



*We promise to create a positive community that knows no limits to the growth and success of our students.*

**Be Safe. Be Respectful. Be Responsible. Be a Learner.**

## A Message from Dr. Ann

We are nearing the end of the year and everyone is anxious for summer vacation to start! However, we are not done yet. There is still lots of learning happening in our classrooms, so it is still important that students arrive at school on time and ready to learn! Remember, because of our snow day, the last day of school is June 27th this year.

As we close out the school year, we still have several exciting events! The music department is preparing for Spring programs with the kindergarten, first and second grade concert on June 8th, and the Band and Orchestra will perform on June 15th. June 12th will be a Storytelling night, when storytellers from our community will come together and share stories from different cultures. Field Day will take place on June 26th this year.

Since this is the last newsletter of the year, I wanted to take a moment to thank all of you for the opportunity to serve as your principal this year. It has been my pleasure to get to know many of you, and to work with the wonderful students and staff at this school. I will be sad to leave, but am excited about the future of the school, and all of the opportunities that lie ahead.

Have a fun-filled, and safe summer!

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### June School Store

Park Orchard Library

Shopping Hours: 9:00 A.M. - 9:25 A.M.

Tuesday, June 20th: 2nd Grade and 3rd Grade

Wednesday, June 21st: Kindergarten, 5th and 6th Grade

Thursday, June 22nd: 1st Grade and 4th Grade

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***If you know your child will not be returning to Park Orchard for the 2017-2018 school year, please notify the office as soon as possible.***

### Park Orchard Elementary School

11010 SE 232nd Street  
Kent, WA 98031  
253-373-7473

#### Kindergarten through 6th Grade:

9:30 A.M. - 3:38 P.M.

Line up to enter class at 9:25 A.M.

Instruction begins at 9:30 A.M.

#### A.M. Preschool

9:25 A.M. - 11:55 A.M.

#### P.M. Preschool

12:45 P.M. - 3:15 P.M.

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#### June 8

Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd Grade  
Music Concert

6:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M. in the gym

#### June 12

Summer Storytelling Celebration

6:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M. in the gym

#### June 13

Student Leadership Team

8:30 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.

3rd Grade Field Trip to  
Woodland Park Zoo

#### June 15

Parent University Workshop

5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

5th & 6th Grade Band/  
Orchestra Concert

7:00 P.M. - 7:45 P.M. in the gym

#### June 19

PTSA General Membership  
Meeting

4:00 P.M. - 5:30 P.M. in the library

PTSA Board Meeting

6:00 P.M.

#### June 23

Preschool Celebrations

During regular classtimes

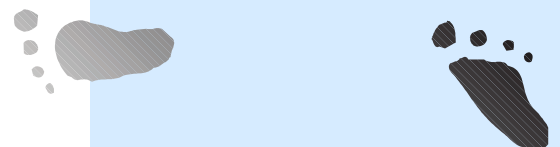
#### June 26


Field Day

#### June 27

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

DISMISSAL AT 12:38 P.M.





## 2017-18 Kindergarten registration packets are available in the Park Orchard Office.

Students must be 5-years-old by August 31, 2017. Classes are full days, 5 days a week. Registration packets are available in the Park Orchard Office.



## 2017-18 Preschool Applications

The Park Orchard preschool serves families who have the greatest need as determined by a comprehensive application process. Students must be 4-years-old by August 31, 2017.

Families must provide transportation. For more information about the program, please call 253-373-7664. Application packets are available in the Park Orchard Office.



## Kentridge Girls Basketball Camps

Come join the Kentridge Girls Basketball team as they host summer hoop camps:

- Elementary camp for girls entering grades 3-6
- Middle school camp for girls entering grades 7-8

June 28-30, 1 :00 to 4:00 pm at the Kentridge High School Gym  
\$ 55 (group and family discounts available)

For additional information or for a brochure, contact Coach Bob Sandall at 253-373-4407, go to [www.kentridgegirlsbasketball.com](http://www.kentridgegirlsbasketball.com) or email [Robert.sandall@kent.k12.wa.us](mailto:Robert.sandall@kent.k12.wa.us).



## Field Day is Coming Our Way!

Panda Parents and Volunteers ... We're in Need of Your Help!

Monday, June 26th is our designated day for Field Day this year (rain or shine), and we'd love to know if you'd be willing to help out with our event. During Field Day, we need help with running stations as students move through each of them. The primary grades will be in the morning, and the intermediate grades will be in the afternoon. It's a day full of fun, smiles, and great team spirit!

