



Jan. 23, 2019
Volume 3, Issue 5

Koala Connector

FROM THE PTA

Hello League, are you all still in this with me? I hope you all had a restful holiday break because we aren't done yet! There is still so much to be done to make this year epic. And you know I can't do this with your helping hands.

This past week we had our Science Assembly. It was fun, and some of our Koalas even got to be in the show. One of the coolest parts of the exhibit was when the kids became part of an electric current by holding hands. Together, they lit a light bulb! We hope the Science Assembly helped our students think about their projects for the upcoming Science Fair. This year's fair is going to be super cool. We will have a fabulous show, with lots of slime and much more.

Lastly, I wanted to let you all know I have a dream, dear friends. I have a dream that all Kenbrook families become part of our Kenbrook PTA family; that together we find ways to support our Koalas; that everyone contributes their talents to make Kenbrook a better place; that people start enrichment programs and share their great ideas. I have a dream that I won't have to cancel any more activities because of lack of support. In my dream, our collective efforts bring smiles to our children's faces. I have a dream that when we work together, we can reach the highest of mountaintops. And in this dream, when all acknowledge their importance to the Kenbrook family, then dear friends, yes, then we will give our Koalas a year they are happy to remember.

~Brandye

JANUARY/FEBRUARY CALENDAR

- Jan. 23 – 27: Jersey Mike's fundraiser
- Jan. 25: Half day, dismissal at 11:40 am, no lunch served
- Feb. 6 – 8: Book Fair Preview
- Feb. 12 – 14: Book Fair
- Feb. 15: Half day, dismissal at 11:40 am, no lunch served
- Feb. 18 – 22: Break
- Feb. 25 -27/8: Preview for Science Fair (during day, class presentations)
- Feb. 28: Science Fair, 6:30 pm

GET CONNECTED!

Sign up for the Kenbrook Listserv and stay current on what's happening! (A listserv is an application that distributes messages to a list of subscribers.) Kenbrook typically publishes Listserv announcements twice per week. Sign up for the Kenbrook Listserv or other FPS Listservs at <https://fpslistserv.com/admin/?p=subscribe&id=1>. Be sure to select 'HTML' as your preferred format.



SCIENCE FAIR

Get your creative and scientific juices flowing! The annual Science Fair is just five weeks away. Explore your favorite topic and share your results with the rest of the school on Thursday, February 28. Also, see other projects, participate in science stations, and be entertained by Mad Science. Check out binders full of science fair project ideas at Kenbrook.



THANK YOU!

The Kenbrook family's generosity is unparalleled! We asked, and you gave from your hearts. Together we raised \$1,000 for Kenbrook families with furloughed government workers. Your donated loose change will make things a little easier on those in our community who have been affected by the shutdown. Thank you for your care and support! Kenbrook Koalas Can!

**JERSEY
MIKE'S**



Jersey Mike's fundraiser vouchers were distributed this week through your child's classroom. The fundraiser goes through Sunday, January 27. Jersey Mike's generously gives **100%** of the donations back to Kenbrook!

BOX TOPS

Thanks to everyone who sent in Box Tops for the fall collection. Each Box Top is worth ten cents, and we collected almost \$380!

Congratulations to Mrs. Franks' class. They brought in the most Box Tops. We hope they enjoyed their PJ Party with hot chocolate served by Dr. Kaminski!

The next Box Tops collection will be later in the spring. However, some Box Tops will expire on 3-1-2019. If you have any Box Tops that expire on March 1, please bring them to the office or send them to school by Feb. 15 so we can cash them in.

Keep clipping!

YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST

Wow! Did we ever get a plethora of gorgeous and creative submissions for our first-ever yearbook cover art contest! The teachers voted, and the results are in. Whose entries will be on the front and back covers of the yearbook? Stay tuned; cover winners will be announced soon!

The Yearbook Committee will feature as many submissions as possible inside the yearbook. Don't forget to order yours today! Prices start at \$16. Pick up an order form from the office, or order online by following directions in the Listserv.



PTA MEETING UPDATES

Meeting minutes for all general PTA meetings are posted on the PTA website. Links to the minutes are here: kenbrookpta.com/meeting-minutes/, including the minutes from the Jan. 15 meeting. The next PTA meeting is Tuesday, March 12 at 7 pm in the Media Center. One item of business is nominations for open positions. Free childcare is provided at all PTA meetings. Please join us!



"No work is insignificant. All labor that uplifts humanity has dignity and importance and should be undertaken with painstaking excellence."
—Martin Luther King Jr.

2018-19 PTA BOARD

President:

Brandye Cobb
president@kenbrookpta.com

VP Fundraising:

Danielle Ilyasov
fundraising@kenbrookpta.com

Treasurer:

Christine Ferguson
treasurer@kenbrookpta.com

Co-Treasurer:

Darlene Williams
treasurer@kenbrookpta.com

Secretary:

Jamie Hobart
secretary@kenbrookpta.com

Membership:

Natalee Topolewski
membership@kenbrookpta.com

PTA Council Representative:

Neli (Cornelia) Kelley
ptacouncil@kenbrookpta.com

PTA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

If you aren't a current PTA member, please join us! Membership gives you a voice and a vote in PTA matters. It also helps the PTA earn incentives from the MI PTA. Membership forms are available in the office and on our PTA website (kenbrookpta.com). You can also join online via the PTA website or the link at the bottom of the Kenbrook Listserv.

FALL IN LOVE WITH A GOOD BOOK

"There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all" (Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis). The next Scholastic Book Fair will be February 12–14. Shop for just-right books for your child(ren) and support our classrooms at the same time! Look for more information closer to the sale. If you would like to volunteer to set up, clean up, or staff the sale for an hour or so, please look for the SignUpGenius link.



SEND IN YOUR POP TABS



The Student Council is collecting pop tabs for a service project to benefit Ronald McDonald House. This organization gives families access to specialized pediatric medical care without paying for lodging when they are hundreds or thousands of miles from home. The pop tabs are recycled by Ronald McDonald House to offset their costs. Brandye Cobb would like to personally thank Mrs. Lindenberg and the Student Council for spearheading this worthy cause that is near and dear to her heart. **Please send your pop tabs in a baggie.**

2, 4, 6, 8, WHO DO WE APPRECIATE?

Thank you Kathy O'Leary for coordinating (and counting!) the fall Box Tops collection and for figuring out how to make the collection happen. Thank you Neli Kelley for the brilliant suggestion of a yearbook cover contest and the effort to plan and coordinate it. We appreciate you both!

