



# KENSINGTON NEWS FOR PARENTS

March 2018

## DEAR GOLDWOOD PARENTS,

Welcome to Kensington! We are all very excited and looking forward to meeting our new third grade students and parents! We are planning several programs for children and parents to facilitate a smooth and positive transition.

Our Goldwood second graders visited Kensington to see a performance of the Kensington Talent Show on Friday, February 23rd. Later in the spring, students will also take part in our pen pal program in which each second grader will visit Kensington during a field trip and meet a third grade pen pal to share a positive welcome. During this visit in May, second graders will visit Kensington to meet third grade pen pals, tour the building, and receive a special presentation in the auditorium. Our second grade orientation will also include a tour of the building along with important information regarding exciting student opportunities at Kensington.



All incoming parents are invited to Kensington for parent orientation on Thursday, March 22 beginning at 6:30 P.M. In addition, parents and students are invited to the Kensington Third Grade Open House on Monday, August 20, 2018 from 1:00-3:00 P.M. This is a wonderful time for you and your child to meet your teacher, visit classrooms, pay school fees, and drop off supplies before the school year begins.

It is our goal to make your child's transition to Kensington a positive and happy experience. We look forward to meeting you soon!

## Kensington at a Glance

- 👉 Each Third Grade student will have one homeroom teacher. Third graders have lunch and recess together at different times than fourth and fifth graders.
- 👉 Our classrooms are equipped with Smart Boards and individual Chrome book computers.
- 👉 Some students at Kensington have both parents and grandparents who attended Kensington when they were children.
- 👉 Kensington is a National Blue Ribbon School and the OAESA Hall of Fame School. The National Blue Ribbon Schools represent the very best schools in the nation!



## Student Assignments

Our practice at Kensington and throughout Rocky River Schools is to create the best educational environment for all children. We have an outstanding teaching staff who work together to recommend the best placements for each child for the following year. Great care and thoughtful planning is taken into consideration for all student placements. You should also know that our teachers at Kensington and Goldwood do an excellent job of communicating with each other regarding student learning needs. Our school number is 356-6770.

## More Kensington Facts

- 👉 All students at Kensington receive a plan book each year which is utilized to organize assignments and homework.
- 👉 All of the teachers at Kensington are “Highly Qualified” as established by the Ohio Department of Education.
- 👉 Third grade students receive letter grades for the first time on his or her report cards.
- 👉 As part of Ohio’s Reading Guarantee Law, students must pass the Ohio’s state reading assessment in order to be promoted to the fourth grade. Students are given several opportunities to meet the promotion requirement. Kensington students participate in state testing for language arts and math. These important tests assist in identifying learning success as well as learning targets needing improvement.

