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# Koala Connector

## FROM THE PTA

Hello League, what a whirlwind it has been since we came back from February break. Our Koalas showed off some fantastic Science Fair projects. I learned about butterflies, the science behind slime, and even what color shirt holds the most heat. The kids seemed to really like making slime and watching the Fire and Ice Show.

The February Scholastic Book Fair was a success even though school was closed one day due to weather. I was personally impressed by the books that caused the reader to think about others. There were books about not using your voice, bullying, and even a whole section on girl empowerment. I totally blew my budget on books; my favorite was a book called *Dreamers*.

March is Reading Month and our One School One Book program. I love to see our Koalas come to school at night in their PJs to listen to the teachers read aloud and to have cookies and milk. This year, our children also worked in groups to make posters on how to be kind. The posters will be posted all over the school and be a friendly reminder to be consciously respectful and pleasant to those they come in contact with.

We are always working hard to make sure everyone feels included at Kenbrook. Our teachers are working on this, too. They have asked for more books on diversity and crayons in more colors that match the skin we are in. We are interested in some bringing diversity into our hallways so that all our students see themselves at Kenbrook. If you have ideas, please email me!

Although we are getting close to the end of this school year (and before you know it summer break will be upon us), we still have more fun in store for our Koalas, including Breakfast with a Loved One, the Spring Dance, and the second annual Variety Show. Please continue supporting the PTA and help us make these events a success.

~Brandye

## MARCH / APRIL CALENDAR

- Mar. 20 : Breakfast with a Loved One orders due
- Mar. 22: Yearbook orders due
- Mar. 26: Breakfast with a Loved One, 7:30 am
- Apr. 1-5: No School; Spring Recess
- Apr. 16: PTA Meeting (Elections for the 19/20 School Year), 7 pm
- Apr. 19: No School
- Apr. 25: Spring Dance, 6:30 pm



## DROP-OFF & PICK-UP SAFETY!

Koala chauffeurs, we beg you to please choose safety when you pick up your child(ren)! EVERYONE needs to observe two rules. 1) NO left turn into the parking lot during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. 2) NO driving on the wrong side of the road to pass the cars waiting in the car line and turn into the school parking lot. These offenses are illegal, and you can be ticketed. They are also very dangerous. Please demonstrate our motto: Be Safe! Be Kind! Be Responsible!

## ORDER YEARBOOK BY MAR 22!

Please remember that **yearbook orders are due by March 22**. Printed order forms are available in the office, or order online at [yearbooks.lifetouch.com](http://yearbooks.lifetouch.com). Click on "Order a Yearbook," then enter Kenbrook's school code: 10869019). Yearbooks start at \$16. Yearbooks MUST be pre-ordered as there will be no "extra" copies available at the end of the year.



## ORDER BREAKFAST BY MAR. 20!

Skip the breakfast routine at your house and join your Koala (s) for bagels and juice or coffee on Tuesday, March 26 at 7:30 am. All breakfast items must be pre-ordered. No items will be sold on the morning of the event. **Order your breakfast items by March 20!**

## YEARBOOK PICTURES NEEDED!

The Yearbook committee wants candid pictures of all of our Koalas in the yearbook. Please share your pictures by emailing them to [yearbook@kenbrookpta.com](mailto:yearbook@kenbrookpta.com). Please write a brief description of the pictures and/or identify the children in the photo(s).



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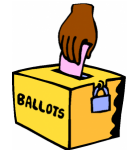
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## PTA MEETING & ELECTIONS

The next PTA meeting is Tuesday, April 9 at 7 pm in the Media Center. The primary order of business is the election of a Vice President and a Treasurer. Every PTA member can vote! The new officers assume their duties at the close of the May 21 PTA Meeting. Free childcare is provided at every PTA Meeting.



## PTA MEETING MINUTES

PTA Meeting Minutes are posted on the Kenbrook PTA website. Find a draft of the March 12 PTA meeting minutes here: [kenbrookpta.com/meeting-minutes/](http://kenbrookpta.com/meeting-minutes/).

## PTA CONTEST WINNERS

The PTA planned two membership contests in January. One contest would give the class with the highest percentage of children from PTA membership households a pizza party and a \$50 voucher for classroom supplies for the teacher. Mrs. Williams' class and Mrs. Riley's class are tied with 50%! Both classrooms get parties and vouchers! Mrs. Schumaker's class has 48%, and Mrs. Loney's class has 45%. Overall, 125 of our Koalas are connected to membership households.



The other contest was a member drawing for a \$50 VISA gift card. The winner is Phil Taucher, parent of a Kindergartener!

## PUBLISHING CENTER ASSEMBLY NIGHTS



The Publishing Center is seeking volunteers to help with assembling the *All About Me* books for Kindergarteners (cutting and pasting the typed information), so the books can go back to the children for illustration. Some books also need the words "All About Me" drawn on the cover. The first assembly night is Tuesday, March 19, from 6:30–8 pm. The group will meet across the hall from the main office. Additional assembly nights will be scheduled as needed. Questions? Email [publishing@kenbrookpta.com](mailto:publishing@kenbrookpta.com). Feel free to show up for as little or as long as you can!

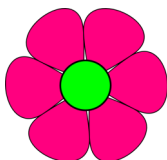
## BOX TOPS!



Help us make Kenbrook a cut above and keep clipping those Box Tops! This year's final collection starts soon.

## FLOWER SALE

Spring is almost here! That means the annual PTA flower sale is, too. Flyers for the gorgeous annuals come out in April. Don't miss the chance to order!



## SPRING DANCE—APRIL 26

Get ready to boogie at the annual Spring Dance on Thursday, April 26 at 6:30 pm! The DJ will get the Dance Party started in the gym, and there will be food and activities.

## SECOND ANNUAL VARIETY SHOW

Koalas, are you ready to show off your talent in the second annual Variety Show? Anyone can join the show. All you have to do is show us your talent at the show-and-share afternoon around the last week in April. The show goes on May 30! (Rehearsal is May 29.)



## THANK YOU!

A very special thanks goes to Kim Matul for expertly managing the February Scholastic Book Sale and to all the volunteers who helped with sales and cleaning up. We had a good sale even though school was canceled on one of the sale days!

More thanks go out to Ann Hinterman and Neli Kelley for a fabulous effort coordinating the Science Fair. It was a great and well-run evening of science fun. Thanks also to the women from Lawrence Technological University's Chi Omega Rho, who volunteered for the messy jobs (i.e., helping with slime production)!