



KENSINGTON PARKWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Kensington Parkwood Families,

As we bring the 2024–2025 school year to a close, I want to take a moment to thank you for your partnership and to celebrate a year filled with growth, community, and memorable milestones.

This year marked the successful implementation of our new literacy curriculum, which has already shown promising results in student engagement and reading development across all grade levels. Our teachers embraced this change with enthusiasm and commitment, and we are grateful for their hard work and collaboration.

We also piloted a new CKLA enrichment option in the 4th and 5th grades as part of a field test designed to expand student opportunities. We will continue with this differentiation and expand it to 3rd graders as well.

One of the highlights of our year was the first season of the **KP Masked Reader**, which debuted during Literacy Day 2025. This fun and engaging event highlighted the joy of reading and brought joy and curiosity to our students while promoting the love of reading—and some costumes from our staff!

As we celebrated new beginnings, we also honored a significant farewell. After over 30 years of dedicated service to the children of our community, Mrs. Sue Iciek is retiring. Her impact on generations of learners and her legacy of excellence will be remembered fondly. We wish her the very best in this next chapter.

We also wish Ms. Sloan Guber our kindergarten and fifth grade counselor well as she leaves to commit full time to her private practice. We were so lucky to have her to support our youngest and oldest students for the past two years.



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As we turn toward the 2025–2026 school year, I have linked the KP Parent Feedback [Parent Feedback Form](#) and it will be on our website. This form is designed for you to share information that you believe is important for your child’s teacher next year and administration as we finalize class lists. Teacher preference is not included on this form because all of our teachers here at KP bring special and unique qualities that make our school the wonderful place that it is. Every teacher here wants our children to do well, and is committed to ensuring their success. Every teacher implements best practices to ensure accommodations are met as outlined in 504 and IEPs and is invested in building a relationship and connecting with your child. This looks different across the building and that is good. Helping our students to be flexible and work with people who have different styles is one of the soft skills that children should learn in school.

We are changing some of the traditional back to school events so please make note of the following important dates:

- **Kindergarten Parent Night** – August 21, 2025 6-7pm- *virtual*
- **First Day of School for Kindergarten Students only /Transition Day** – August 25th, 2025 9:25-3:40 pm
 - Students can ride the bus or parents can drop off. All buses will follow the scheduled routes
 - Parents or caregivers can return at 2:30 for the Open House to visit all classrooms and pick up kindergarten students or kindergarten students can go home by bus or Bar-T
- **Open House (1st-5th grades)** – August 25th -2:30-3:30pm
- **Back to School Night** – September 3rd, 2025

Lastly if you see activity here this summer it is because Kensington Parkwood will be housing the summer program for the Learning Center at Rock View their roof is under construction. This is not a KP summer program.



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Thank you for being part of what makes our school community so special. I wish you all a safe, restful, and joyful summer. Our office hours will be 9-3 but you can always reach me, Ms. Moon or Mrs. Allen online. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in the fall!

P.S. For the super organized and eager, the supply list will be on the website before July 1st.

Warm regards,
Principal, Candace Ross