Weekly Newsletter
December 14, 2011

No After-School Classes Next Week
Monday, December 19–Thursday, December 22

ATTENTION BAND MEMBERS:
NEXT WEEK BAND WILL
MEET ON WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 21ST.

Don’t forget to turn in your Variety Show slips!
Due this Friday, December 16th!!

PTA Survey
We want your help in guiding the efforts of the PTA at Kenny school.
Please take a moment and complete the survey at:
http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HKVWVP2

Take Charge of Education®
Want an easy way to give financially to Kenny? Designate Kenny Community School (ID: 64900) as your choice for the Target Take Charge of Education Program by visiting Target.com/tcoe or calling the Target Education Hotline at (800) 316-6142.

For those not familiar with the Target Take Charge of Education program, Target donates millions each year to schools all across the country. By participating, Target donates 1% of your purchases using the Target Visa or Target Check Card purchases made at a Target Store or Target.com. Target donates 1/2% of all Target Visa Credit Card purchases made outside of Target.

Target tracks purchases made by participants, and sends a no-strings-attached donation check directly to the school principal once per year. Target does not restrict how schools use their Take Charge of Education funds; schools can use the money however they see fit.

Use your card, help your school—it's that easy.

Thanks again for getting involved with Take Charge of Education. This program, along with the support of our parents, helps make good things happen for our Kenny students.

January 17th PTA Meeting is Cancelled
Please come to the
WINTER PARTY JANUARY 4th
**NOTES FROM THE NURSE REGARDING STREP THROAT:**

Strep throat has been going around and it isn’t always presenting in a “typical” manner. Usual symptoms are:

- Severe and sudden sore throat without coughing, sneezing, or other cold symptoms.
- Pain or difficulty with swallowing.
- Fever over 101°F (38.3°C). Lower fevers may point to a viral infection and not strep.
- Swollen lymph nodes in the neck.
- White or yellow spots or coating on the throat and tonsils.
- Bright red throat or dark red spots on the roof of the mouth at the back near the throat.
- Swollen tonsils, although this symptom may also be caused by a viral infection.

It is easy to tell when you have a sore throat or a cold. It is harder to know when you have strep throat. Typically, sore throats are caused by a viral infection and not strep bacteria. Strep throat usually does not occur with cold symptoms such as coughing, sneezing, or a runny or stuffy nose. The more cold symptoms you have, the less likely it is that your sore throat is a strep infection.

In some cases of strep infection, a skin rash develops and spreads over the neck and chest and eventually over the whole body. The rash feels rough like sandpaper. This condition is called scarlet fever. Scarlet fever is treated with antibiotics. This usually leads to a quick recovery. Scarlet fever is not dangerous if treated.

So when is it appropriate to seek medical care for a sore throat?

1. If you have been in contact with someone with strep throat and you have a sore throat, it is reasonable to have a strep test done.
2. If your sore throat is associated with a fever, swollen “glands” (lymph nodes), or white patches on the back of your throat.
3. If your sore throat is not associated with other cold symptoms (runny nose, watery eyes, sinus congestion).
4. Any sore throat that has a sudden onset and is associated with a fever.
5. If you are having trouble swallowing liquids (pain with swallowing is to be expected with a sore throat).
6. If your sore throat persists for more than a week.
7. If you have a sore throat and the front of your neck is sore and stiff.

**LOST AND FOUND UPDATE:**

Has your student lost something at school? Now is the time to take a look. The Lost and Found items are on tables in the hallway by the Lunchroom.

Any items left on December 23rd will be donated during Winter Break.

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**Kids Book Club Online**

**Dec. 26-Dec. 30**

Registration required, begins Nov 28. Register online or call 612-543-8529.

Grades 4-6. Join other kids to talk about a great book! Participate in the book discussion through the KidLinks website, [www.kidlinks.org](http://www.kidlinks.org), Monday-Friday, any time of day. You must have a current email address (may use family email) and a computer with Internet access.

**What We're Reading:**

*The Conch Bearer*, by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni.

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**BoxTops Update**

Keep clipping! We’ll do a drawing in January for the December and January Box Tops. This month's giveaway includes some fun baking items!

See the boxtops collection sheet attached to this newsletter!
Kenny Community School

WINTER PARTY

ALL KENNY FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED!

Outdoor Fun Night

Wednesday, January 4th
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Kenny Park
Cookies and cocoa in the park building

Bring your skates, sleds, and your friends!
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

Coke Rewards
Have Coke Rewards points? You can donate them to Kenny school! For more info visit www.mycokerewards.com.

FOLDING CHAIRS NEEDED ...
Kenny needs 80 folding chairs with non-marring feet to use in the gym.
If you have any connections, please contact Bill Gibbs at 612-668-3340
Box Tops for Education

Each time you turn in Box Tops, you will be entered to win monthly prizes! Be sure to put your name and room number on your collection sheet, or include it with any other Box Tops you turn into the collection box in the office. If each student brought in 4 Box Tops each month, we would easily reach our $2,000 goal!

Places to find Box Tops: Cheerios, Betty Crocker mixes, Ziploc bags, Juicy Juice, Hefty, Land O Lakes, Green Giant Fresh, Brita, Avery, Kleenex, Boise paper, and more! (Check your office, do you have Avery or Boise paper - you could be sitting on a little gold mine for Kenny.) Small collection boxes available for your office in the school office!

Earn when you shop online, too. Barnes & Noble, Target, and tons more stores will donate a portion of your purchase to Kenny when you click through the Box Tops Marketplace. Learn more at www.btfe.com!

Questions? Contact Nikki Lindberg at nicole.lindberg@comcast.net, 612-929-2188

Hooray for Snow Days!

Paste in a flurry of Box Tops and earn cash for your school!

NAME ____________________________
GRADE ____________________________
TEACHER’S NAME __________________

Bonus Box Tops should not be added to this collection sheet. They should be submitted separately.

FOR COORDINATORS ONLY Total # of Box Tops on this sheet:

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