



KES PTA NEWS

It takes a village...



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The PTA President's Corner ...

Dear Kempton Families,

It has been 341 days since our children stepped out of KES to pivot their entire world in the midst of a global pandemic. We sheltered. We masked. We learned new things. We spent more time as a family. We longed for normal to return. The teachers and staff have used the last 8,184 hours to adapt lesson plans and create authentic relationships with our children as we moved into virtual learning. Virtual learning brought new technology. New schedules. And things called "Asynchronous Wednesday" that we had to get used to. Our new normal was starting to emerge.

But in those nearly half of a million minutes, I have personally witnessed the resilience of our children, their ability to adapt to new situations and learn new expectations. It hasn't been all rainbows and puppy dogs. There have been difficulties and stumbles along the way. Like that day Schoology was down. But we have come together as a community to support one another, cheer for our teachers and staff, offer help and compassion, and empower our children.

As we enter a hybrid model for education, I personally look forward to witnessing my children and those around them excel in new ways I cannot even imagine. With the move toward hybrid, there will be new schedules. Some children will have new teachers. There will be new and different challenges that arise. Like we did before, we will come together and work as a community, because there is no better community!

Together we are Kempton!

Sincerely,

Erica Romsos



Mark Your Calendar!

MARCH:

- 03/01 – 2-Hour Early Dismissal for Students, Teacher Work Session
- 03/01 – Mid-Term
- 03/04 – PTA Meeting @7pm
- 03/29 – 03/31 – School Closed, Spring Break

APRIL:

- 04/01, 04/02 & 04/05 – School Closed, Spring Break
- 04/08 – PTA Meeting @7pm
- 04/09 – End of Term 3
- 04/12 – School Closed, Teacher Workday
- 04/13 – Term 4 Begins
- 04/22 – Report Cards Issued

Next PTA Meeting

March 4th @7pm

GoogleMeet:

<https://meet.google.com/fpw-vanr-mpw>

New Kemptown REBATE Program!

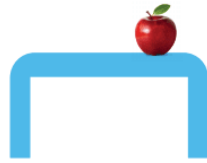
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Dear Parents,

Educational technology and funding changes daily. To keep up with these changes and expenses, our school is partnering with Weis Markets in the Weis 4 School program. By participating in this program, we can earn money for our school simply by shopping as we all do every day. When you shop at Weis, scan the barcode below to register your Weis Club Card. Once you register, you're in the program and you do not need to register again. Please share this barcode with your friends and relatives so they can earn points for our school too.

Thank you for supporting our school with much needed funding!

Our school's code



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PTA Frequently Asked Questions



Q: I would love to donate supplies/ PPE/sanitizer to the school. What can I send in with my children?

A: Unfortunately, donations of cleaning supplies, sanitizer, and PPE are not allowed at this time. The county has strict regulations for each of the schools to follow and will be providing everything. If you would like your child to bring a personal sized hand sanitizer that is ok.

Q: Do my children need school supplies for hybrid?

A: Your children only need to bring a fully charged device/chromebook, labeled and filled water bottle, and lunch (if not having a free school lunch). All other supplies are being provided by the school!

Q: I thought my children needed to bring workbooks back and forth?

A: Only K-2 need to bring workbooks back and forth. The Countdown-kindergarten, Blast-1st grade, and HD Word-2nd grade workbooks are considered school provided supplies and students already have these. They should bring these back and forth to school.

Q: Wait, did someone say FREE lunch?

A: Yes! Breakfast, lunch, and supper (to-go) will be offered to students for free. Community distribution sites will also distribute food on Wednesdays and Fridays. Visit www.fcpsnutrition.com for distribution sites and more information!

Q: I would love to volunteer at the school! Where do I sign up?

A: Currently, there are no visitors allowed at KES which sadly means no in-person volunteers. Once it is safe to have parent volunteers onsite, we will let everyone know!

Do you have a question? Just [email us](#) to ask!

A TEACHER'S POEM

A 2nd grade teacher recently in Texas recently wrote a poem about how much she is missing her normal classroom life. It goes like this ...

Today, my classroom didn't lose a pencil,
I didn't throw away any glue.
I didn't help a child,
Who didn't know what to do.

Today, my crayons went unused,
And the scissors stayed nice and sharp,
But everywhere else,
Things seemed to be falling apart.

The world went on turning,
As people stayed in their homes,
But today my classroom stayed empty,
Silent past the morning bell tone.

Today, I didn't hug my students.
Or tell them each I loved them.
I didn't teach reading, writing,
Or how to decompose 10.

Today, I didn't see their faces,
Beyond a computer screen,
I didn't spend my day
Nursing emotions unseen.

The world went on turning,
As people stayed in their homes.
But today my classroom stayed empty,
Silent past the morning bell tone.

Today, I learned that the doors would stay locked,
Because this disease shows no slack.
How many pencils I would give,
Just to have my students back.

Don't forget your PTA Membership!

Kempton Elementary PTA Membership increases your involvement with KES and your child's education, as well as allowing you to stay informed of the latest school events and information! You receive access to the student directory and help support all the activities and events sponsored by the PTA.

Visit <https://kes.ptboard.com>
to sign-up

If you are a **NEW member** use code: **UXBXKB**

If you are a previous member, your account login and information should be the same as last year.