Navica terms and privacy policy.
- Enter a valid email address.
- Check email for the verification code and enter it in the app.
- Create a password.
- Enter patient information
- Choose At-Home Testing
 - An e-Med telehealth provider will give step-by-step instructions how to conduct the test. This service is **FREE**. Test **results** will be available **in 15 minutes**. Results are reported to appropriate public health agency.

The manufacturer has extended the expiration date of the kits. Each kit has a sticker with the extended date and link to the Abbott website for more information.

Thank you,

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Estimado padre o tutor legal:

El Departamento de Salud de Florida en el condado de Okaloosa ha proporcionado a las escuelas del condado de Okaloosa un suministro limitado de **GRATIS** pruebas caseras BinaxNow COVID-19.

Los kits de prueba están diseñados para uso doméstico. Los estudiantes o sus familiares que experimenten uno o más de los siguientes síntomas deben probarse antes de venir a la escuela o al trabajo:

- Fiebre o escalofríos
- Tos
- Falta de aliento o dificultad para respirar
- Fatiga
- Dolores musculares o corporales
- Dolor de cabeza
- Nueva pérdida del gusto o olor
- Dolor de garganta
- Congestión o secreción nasal
- Náuseas o vómitos
- Diarrea

Para usar el kit, **descargue** la aplicación **Abbott Navica-Medical**. La aplicación está disponible en App Store y Google Play Store. Un padre o tutor deberá:

- Crear una cuenta
- Aceptar los términos y la política de privacidad de Navica.
- Introduzca una dirección de correo electrónico válida.
- Verifique el correo electrónico para obtener el código de verificación e ingréselo en la aplicación.
- Crear una contraseña.
- Ingrese la información del paciente
- Elija la prueba en el hogar
 - Un proveedor de telesalud de e-Med le dará instrucciones paso a paso sobre cómo realizar la prueba. Este servicio es **GRATIS**. Los **resultados de la prueba** estarán disponibles **en 15 minutos**. Los resultados se informan a la agencia de salud pública correspondiente.

El fabricante ha ampliado la fecha de caducidad de los kits. Cada kit tiene una pegatina con la fecha ampliada y un enlace al sitio web de Abbott para obtener más información. Gracias,
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