Hello Kenny Families,

January is going to be a great month at Kenny. We have a number of special events planned and we end the first semester of school on January 20. Please make sure you have the variety show on your calendar for January 19. It is always amazing.

There is a lot of learning that takes place between now and spring break. The teachers and I really need your help with attendance. We currently have 75% of our students who have 95% or better attendance (that is 4 or less absences through today). Ms. Yau’s fifth grade class has the highest number of students (85.3 %) attending 95% or more. If a child misses 7 or more days of school, it starts to have a significant impact on learning. We also need help reducing tardies. There are days we have had over 20 students tardy. Teachers start their morning meetings after the morning announcements at 8:10. The teachers use responsive classroom activities at the morning meeting and do a lot of calendar math or math maintenance at the morning meeting. We need the children in the class at 8:10 ready to work.

If you know of families with preschool children (or families with private, charter, or magnet school children), please let them know about upcoming opportunities to learn about Kenny. The Minneapolis Public Schools Placement Fair takes place Saturday January 21 from 9-2 at the Hyatt downtown. Kenny also has a Prospective Parent Night Thursday January 26 from 5:30-7:00 and we are conducting tours every Tuesday and Thursday.

Thanks for all your support. Kenny is an amazing community school where everyone is a learner!

Bill Gibbs, Principal

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**Foundation Cornerstone**

As the new year starts we want to thank all the parents, staff and leadership at Kenny Community School. With the new look of the media area/library well underway, the Foundation, in partnership with the PTA and Site Council, is shifting over all attention toward the goals Principal Gibbs, the staff and the site council have set for our students. We, along with input from you, the parents and teachers will decide how to best spend our limited financial resources in support of these goals. These components that we purchase in support of building a stronger student will have a direct impact on every student at Kenny. This includes students who need additional support, students in the middle and the advanced students.

With this goal on the table; we are reminding the Kenny Community as tax season begins; the Kenny Foundation is a charitable tax deductible 501c(3) entity. For more information on how to give directly to the foundation please contact: Paul Johnson - pbjwerks@comcast.net.
MAKING KENNY GREAT:
Volunteer Bulletin Board

VOLUNTEER UPDATE!

We’re looking for volunteers to help with the Phillips Eye Institute eye screenings. Volunteers will bring classrooms to and from the screening. We need:

- 2 volunteers on Wed., January 18: 9:15 to 11:45 AND 11:45 to 2:30
- 1 volunteer on Friday, January 27: 9:15-11:45 AND 11:45 to 2pm

Please contact Lynn Barnhart at lynn@grasslake.net for a time slot. Thanks!

Kenny Parents: Do You Play a Band Instrument?

In Spring 2011, The Crosstown Community Band started with members in the Southwest Minneapolis community who wanted to immerse themselves in creating music together. With support from the Richfield Lutheran Church [60th & Nicollet Ave. S], the Crosstown Community Band rehearses every Tuesday from 6:30pm-7:30pm in the church. We are always looking for new members to join the ensemble. There are already several Kenny parents in the band!

If you are interested, please contact the Music Director, Kristine Dizon at dizon003@umn.edu for more details.

Safe Routes Update

Don’t Miss the Safe Routes Parent Workshop this Saturday January 14th, 2011 at North Commons Park.

The workshop will run from 9:45-11:30AM. It is free and appropriate for anyone (parents, guardians, staff) interested in walk-and-bike-to-school efforts.

Schools from around the District will be sharing information about events, walking buses (with Lyndale’s parent-volunteer Scott Bordon), safety and more. There will also be time to meet and share ideas, and even coordinate events.

To see the full flyer for the event, visit the Kenny website at http://kenny.mpls.k12.mn.us/.

The Winter Session of After-School Classes Begins on Tuesday, January 17th

Dear Kenny Fans, Friends, and Family - To receive all the latest info, remember to “LIKE” Kenny Community School on Facebook!

January 17th PTA Meeting is Cancelled

The Kenny Foundation March Magic Spring Fundraiser planning is well underway:

Save The Date: Friday, March 9, 2012
Mark your Calendar & Call a Babysitter

New this year: online registration/payment and a raffle featuring items that will knock your socks off. Much More Information Will Be Coming Soon!