Hello Kenny Families,

We just received word that we will be able to provide bus transportation to Fuller Park. This opens up that day care option for Kenny families. The wait list is still extremely long for Minneapolis Kids. Look for the Rec Plus flyer in today’s newsletter.

Conferences take place the week of October 17. We will offer evening conferences on Monday and Tuesday and morning conferences on Wednesday that week. There will be signup sheets in today’s Wednesday folder. Please return them to school as soon as possible.

Please sign up to volunteer at Kenny. Parent involvement is always a key piece to student achievement.

Thanks for all you do for Kenny School

Bill Gibbs, Principal
Kenny School

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### After School Update

Registrations have come in at a feverish pace and we have nearly completed all our data entry. Every trimester there are certain after school classes that fill up quickly and others that just do not catch on. When we have this situation we usually start a waiting list and occasionally will assign students to an alternate class so that they may still attend on that particular day. We honestly try to accommodate everyone’s requests, but sometimes it is simply not possible.

We will be sending confirmation letters with After School student schedules home this week. Please look for these sheets in your child's backpack. Just because a registration form was filled out does not guarantee a spot in After School. If you do not receive a sheet your child may not be registered in After School Classes.

If you have any questions please email kristin.marshall@mpls.k12.mn.us

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### Dates to Remember

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### The 2nd Annual Kenny Fit n’ Fun Walk

Friday, October 14th from 1:15 - 2:15

Hopefully your student(s) has started reaching out for pledges in this year’s Fit n’ Fun Walk.

Pledge forms and money are due next Wednesday October 12th. Keep in mind there will be prizes for our most earnest of earners and every single donation (large and small) gets us closer to our goal of $10,000 for the programs, events, activities and learning opportunities we value at Kenny!

We are looking for volunteers. If you are interested in helping, please contact Kendra Kramer kjkramer@usiwireless.com or 612-722-6082 for more details.

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PTA MEETING TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11 7:00 see page 2 for details

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Newsletter submissions are due by 6 p.m. Mondays. Email to Michele Lieske at mblieske@msn.com.
The PTA Presents

Raising a Responsible Kid
Presented by Marilyn Sharpe
(www.marilynsharpeministries.org)

Tuesday, Oct. 11 at 7:00 in the Media Center

Marilyn Sharpe is returning to Kenny to share tips and insights on what it takes to raise a child who takes responsibility, can set goals, and has compassion for the world around them. She has 32 years of experience as a parent educator, and presents with energy, passion, and contagious enthusiasm. Childcare will be provided.

Kenny Rocks!
at the Fall Festival

Join your Kenny friends for a D.J. dance party on Friday, October 28 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.! Create your own V.I.P. pass, learn a few new dance moves, take pictures with your rock star friends in the photo booth, and more!

A flu shot clinic will be available again this year. The event is free, but dinner will be available for sale in the cafeteria (penne pasta, sauce, salad, drink and dessert). Get ready to rock out!

Coffee with the Principal
is Friday, October 7th at 8:15 am.
Meet in the office.

BoxTops Update

With almost 60 kids entered into our September drawing, Ben Schiltz was the lucky winner! October Box Top donations will be entered to win a tote bag which includes a t-shirt, Progresso soup, Hefty Zoopals Funtensils, Fiber One Brownies and Hamburger Helper.

We have raised over $625 so far this school year. If each child brings in just 10 Box Tops each month, we could earn $4,000 for Kenny school this year. Keep clipping! And don’t forget to ask grandparents, neighbors and co-workers to save Box Tops. Small collections boxes are available in the office to help, especially for office locations!

Ford Drives Box Tops

- Earn 250 eBoxTops® with the purchase of any new Ford vehicle. Purchase the vehicle from October 1 - December 1, 2011. Redeem code by March 31, 2012.
- Earn 10 eBoxTops when you request a Ford vehicle brochure. Request a brochure from October 1 - December 1, 2011. Redeem code by March 31, 2012.
- Earn 5 eBoxTops for each Ford video you watch - up to 25 eBoxTops total if you watch all five videos we’ve made available. Watch videos from October 1 - December 1, 2011.

