

# Kneeland News

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### Tidbits

- Kneeland Fun Run is scheduled for the first part of May!
- The Kneeland Gallery is open for your perusal with student art on exhibit.
- Upper grade science projects are on display in Mr. Harrison's classroom from Wednesday through Friday.

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## Go Fly a Kite!

In an effort to bring literature to life, Mr. Quinlan's third through fifth grade class made hand-made kites.

Mr. Quinlan's students are reading Danny, Champion of the World by Roald Dahl in which Danny, a young boy, makes his own toys such as stilts and kites.

Students brought in fabric remnants and Andy helped to form a jig on which he and students stretched the fabric for the body of the kite. Mr. Quinlan assisted the students with creating the cross bars out of wooden dowels.

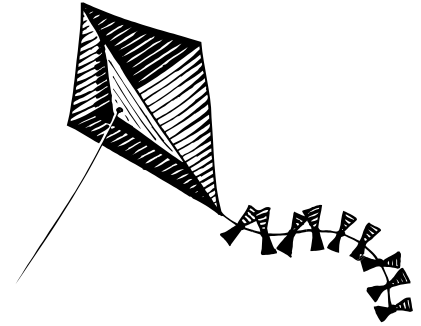
All of the students

have completed their kites and have tested them on the school grounds. They fly!

As soon as the weather cooperates, Mr. Quinlan and his students will take their creations to the skies and go fly kites.

The students have taken what they read in their novels and have created a real life prototype. It's literature come to life.

The kites are on display in Mr. Quinlan's room for the next couple of months before they travel home with the students.



## Thanks, Alums!

Once again, several past Kneeland students have volunteered their free time to help out at Kneeland school.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank: Myel Gilkerson, Isaiah Hardwick, and Marshall Rousseau for their continued support of our school by offering a helping hand.



## Let them eat crab!



Do you like to eat crab? Does a giant family crab feed or crab cakes for a week sound good to you? Well, then it is time to support the Kneeland School 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip and buy some raffle tickets!



Tickets are on sale now for \$5 each until the end of February. The raffle drawing will be held on Feb. 29<sup>th</sup> and the crab dinner will be delivered to your house on Saturday March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The winner will receive a

dozen whole cooked crabs, salad, bread, and a dessert. Tickets are on sale at the school, or contact Amy Miller 268-8656 or Pete Harrison 442-5472. You do not need to be present to win.

## Kneeland T-shirts coming soon!



Kneeland School T-shirts and sweatshirts will be available shortly for pre-order. If you would like to order a T-shirt or sweatshirt to show your support of Kneeland School, please contact the office at 442-5472.

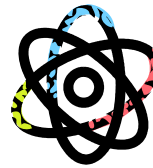


## Science Fair Blood, Sweat, and Tears

Hours and hours of hard work are paying off as upper grade science fair projects are rolling in through the doors of Kneeland School. Fourth through eighth graders were required to do a project of their choice and experience all the wonder that the scientific process can provide. Our curious bunch of scientists explored mold, sound, waves, cells, popcorn, trajectory angles, skittles, strength, photosynthesis,

wood density, behavior, crystals, gravity, and pendulums.

While we dedicated some class time to the projects, most of the hard work for these projects took place at home, something of which students and their supporting family units should be extremely proud!



Eligible science projects will move on to the County level which will be open for public viewing at HSU on March 15th and 16th.

## 100th Day of School

On February 10, the K-2 students celebrated the 100th day of school. The 100th day of school is a BIG event in Mrs. Macknicki's class. Learning to count from 1 to 100 is a milestone in the life of a young learner.

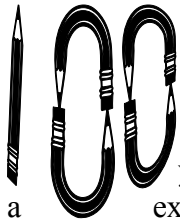
One hundred corresponds to many things: it is a new column in the place-value system; it is a dollar's worth of pennies; it is 10 times 10; it is getting all the answers right; it is a century.

Throughout the day

the students did many activities that revolved around the number 100. One of the students' favorite activities included bringing a collection of 100 items.

Every year, the students come up with creative ways to display 100, and this year was no exception.

The students shared a monster with 100 wiggly eyes, 100 jelly beans, 100 pennies, 100 pieces of bubble gum, 100 toy cars, 100 worms, 100 chocolate kisses and more.



## Get Involved

The Community, Parent, and Teacher organization (PTO) of Kneeland School has proven an integral part of the success of the school and its students.

