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Koala Connector

FROM THE PTA

Election Day is often thought of as a day of surprises, with tears or cheers for many of us. This year, our community had another surprise to celebrate. While we were all casting our votes, our PTA president, Brandye Cobb and her family, welcomed Beau Anderson Cobb, weighing 6lbs 8oz and 19 inches long. Beau will be the fifth Kenbrook Koala to bless our halls. And Brandye, he may be the smallest, but he will definitely be the mightiest! Momma and Baby Beau are doing great, and we are looking forward to her coming back to the PTA helm once she gets some well-earned sleep!

At Kenbrook, every great deed comes with a reward! The school exceeded the Fun Run goal of \$14,000, so one of our brave and dedicated teachers stepped up to the challenge to become our 'Human Sundae'. The joy and laughter that was felt and shared by all the students while watching Ms. Lindenberg get covered in ice cream, chocolate sauce, whipped cream, sprinkles, and topped with cherries was absolutely memorable. With the help of all of you, the teachers, the students, and the entire Koala community, we created another Kenbrook memory that will stay with these students for many years.

The Fun Run, Enchanted Hike, and the first two months of school are now behind us! It's hard to believe how fast the time is going. We are halfway through November already! Since this is the month to be thankful, please remember to thank your child's teacher and all the Kenbrook staff for everything they do for our children. We often forget the many hours they work before or after school to make sure our children have the best of all they give.

Speaking of THANKFUL, the PTA would like to thank each and every member of our Kenbrook community. We have seen some wonderful participation for each of our events, which only solidifies the extended family we've all become. Thank you for all the volunteers who work hard every day and who do everything from keeping our children safe, to helping them in the media center, to organizing an entire book fair. We also want to give an extra thank you to all the grandparents and neighbors of Kenbrook who always seem to take the time to help us out. Our school would not be what it is without ALL of you!

~Danielle Ilyasov, Kenbrook PTA Vice President

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER CALENDAR

- Nov. 16—20: Goodfellows canned food drive
- Nov. 20 – Dec. 20: Box Tops Collection
- Nov. 21—23: Thanksgiving Break, no school
- Nov. 27: PTA Meeting, 7 pm
- Nov. 30: California Pizza Kitchen fundraiser
- Nov. 30: Half day (elementary schools only), dismissal at 11:40 am, no lunch served
- Dec. 5: Piston's Assembly (during school), 10 am
- Dec. 15: Lifetime Fitness Pajama Jingle Jam (aka: Parents' Night Out)
- Dec. 17 – 21: Spirit Week
- Dec. 24 – Jan. 1: Winter Break

WE NEED YOUR PHOTOS!



Koala Families, have you taken any photos of your child at Kenbrook this year—in the classroom, on the playground, at an after-school program? PLEASE send them to the Yearbook Committee! Email yearbook@kenbrookpta.com and include a short note to indicate who or what event is pictured. Thanks!



PTA MEETING NOVEMBER 27

The next PTA meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 27 at 7 pm in the Kenbrook Media Center or Cafeteria. Free babysitting is provided. We hope to see you there!

Remaining 2018-2019 PTA meetings are:

- January 15
- March 12 (Nominations)
- April 16 (Elections)
- May 21

SPIRIT WEEK DEC. 17—21

Get ready to celebrate the last week of school for 2018! Stay tuned for how to show your spirit this week.





FALL BOX TOPS COLLECTION & COMPETITION

It's time to find those Box Tops you saved all summer, the ones that help the PTA raise money for Kenbrook! Please send in your unexpired Box Tops in a baggie with your child's teacher's name written on it from Nov. 20 through Dec. 20. The class with the most Box Tops collected will win a special prize (to be awarded in January).

CALIFORNIA PIZZA KITCHEN FUNDRAISER

California Pizza Kitchen is hosting a fundraiser for Kenbrook on Friday, November 30. CPK will generously donate 20% of their sales from that day to the Kenbrook PTA! November 30 is a half-day of school. It's a great opportunity to take the kids out to lunch or the family out to dinner.



PAJAMA JINGLE JAM!

Lifetime Fitness is hosting a **Pajama Jingle Jam** for our Koalas from 5 to 9 pm on Saturday, December 15. Kids can enjoy crafts, games, rock climbing, pizza and other cool stuff – in their jammies! Parents can enjoy a quiet evening in or out or even take advantage of the time to get ready for the holidays. And the kids are ready for bed, well, dressed for bed at least, when they get home. The Jingle Jam is \$25 per child, and \$5 per child goes back to the Kenbrook PTA. Look for flyers after Thanksgiving.

"Let us be grateful to people who make us happy; they are the charming gardeners who make our souls blossom."--Marcel Proust

THE STEAM CLUB NEEDS... YOU!

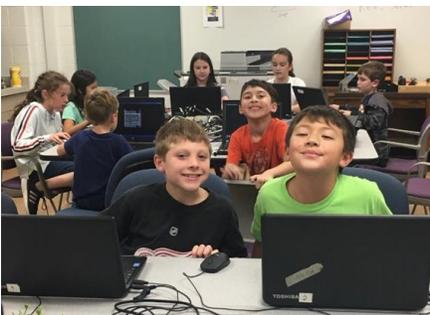
Do you enjoy working with, teaching and mentoring kids? Do you have strong organizational skills and love to learn new things? Do you have two to three hours per week that you can donate to Kenbrook's popular after-school STEAM Club program?



LEGO League Junior

If you said "YES!" to these questions, STEAM Club would love to have your help! The current STEAM Club parent leader is looking for a parent or guardian volunteer who is interested in helping with the program this year and who may be interested in organizing the program in the future.

Interested families/adults should contact Danielle Ohm at danielle.ohm@gmail.com.



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LEGO League

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