Ford is also giving away 250,000 Bonus Box Tops in the Ford Drives Box Tops Sweepstakes. Register now and you’ll automatically be entered for a chance to win one of several prize amounts. Share the sweepstakes with friends to earn more entries. Sweepstakes ends December 1, 2011.

Every time you clip or click to earn makes a difference. Help drive dollars to your school with Box Tops for Education and Ford.

See http://www.forddrivesboxtops.com/ for more info.

Making Kenny Great: Volunteers

Why do parents volunteer at Kenny School? Here’s what they say:

“I volunteer at Kenny because I want to have a role in my children’s education. I don’t want to just hear about what goes on at school; I want to experience it with them. The Kenny community makes it enjoyable to participate. In addition, I like being around all the kids.” Darryl Johnson, parent of three Kenny students and chair of the “Student of the Month” program
News from the Media Center:

I just wanted to give parents/families some information about how they can access online resources from home. As you will see, attached to this newsletter is a sheet that explains how to access the online resources that are paid for by the district or by the state. In addition to that, you may access the Google site that I have built as a repository of information for the Kenny staff, students, and families:

https://sites.google.com/a/mpls.k12.mn.us/kenny-media-center/

There are tabs for each grade level, as well as one for parents. You will also find tabs on multimedia project resources and online/internet safety. I have a link directly to the Student Online Resources as well. I am continually updating the site and adding more resources and information. Please feel free to email me with any questions.

I have also begun doing online safety/social media awareness lessons with all of the grade levels. Students are learning how to be online safely, what information to never give out, how to handle a situation where they encounter something inappropriate, and also how to create secure passwords. Again, if you have any questions, please send me an email and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Mrs. Kersteter
dianne.kesteter@mpls.k12.mn.us

September PTA Meeting Summary

The current Board and proposed budget were presented and approved by PTA members present. Representatives from Site Council & Foundation presented an overview of their organizations, what they do, and how to get involved. Like most groups at Kenny, meetings are open to all, and you are encouraged to get involved where you see a best fit for you!

Principal Gibbs update:
• Bus traffic was moved to 58th street for the safety of students walking or being dropped off.
• Parent/Teacher conferences will take place in mid-October.
• Curriculum night was incorporated into the Meet the Teacher event just prior to the start of school
• STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) training is ongoing for 3rd/4th/5th grade teachers.
• Minneapolis Kids is full
• New Food Policy from the District is NO FOOD outside of the lunchroom due to health reasons. To bring in food notify the school nurse and Mr. Gibbs. Any food brought in must be commercially prepared.
• Our lunchroom does not have a nut free table. It can be done should the need arise.
• No decision has been made on when or if the annual environmental trip for 4th/5th graders will occur.
• Kenny currently has 382 kids attending K thru 5.
• All parents are invited to attend Coffee with the Principal. It’s open house style, dates are posted on the school calendar. The calendar is now being done through Google, and is linked to the website, for the most up-to-date information.
• Two classes had weather related mold problems over the summer.
• The temporary structures are currently approved for removal but Mr. Gibbs won’t let that occur until there is a clear plan for replacement.
• Kenny is one of 10 pilot schools in the District for the new Safe Routes to School program. A summary of ideas and call for initial interest were solicited. Some things this new program can address are walking school buses, a 4-way stop at 57th & Emerson, and more. Watch for more details!

An informal poll was taken to help select the October speaker topic that will be presented by Marilyn Sharpe. The topic chosen was Raising Responsible Children (touching on Goal Setting and Confidence Building). Other topic suggestions included: Communicating with your child and Childhood friendships, and these will be considered for future speaker topics.

For full meeting minutes see the PTA page on the Kenny website at http://kenny.mpls.k12.mn.us.

Making Kenny Great: Volunteer Bulletin Board

Here are current volunteer opportunities. If you’re interested, or if you’d like more information, please contact the volunteer co-chairs, Lynn Barnhart, lynn@grasslake.net or Laura Ronay, laura.ronay@gmail.com

• Student of the Month volunteers. Monday, October 24 8:00 to 10:00 a.m.
• Have experience with websites? A position to keep our school website updated, http://kenny.mpls.k12.mn.us, is open. Orientation and MPS support provided.