A Note from the Nurse...

It is with heavy hearts that we pass along the news that Anne Ziomek, health assistant at Kenny for many years (and who had just retired at the end of last year) passed away peacefully last week.

She was an amazing lady who had a wonderful sense of humor and always had a smile for the kids coming into the Health Office at Kenny. I know there are many children who left the Health Office feeling better after a visit with her, sometimes just because of the TLC they received from Anne.

Anne's Obituary:

Ziomek, Anne Marie Age 81, of Edina, passed away peacefully on Oct. 27, 2015. Survived by daughters Anne Marie (Paul) Scoggin, Lauren Florine and Robert (Patty) Ziomek; and 9 grandchildren. Anne was trained as a nurse and prior to starting a family served as the head nurse in the emergency room of St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Boston. She returned to nursing after her children were grown, working as a health assistant in the Mpls. Public Schools for nearly 25 years. She established "hat and mitten trees" at various schools for kids who needed them. She will be missed by her dear friends at Longfellow and Kenny. She was a highly skilled knitter, especially known for creating the most beautiful and comfortable socks, and she loved the friends she made in her knitting group. She touched many lives, and we will always remember her kindness, wit, intellect and most especially her laugh. Services to be held on Monday, November 9th, 11:00 a.m. at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Edina. Memorials preferred to St. Stephen's or VEAP.

Ann D. Lumbar Bendson, RN Licensed School Nurse
Minneapolis Public Schools
Hello Kenny Families!

WOW! It is hard to believe we are already in the second quarter of school. I know I have learned a ton, as I know all of the Kenny children have. As part of my internship, I need to have experience and learning at all levels of school. For the next two weeks, starting today, I will be at Sanford Middle School. I will be back at Kenny on November 18. I am not too far away, and I am looking forward to being back with the Kenny children.

“Long, wordy and SO valuable.” The School of Excellence survey is a lot to read, and many of the questions are hard to answer. But the feedback we have gotten back is extremely valuable. Thank you to all who have taken it. If you haven’t, please do.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/parentSOE

Thank you,
Jessica Peifer
Kenny Principal Intern

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**Picture Re-Take Day is This Friday, November 6th**

Retake day is for any child who was absent on picture day, students new to Kenny and for those who aren’t satisfied with the portraits they received. The picture packets received by the school were sent home this week.

*You must send the complete portrait package back with your child on Friday, November 6th if they are having retakes.*

Ordering information is available in the office.

Please contact LaToya Peterson (latoya.peterson@mpls.k12.mn.us or 612-668-3365) if you are interested in volunteering to help with this event.

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**Calling ALL 5th graders!**

We need **YOU** to help us create an extra special cover for your yearbook this year! Take a selfie, have your parents submit it, along with your full name and room #, no later than November 20th.

**Parents**- Do you enjoy taking pictures or being creative? Volunteer for Kenny’s Yearbook Committee! If interested, contact Rita at rita@hajiani.com.
Volunteers, raffle prizes & turkey donations are much needed for this event.

If interested in volunteering or donating please contact:
Jessica Strayer-Southworth at straysouth@hotmail.com or

Turkey Bingo is
Tuesday, Nov 17
6-8 pm

Online Resources Students Can Access at Home

Thanks to a grant from the Kenny Foundation last year, our students have access to two wonderful online resources, specifically created for elementary school students. PebbleGo has four different databases (Animals, Biographies, Science and Social Studies) and is geared toward students in kindergarten through third grade (although older students still enjoy it). PebbleGoNext currently has two different databases (Native Americans and States) and is geared toward students in third through fifth grade. Students have access until the end of December, but I have requested another grant through the Foundation to pay for the subscription for another year that will hopefully go through. All grade levels use this resource for research projects they create in collaboration with their classroom teachers.

You will need a username and password, which your students have been given. I am unable to put it in the newsletter because it cannot be posted online. If your child has forgotten the username and password, please email me and I would be happy to provide that for you.

Students also have access to other online resources made available by the school district. Tumblebooks is one such resource and the kids really enjoy using it. The link to those resources can be found here. You must access Tumblebooks through the MPS Student Learning Resources page or it will ask you for a username and password. I have also created a Google site for the Kenny Media Center. This is something all students use as part of Media class and has some helpful links and resources arranged by grade level.