Most people have become familiar with the annual Fall Festival fundraiser, but PTO has numerous opportunities throughout the year for parent and community

involvement in the success of the school.

As state budgets put a tighter grip on our school's funding, PTO will begin to play an even bigger role in school activities.

Meetings are at the school on every second Monday of the month. Join us!



## Sticker Pride

Join the "in crowd" and buy your Kneeland sticker today! They are \$2 each, make great gifts, and show your community pride! Stickers are available in the school office. Call 442-5472 for more information.

# Fourth Annual Kneeland Fun Run

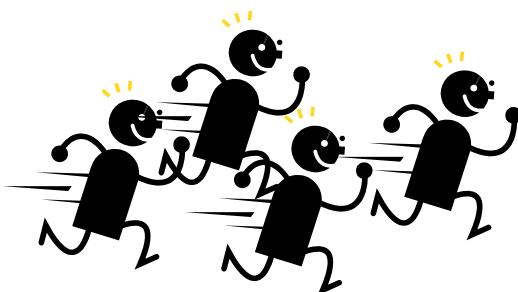
Planning is underway for the fourth annual Kneeland Fun Run for early May.

The Fun Run is an event for all ages! It is a way for the students and other community members to get involved in an event that promotes physical activity as a healthy lifetime habit.

We are looking for businesses that are interested in sponsoring the event. Individual monetary donations are also gladly

accepted. Donations will be used toward ribbons, medals, and goodie bags.

All Fun Run proceeds from the Kneeland School Fun Run will go toward funding field trips for the students.



Registration forms will be available at the school.

Registration is \$5 in advance, or \$7 on the day of the event.

Kneeland Fun Run shirts will also be available for pre-order.

If you are interested in helping, sponsoring the event, or to learn more about the event, please contact Jill Macknicki at [jmacknicki@yahoo.com](mailto:jmacknicki@yahoo.com) or by calling the school at 442-5472.

Come join the fun and run!

## Welcome Kindergarten

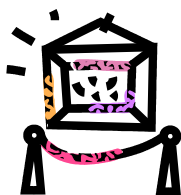


Starting kindergarten is an exciting adventure for children and families. It is a new opportunity for learning, developing friendships, and building independence.

In April, Mrs. Macknicki will host a Kindergarten registration from 10:45-12:00.

During the visit, children will have the opportunity to meet Mrs. Macknicki and their soon-to-be classmates. They will participate in hands-on activities and can explore the classroom.

Please call the school at 442-5472 if you and your child would like to attend the spring registration.



We invite parents and community members to stop in and enjoy the new art on display in the Kneeland School Gallery.

Students in grades 3-8 recently completed works of art depicting elements of nature. From flowers



## Kneeland Art Talk

and trees, to seascapes and night time stars, students have created very colorful tissue paper paintings that are both expressive and imaginative.

The Gallery Comment Book will be available in the gallery for your constructive observations.

## RAZ—Kids!



Kneeland School recently upgraded our reading curriculum with a new internet-based program called RAZ-kids. RAZ-Kids is an interactive reading tool for our students to practice reading fluency and comprehension.

Each student has a log in and a password to access their reading account both at home and at school, and teachers can monitor the students' progress and change the students' reading level accordingly.

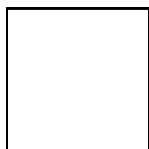
The levels are based on each child's individual reading level and are adjusted to reflect their abilities. The students can listen to a story, read a story aloud, record themselves reading, and then take a comprehension quiz. Each child earns points or stars with which to buy items for their RAZ Rocket similar to Webkins. RAZ-kids makes reading fun!



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### March 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	9	10
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

### April 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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-  March 1 Humboldt Wildlife Care Center presentation at 1 PM
-  March 6 STAR writing test (4th & 7th graders)
-  March 7 4-H Meeting
-  March 8 School Board Meeting 4 PM
-  March 12 PTO meeting 3 PM
-  March 21-23 Parent/Teacher conferences. Early dismissal: 1:45
-  March 24 PTO Rummage sale (info to follow)

-  April 4 4-H Meeting
-  April 6 Great Kneeland Egg Drop!
-  April 7 Kneeland 4-H Egg Hunt
-  April 9-13 Spring Break — No School
-  April 21 Astronomers of Humboldt
-  April 24 Spring School Pictures