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

A Message from Dr. Ann

It is hard to believe that March is here already. Because of all of the days we have had off because of our inclement weather, the last day of school will now be June 27th. Please be sure to mark your calendar with this change.

This is also the time of year when children in grades 3 through 6 begin practicing for the Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA); our end of the year standardized tests. By practicing the types of questions asked on the test, students are more comfortable when they take the test. As parents, you can support your children from home. If you follow the link below, you can see examples of the types of questions our child will be asked on these tests and practice at home! Go to: <http://www.smarter-balanced.org/assessments/sample-questions/>

I hope that you all had an opportunity to join us for our Read Across America night! It was great to see so many families reading and having fun together.

Dr. Ann, Interim Principal — Park Orchard Elementary
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The District Calendar has been adjusted to make-up for the 3 snow days in February.

The last day of school will now be June 27th.

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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March 9

School Store: 2nd & 3rd Grades
9:00 A.M. - 9:25 A.M.

Parent University Workshop
5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

March 10

NO SCHOOL
Teachers' Workshop Day

March 13

6th Grade Band Practice
at Meridian Middle School
9:30 A.M.

KW Strand Band Concert
7:00 P.M. at Kentwood High School

PTSA Board Meeting
6:00 P.M.

March 14

Student Leadership Team
8:30 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.

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Kentwood High School
9:30 A.M.

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7:00 P.M. at Kentwood High School

March 17

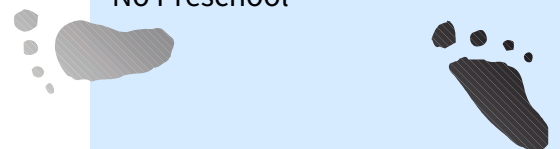
Group and All School Photos

March 20

SLT Meeting
4:00 P.M.

March 22


LATE START DAY
K-6 start at 11:15 A.M.
No Preschool





**Apply to Volunteer
at <https://volunteer.kent.k12.wa.us>**

TIP: Have a photo or scan of your ID ready to upload before beginning your application.



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. Kindergarten orientation is scheduled for May 25th.



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.



We have openings in this school year's afternoon preschool program for children who are 4 years old by August 31, 2016.



Kentwood Strand Music Festivals

Park Orchard's Elementary 6th grade Band and Orchestra are participating in the Kentwood Strand Music Festival.

BAND - Day practice and night performance on Mon., March 13th
ORCHESTRA - Day practice and night performance on Tues., March 14th

These are special opportunities for our 6th grade Band and Orchestra students in the district. Each High School hosts two evening concerts, one for Band and one for Orchestra. These concerts include all feeder 6th grade, 8th grade and top High School groups. The 6th graders will practice together that morning at 10 am. Students will be picked up from their elementary schools with district school busses (around 9:30 AM), transported to Meridian Middle School (Band) or Kentwood HS (Orchestra), and returned in time for lunch (around 11:30 AM). Exact times for pickup and return will be determined by district transportation. Field trip forms must be returned by Wednesday, March 8th. Parents are responsible for evening transportation to Kentwood High School. Students should arrive at Kentwood gym at 6:30 pm; concert starts at 7 pm. All families and community members are invited to watch.

If you have questions, please e-mail Ms. Mostov (Orchestra) at Raleigh.mostov@kent.k12.wa.us or Mr. Simpson (Band) at michael.simpson@kent.k12.wa.us.

Group pictures will be taken on March 17th. The all-school photo will be taken if the weather permits.

STAR Laptop Applications

Applications are being accepted for students to receive a free laptop. The STAR applications are available in English, Spanish, Punjabi, Russian, Vietnamese and Somali. Please contact the Park Orchard Office if you would like to receive an application, or go to www.kent.k12.wa.us/star for more information.

Attendance Facts:

For each day a student is absent it takes an average of 3 days to catch up.

Students who maintain good attendance through all years of school:

- Achieve grade level standard at a higher rate.
- Graduate from high school at a higher rate.
- Develop good habits that contribute to success in school and in future years.

**Daylight Savings Time Starts on March 12.
Set your clocks ahead 1 hour.**



School Attendance



Did You Know?