If you have any questions about any of these resources, please feel free to contact me dianne.kersteter@mpls.k12.mn.us
Kenny School values parent input and leadership regarding decisions that affect students. We want you to be involved in making decisions in our school community. Serving on the site council is one way you can participate.

A site council is a representative group of school stakeholders that provides input to the school’s administration about school-based decisions. The site council’s work should support the academic achievement and social and emotional growth of all students.

Contact LaToya Peterson, Family Liaison, for more information at 612-668-3365 or email LaToya.Peterson@mpls.k12.mn.us

PTA Cooking Night Off

Thank you to the Kenny PTA for the Cooking Night Off fundraiser they put together at Davanni’s in Richfield. Kenny families helped raise $250 that night. Money raised from fundraising supports prizes for Bees of the Week, Turkey Bingo, Family Reading Night and other Family Events.

A special thank you to Shannon Gunaca and Lynn Meyer for organizing this event.

Coloring Contest winners are pictured on the left.

Watch the newsletter for future PTA events.
Experience life-change growth: 
Our tutors are trained to change the future.

Sam dreams to read big books. 
You can make his dream come true.

Minnesota Reading Corps inspires community members to change the future of struggling students. As the nation’s largest state AmeriCorps program, we are recognized because our tutors are getting results with the students they serve and are helping to ensure that all children are successful readers by the end of third grade.

Became a tutor at Kenny
Literacy tutors commit to one year of AmeriCorps service. Tutors come from many backgrounds and include recent high school and college grads, career changers, stay-at-home parents, and retirees. Tutors are paid a living allowance, and are eligible for an education award of up to $5,730 and federal student loan forbearance. Tutors 55 or older may gift the award to a child or grandchild.

Benefits of serving include:
- Grow your career skills, network and resume
- Get training and coaching in research-based literacy methods
- Motivate kids in your community to succeed in the classroom

One year. This year.
Join Minnesota Reading Corps

To apply or more information, visit www.MinnesotaReadingCorps.org Contact recruitment@mnedc.org or 866-859-2825 with questions.

Why I Serve
“There is nothing greater than seeing a student who has no desire to read, develop into one of your best students and gain skills that will open doors for future success. By serving as an Elementary Literacy Tutor, I could be part of the change I wanted to see.”

George Ochoa, Minnesota Reading Corps tutor
Be sure to sign-up for the Kenny Electronic Newsletter!

*Printed newsletters are only sent home to families who specifically request a paper version.*

Bookmark the Kenny Website

for quick access to the Staff Directory, the school schedule, meeting times, and new information.

Email the Kenny School PTA and we will add you to our school's electronic communications.

If you know anyone who would like to be added to the list forward their email address:

**kennyPTA33721@gmail.com**

Join us on Facebook & keep up with all the latest Kenny news

[http://www.facebook.com/kennypta](http://www.facebook.com/kennypta)
STUDENT DROP OFF:

The staff is respectfully requesting students be dropped off at the front door in the morning.
• Teachers need to be able to greet and assist children.
• Children have morning work assignments that need to be completed before the morning meeting that starts at 8:10.

Thank you for your help with this as it allows us to give your children our undivided attention for greetings and assistance with morning work and routines.

All adults entering the building must sign in at the office.

Children will be admitted to the building at 7:50am.

TRANSPORTATION:

Send Information to School when:
1. You have an address or daycare change.
2. If you are picking up your child and they usually ride a bus, they must be signed out in the office even with advanced notice.
3. Your student is using a different bus stop.
4. Your student is going home with another student. (Note: we need notification from BOTH families).

Information will be sent home when:
1. Your student has been added to a bus route.
2. The bus stop for your student has had a change in location.
3. The IN bus stop for your student has had a cumulative time change of five minutes or more.

Changes can become effective any day of the week so watch for the effective dates on the notices sent home with your student.

ATTENDANCE:

Call the Attendance line (612-668-3346) when your student will be absent.

Doctors or dentists notes should be brought into school when the student returns to the building. Your help with this is appreciated.