Please let me know if you'd like to help, and the time that works best for you (morning, afternoon, or both) by emailing me here at school at [michael.benner@kent.k12.wa.us](mailto:michael.benner@kent.k12.wa.us) or calling me at (253) 373-3343 with your information and availability. Please let me know by Friday, June 16th if you are interested in helping out. Following June 16th, I'll be in contact with all of the volunteers to share more specific instructions.

When you call or email me, just let me know the following:

- Your name
- Your child's name & grade
- When you would like to help: (AM), (PM), or (All Day)
- Your phone number and/or email address so I can get in touch with you

Hope for sunshine and great weather for our Panda Field Day! We're excited and can't wait for it to be here!

Thank you in advance for your support,

Michael Benner • (253)373-3343 • [Michael.benner@kent.k12.wa.us](mailto:Michael.benner@kent.k12.wa.us)

## Sunscreen Allowed at School

On May 4, 2017, Governor Inslee signed Substitute Senate Bill 5404, which took effect immediately. This law allows students to bring sunscreen to school and self-apply it. We welcome you to take advantage of this opportunity to protect your child's health. Please see the important directions below before sending sunscreen with your child.

1. Parents will provide a written note identifying the brand, and how often you want your child to apply the sunscreen.
2. Write your student's name on the sunscreen container with a permanent marker.
3. Students will apply the sunscreen to themselves. Staff will not be able to help.
4. Send only rub-on sunscreen to school.
  - a. Spray sunscreens can be accidentally sprayed in the eyes, mouths and noses of other students.
  - b. Spray sunscreens are particularly risky for our students and staff with asthma and other respiratory conditions.

## Beginning of 2017-18 School Year

**Preschool & Kindergarten Family Connection Meetings:** August 31, September 1, & September 5

**Grades 1 - 6 First Day of School:** August 31

**Preschool & Kindergarten First Day of School:** September 6



## School Attendance

### Did You Know?

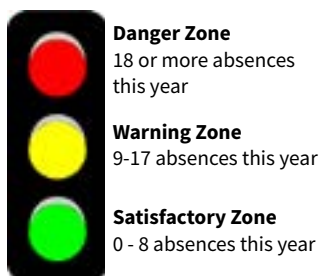
Chronic absences may lead to significant learning gaps for your child. Take an assessment of how many days your child missed this year. Three times late to school or leaving early is equal to an absence.

### Here's How You Can Help

If your child is in the red zone, there is a good chance your child has fallen behind academically. Contact your child's teacher to see if there are any summer activities that would help your child make up some of this learning. Develop a plan with the school to help your child attend regularly next year.

If your child is in the yellow zone, he/she may have had their learning impacted. Pay special attention next year to make sure your child is keeping up with the work.

If your child is in the green zone, great job! Celebrate having good attendance. Make a goal with your child to have even better attendance next school year.



## Summer Reading

**The King County Library's Summer Program is under way!**  
**This year's theme is: "Building a Better World"**

Starting June 1, 2017 libraries around the county will provide high quality shows and workshops around this theme!

Children will be able to participate in a beginning Ukulele class, concerts in the park, building a robot with LEGO MINDSTORMS EV3 robotics kits, and much, much more.

Starting June 1, 2017 you can either pick up a free Summer Reading log at your local library or you can download one.

All programs are free to attend, but some require registration.

Go online to <https://kcls.org/> on June 1, 2017 for more information.

## Volunteers in Public Schools

New volunteers may apply at <https://volunteer.kent.k12.wa.us> after August 15 for the 2017-18 school year.

Returning volunteers will need to update their profiles for the 2017-18 school year.

After August 15, 2017, each current volunteer will need to log in with their user name and password (that was created by them when they completed their application to volunteer) and:

1. Agree to the volunteer expectations and complete disclosure questions
2. Agree to a new background check
3. Update any contact information
4. Submit

Returning volunteers **do not** need to create a new profile or upload a driver's license or other documentation-unless their license or other documentation has changed since last year.

## Storytelling Event

**Who:** All Park Orchard students and their families

**What:** Summer Storytelling Celebration

**Where:** Park Orchard Elementary Gym

**When:** Monday June 12, 2017  
6:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

**Why:** Join us to hear stories from great storytellers, learn storytelling tips, and get a story to take home!

## KW Summer Youth Camps

### Kentwood Volleyball Camp

July 28-30 — 9:00 A.M. -3:00 P.M.

