Hello Kenny Families,

Time is going so quickly this year! There are only 12 school days left until winter vacation and our calendar is packed. This Friday is Academic Spirit Wear Day. Remember to wear your favorite Kenny, Anthony, Southwest High School, or college gear to school on Friday. It is one more way we celebrate learning at Kenny!

Monday night is our Barnes and Noble Bookfair at the Edina Galleria. It is a great opportunity to pick up some gifts, especially since your purchases help support the Kenny Media Center. The Kenny Glee choir will even perform for you while you shop. Please look in the newsletter for more information.

Tuesday night – We have a Site Council meeting at 5:30, a State of the School presentation at 6:30, and a PTA meeting at 7:00. The State of the School presentation is an update of the current school data and our goals for this year, presented by me and Ms. Peifer. The presentation will also be put up on the website following the presentation if you are interested and cannot make it Tuesday. All families are invited to all meetings that night.

It is also an exciting couple of weeks in the gym! The unit leading into Winter Break is the obstacle course. Peak your head in the gym over the next two weeks and you will see a really cool set up. The children love it.

The staff and I love partnering with you in the education of your children.

As always, thanks for all you do for Kenny School!
Bill Gibbs, Principal

Dates to Remember

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Flu season is upon us. If you have not already done so, I strongly encourage you to make an appointment to have your family immunized for Influenza.

Here are some important FACTS regarding influenza and other lifesaving vaccinations:

- Although we often hear that the influenza vaccine is not an exact match, the influenza vaccination is associated with a 74% reduction in the risk of life-threatening influenza illness ending in stays in the ICU!

- Significant protection is gained even when the vaccine does not perfectly match the flu virus in the environment or influenza is contracted soon after immunization.

- The CDC analyzed 67 different vaccine research studies and concluded the following:
  - The risk of anaphylaxis due to an immunization is 1 in 1.3 in a million doses!
  - For kids born in the last decade, 322 million illnesses have been prevented, 21 million hospitalizations prevented and 732,000 deaths prevented over the course of their lifetimes due to receiving immunizations.
  - There is NO EVIDENCE that immunizations cause autism and there has never been any credible evidence despite the claims by celebrities and others to the contrary. This issue has been thoroughly studied.
  - A case of measles can cause blindness and encephalitis, as well as other serious complications.
  - Recently at Children’s Hospital a 25 year old had a double lung transplant from having measles as an infant. Measles has been in the news recently. It is one of the most highly contagious communicable illnesses for which we have a VERY effective vaccine. Last year, an infant was hospitalized at Children’s Hospital in Mpls with measles, on a ventilator for 15 days and hospitalized for 27 days. During that hospitalization 788 people were exposed from that one child.

We have vulnerable students at Kenny and in our community who are at risk due to serious health conditions which prevent them from being immunized. Please help us to protect them and others.

Thank you so much!
Ann Lumbar Bendson, RN Licensed School Nurse
Kenny PTA needs volunteers for a Family Reading Night planning committee. The committee will be finding authors and planning fun reading activities for the February 2016 event.

Contact Terri Diamond if you are able to help: diamondLtd@comcast.net, or call (612) 269-2550
Thanks everyone for continuing to collect and clip box tops!

Variety Show slips are going home today!
Tryouts Wednesday, December 16th
SIGN UP BY DECEMBER 11
How about an act with the whole family?

Junie B. Jones
in Jingle Bells, Batman Smells!
Sassy, Silly and Super-Fun for the Holidays!
Youth Performance Company presents naughty-not-nice fun in:
"Junie B. Jones in Jingle Bells, Batman Smells"
Dates: December 4 - 20, 2015
Performance Location:
Howard Conn Fine Arts Center 1900 Nicollet Ave, Minneapolis (corner of Franklin and Nicollet)
Phone: 612.623.9080
Web: youthperformanceco.org
Ticket Prices:
$15 for adults
$12 for children/seniors
$10 for weekend groups (10+)
$7 for weekday groups (10+)
Opening Night:
$5 on Saturday, December 5 at 7:00pm online only
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
Coming up Tuesday, December 8:

5:30pm Site Council Meeting

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

6:30pm Celebrate the State of the School

7:00pm PTA Meeting

(No PTA meeting December 1)

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MARCH MAGIC

The popular “wine wall” will be back at March Magic for a second year! Stop by South Lyndale Liquors to donate a bottle of wine in support of the Kenny Foundation and March Magic. The donation box is located near the checkout lanes.

Thank you for your support!
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.

Become 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@mnec.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

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Stay Informed

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

Kenny Community School
Growing and Learning Together
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.