Children who enjoy school and who are engaged in school want to go to school every day. When kids attend every day they learn skills and make friends. This helps them be successful both academically and socially.

Here's How You Can Help

- Regularly ask your child about school.
 - What do you like best about your class? What would you like to change about your class? Why?
 - Tell me about what you do before school, at recess, after school.
 - What things are you learning in school?
 - Tell me about upcoming family events at the school that we should plan to attend.
- When the answers from your child indicates there are problems contact someone at the school (teacher, counselor, principal) and ask for help addressing the problem.

Track Team

The Park Orchard Track program has started. We are practicing for another successful season. The track program is available for 4th-6th grade students and includes running, jumping, throwing, and relay events. Interested students and parents should contact Mr. Benner regarding registration. Mr. Benner may be contacted at Michael.Benner@kent.k12.wa.us. Applications can be accepted through March 24th.

Practice Dates

March 6	Park Orchard	3:45 P.M. - 4:45 P.M.
March 9	Park Orchard	3:45 P.M. - 4:45 P.M.
March 13	Park Orchard	3:45 P.M. - 4:45 P.M.
March 14	Wilson Playfield	4:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M. (Mock Meet practice)
March 16	Park Orchard	3:45 P.M. - 4:45 P.M.
March 23	Park Orchard	3:45 P.M. - 4:45 P.M.
March 30	Park Orchard	3:45 P.M. - 4:45 P.M.
April 6	Park Orchard	3:45 P.M. - 4:45 P.M.
April 20	Park Orchard	3:45 P.M. - 4:45 P.M.

Meet Dates

March 21	Wilson Playfield	4:15 P.M.
March 28	Wilson Playfield	4:15 P.M.
April 4	Wilson Playfield	4:15 P.M.
April 18	Wilson Playfield	4:15 P.M.
April 25	Wilson Playfield	4:15 P.M.

Junior Olympics at French Field

May 13th	French Field	TBD
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Attendance Contracts

KSD Parent Attendance Contracts have been sent home with students. If you haven't done so already, please review the information, sign the contract and return it to the Park Orchard office at your earliest convenience.

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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. 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. 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. 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.



Active Readers

The Active Readers program is underway. How does it work? Students should be reading a minimum of 20 minutes a night at home. Record that reading on AR pink slips (available in the library). Pink slips need to be signed by a guardian and then brought to the library during lunch recess on Wednesdays to be exchanged for prizes.

Want to help? We are looking for AR volunteers to help in the library on Wednesdays from 11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M. For more info, contact Kathy Rouse at poptsaar@gmail.com.



Park Orchard PTSA

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OPEN POSITIONS

- Facebook Administrator
- Fundraising
- Talent Show
- Webmaster



Park Orchard PTSA

tinyurl.com/parkorchardptsa

Thank you to all of our volunteers for making our February book fair a success!

Yearbook Pre-Sale Orders Due March 31st!

The PTSA is currently taking yearbook pre-sale orders until March 31. The cost is \$15, and payable by cash (EXACT CHANGE) or by check. If paying by check, please make the check out to POPTSA. Please email poptsayearbook@gmail.com with any questions.

PTSA needs you!

Contact Melissa Henry at poptsapresident@gmail.com.

Upcoming Science Fair!

Look for a flyer that will be coming home within the next two weeks! We want to see many participants and would love for you join in the fun! Please feel free to email poptsascience@gmail.com with any questions.

Golden Garbage

Consider these easy ways to earn money for our school.

Fred Meyer Community Rewards: fredmeyer.com/communityrewards
Link your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to Park Orchard PTSA. You will still earn your usual Rewards Points, Rebates, and Fuel Points.

Amazon Smile: smile.amazon.com

Sign in with your Amazon log-in, and choose Park Orchard PTSA as your charity. Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchases to our PTSA.

General Mills Box Tops and Labels for Education

Each Box Top for Education or Labels for Education UPC earns 10¢.

Company Matching Contributions

Many employers match contributions to schools. Bank of America, Costco, Nintendo, Boeing, Hewlett Packard, Puget Sound Energy, BECU, and Microsoft all match contributions to schools. Ask your employer.

Please consider donating new or gently used items. Park Orchard still needs child size sweatpants and sweatshirts for students who need a change of clothes.