Boys and Girls, Grades 4-9 (*in-coming*)

Cost: \$100

Registration at: <https://www.kent.k12.wa.us/KW>

### Kentwood Cage Camp - Basketball

July 10-13 — 9:00 A.M. -2:30 P.M.

Boys and Girls, Grades 3-9 (*in-coming*)

Cost: \$90 if before June 30;

\$100 July 1-9; \$110 July 10

Registration at: <https://sites.google.com/site/kentwoodhs-basketball/>

### Kentwood Track Camp

July 10-13 — 9:00 A.M. -12:00 P.M.

Boys and Girls Grades K-6

Cost: \$75

Registration: [www.covingtonwa.gov/recreation](http://www.covingtonwa.gov/recreation)

### KW Dazzlers/D-Unit Junior Dance Camp

"Beauty and the Beast"

July 13-15 — 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Boys and Girls, Grades K - 8

Cost: \$100 if registered before June 30, \$125 after

Teaching Hip Hop and Jazz.

Performance at football game with KW Dance team

Includes t-shirt

Registration on Kentwood

website: <https://www.kent.k12.wa.us/KW>

## KSD Non-discrimination Policy Statement

The Kent School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following coordinators have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination: Our Title IX Coordinator is Ms. Moriah Martin, Chief Human Resources Officer. She can be reached at 253.373.7134 or by email at [moriah.martin@kent.k12.wa.us](mailto:moriah.martin@kent.k12.wa.us). Our Section 504/ADA Coordinator is Mr. John Sander, Executive Director of Inclusive Education. He can be reached at 253.373.7610 or by email at [john.sander@kent.k12.wa.us](mailto:john.sander@kent.k12.wa.us). Our Civil Rights Compliance Officer is Mr. Israel Vela, Chief Operations and Academic Supports Officer. He can be reached at 253.373.7134 or by email at [israel.vela@kent.k12.wa.us](mailto:israel.vela@kent.k12.wa.us). Kent School District will also take steps to assure that national origin persons who lack English language skills can participate in all education programs, services, and activities. For information regarding translation services, please contact Rona Popp, Director of Categorical Services at 253-373-7708. For bilingual education information, contact Nina Williams, Director of Multilingual Education at 253-373-7269.



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Park Orchard PTSA

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## Thank You for Book Fair Success

PTSA would like to thank Park Orchard families for coming out and making our last Scholastic book fair of the year a success. Thank you to all of our awesome volunteers, we couldn't have done it without you! We were so happy to help students, parents families and teachers stock up for summer reading with BOGO. We are already planning book fairs for our 2017-2018 season and we need your help! We are looking for a new Book Fair Chairperson. If you have the desire to contribute to Park Orchard's joy of reading and help continue the tradition of Book Fair please email: [poptsapresident@gmail.com](mailto:poptsapresident@gmail.com) or contact the PTSA. We wish you all a very pleasant and fun summer and look forward to seeing all Park Orchard students and families at next year's Book Fairs!

## PTSA Membership Meeting

**Monday, June 19th after school in library.**

**All members please come!**

## PTSA needs your help for 2017-18 year!

For more info please contact Melissa Henry @ [poptsapresident@gmail.com](mailto:poptsapresident@gmail.com)

## It's Yearbook Time!

Yearbooks that have been pre-ordered will be available for pick up on Wednesday June 21st through Friday June 23rd during Lunch Recess times at school.

Yearbooks will also be available for sale while supplies last during Lunch Recess times as well, and after school until 4:30 P.M. on Thursday June 22nd. The cost of a yearbook is \$15 cash or check made payable to Park Orchard PTSA.

## Box-Tops and Labels Winners

Congratulations to the following classroom winners for contributing the most box-tops and labels.

**3rd Place** Mrs. Duffy's class and the ASC classrooms tied with 255 points and have each won an ice cream sandwich party.

**2nd Place** Mrs. Balza's class had 415 points and won a root beer float party.

**1st Place** Ms. Summer's class had 420 points and won a pizza lunch party.

Thank you for all the box-tops and labels that you have been clipping. Have a great summer and keep on clipping.

Golden Garbage Lady — Patricia (Nana) Nelson