

# Kensington Kindergarten News

## Kensington Hilltop Elementary Parent Organizations

### Dads' Club

**Dads' Club** enriches our children's educational experience by sponsoring and promoting extracurricular activities. DC activities include:



- Organizes Fall and Spring work parties that help enhance our classroom and campus environment. Work parties are a fun way to get together to help improve the school's facilities!
- Plans and carries out the physical logistics of the very popular annual Garden Party.
- Co-sponsors the Spring Carnival along with the PTA.

Overall, the men and women in the Dads' Club contribute an estimated **700 person-hours** annually to help make our school better for our children.

**Despite its name, the Dads' Club is open to all parents and teachers.** No experience or tools are necessary!

### Parent Teacher Association (PTA)

**Parent Teacher Association (PTA)** is the voice of every child on a local, state and national level.



The PTA is the main service group at Kensington Hilltop, staffing many school activities such as Room Parents, Emergency Preparedness, Library, teacher appreciation events, assemblies, Movie Night, Carnival, etc. The PTA co-sponsors events and classes with the other parent groups to further our goal of a quality education and nurturing environment for every child. **Free childcare** is always provided for PTA Association Meetings.

### Kensington Education Foundation (KEF)

**The Kensington Education Foundation (KEF)** is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, run by an all-volunteer board of current Hilltop parents, that raises over \$300,000 annually to deliver academic enrichment programs to Hilltop students. The KEF's main academic programs include:



*Science Lab • Computer Lab • Library • Art  
Read Naturally (Reading Intervention Program) • SPARK Physical Education Primary Music & Recorder • Band Supplement Program •  
Running Club • Math Intervention • Math Olympiads*

KEF also provides funding for supplemental classroom supplies, substitutes during parent-teacher conferences, teacher preparation time, and a grant to each teacher for curriculum enhancement.

Annual fundraisers include the Fall Pledge, The Garden Party Benefit Auction, Community Drive and a Spring fundraiser.

### School Site Council (SSC)

**School Site Council (SSC)** is a state-mandated organization made up of an equal number of community member (parents) and staff members elected to serve for a two-year term.



The SSC studies achievement and enrollment data and suggests changes in the education program, directing the expenditure of state funds by forming an academic plan for the year ahead. Being familiar with academic needs, they also assemble a budget for the School Improvement Funds, state grants or donated funds.