

Hello Kenny Families,

It is hard to believe that tomorrow is March 1. The days are getting longer and warmer. That also means the Foundation March Magic event is only a couple of weeks away. I can't wait, and I hope to see you there!

Kenny received our budget allocation on Friday. There was a significant mistake on our Special Education allocation, so I shared the budget with the staff on Monday once the mistake was fixed. We will have to make some cuts to tie out our budget. When pushing all of our current programming forward, we are short \$120K. At the end of today's newsletter, you will see a spreadsheet that shows our current programming pushed forward with the 2018-19 salary costs. You will also find two other documents; one showing the updated budget allocation and the other showing enrollment estimates for Fall. One of the biggest issues is that we were funded for 2.4 fourth grade teachers and 2.7 fifth grade teachers. With Specialist time, that means we would need to fund a 1.0 teaching position. At the Site Council meeting next Tuesday, I will present several scenarios to tie out the budget.

Babies, babies, babies! As we move into planning for next year, I have other exciting news. Colleen Schinneer, who is pregnant is going to take a one year leave of absence next year to be at home with her children. Christine Broder is going to do a job share with Annie Sparks. Annie is currently at Pratt School teaching first grade. It will be great to have her energy and enthusiasm at Kenny School! I hope the children in that classroom will be able to keep up. Laurie Hanzal is also retiring at the end of the year after 35 years of service in Minneapolis Public Schools, the last 28 years at Kenny.

It is going to be a great spring. The PTO has many great upcoming activities. The PTO needs a number of coordinators for events. Please consider taking on one of those positions. So many of our events at Kenny happen because of volunteers, and we do not want to lose any of them.

As always, thanks for helping make Kenny the amazing community school it is.

Bill Gibbs, Principal