



# Kensington Parkwood Elementary School

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Thank you to everyone for a successful first week back in the building. We appreciate all our virtual families and in-person being flexible during this transition.

### March 22nd Schedule Adjustments

Note the adjusted schedule below to accommodate the first day of face to face learning for our Week B Grade 3 students.

- Grade 3 B Week students return with the traditional bell schedule.
- Grades 3 A Week students will begin their instructional day at 10:25am. This is going out in Connect Ed as well.
- All other students remain on the current schedule

### Pool Testing Information

We must all do our part to prevent the transmission of the COVID-19 virus in our schools. This includes participating in school-provided COVID-19 testing to identify cases where the student or staff member may not be showing symptoms. MCPS families were notified about this new effort in [February](#) and [March](#). Tests will be provided for all students and staff on a weekly basis. Each swab will be placed in a common tube for that classroom or group and sent off to a central testing laboratory. The test detects whether the virus that causes COVID-19 is present in that pooled sample. Schools will receive results within 2-3 days. **This is optional and if you would like for your child to participate in this weekly randomized pool testing you must complete a Parent Consent via Google Form.**

[Video overview](#)

[Parent Consent Form](#)



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### News From the PTA

#### **KP Science Fair 2021 - Magical Cicadas come to KP**

THEY'RE COMING...Join Audubon Society Naturalist Diane Lill for a no-holds-barred discussion about Brood X, the exciting (and near-biblical) cicada emergence, 17 years in the making. What should we expect? Can cicadas hurt you? When are they most active? And can you really eat them? Bring your questions, fears, and curiosity for this live discussion as we kick off the KP 2021 Science Fair!

***Live Discussion via Zoom: April 15, 2021 @ 7PM***

***Instructions and details on how to participate in this year's Flip Grid science fair (and cicada-themed project ideas!) will be provided during the discussion.***

#### **International Night is Moving!**

International Night, originally planned for this Thursday, March 25th will be moved to late April. Stay tuned for a new date.

#### **Don't Miss It! Five Guys Night Fifth Grade Fundraiser: Tuesday, April 6, 5-9pm.**

Kensington location only! (Mention "Kensington Parkwood" when ordering and 15% of your bill goes to the KP 5th Grade Fund)

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### Calendar Updates

- ❖ March 29th - Spring Break Begins