G'day!

We are so excited about the new Positive Behavior Program here at Kenny! Kenny staff are giving out Kangaroo Koupons throughout the day to students who they see living out the themes in our student of the month song: Always Try Your Best, Be Prepared, Cooperate, and Respect. All classrooms collect student coupons for a weekly drawing. Drawings are held for Kindergarten through 2nd grade and 3rd through 5th grades. The winners of the drawings are announced in the Friday morning announcements to great anticipation and excitement. Prizes have included books from the Book Fair, gift cards, Subway delivered by Kangaroo Ken during student lunch, and Vikings tickets. Our hope is to support a positive building climate, to increase students’ positive behavior, and focus on the many terrific qualities of our students at Kenny. We are always looking for new, exciting incentives to add. Donations can be dropped off to Mr. Gibbs or Mr. Gawienowski.

Peter Gawienowski, School Social Worker
Susan Thomas, School Psychologist

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Dates to Remember

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Last Day!
The Kenny Book Fair is Open... ONLINE

The Book Fair in the Media Center might be closed, but you can order great books and benefit Kenny through the end of TODAY, Wednesday, December 7th. Log in and order great holiday gifts!


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

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EXCITING NEWS ... KENNY BAND MOVES TO THURSDAYS STARTING THIS WEEK!

Our new band instructor will be our own music teacher, Lorna Beth Hutter.
Thinking about 6th Grade...

The deadline for School Choice for next year is rapidly approaching. Principal Jackie Hanson and the staff and students of Anthony Middle School invite prospective students and their families to visit their school.

Anthony Middle School offers 885 students a rigorous academic program with a variety of electives, including Spanish, Japanese, French, Gateway to Technology, band, choir, art, PE/Health and AVID.

Anthony has begun the intensive authorization process to become an IB World School offering the IB Middle Years Program (MYP). The MYP program in grades 6 through 8 guides students in developing intellectual discipline, strategies and skills that result in critical thinking and prepares them for success in high school.

Along with the many tours that we are offering, we will have an Information Evening on Thursday, January 19th at 6:00 p.m. in our auditorium.

There are student-led tours beginning in December for families interested in sending their children to Anthony. You are encouraged to contact the school at 612-668-3240 to let us know what day you would like to join a school tour. If there are any schedule changes that could influence your visitation, we would let you know at that time.

School Tour Schedule:
- Monday, December 12 9:30 am
- Thursday, December 15 3:00 pm
- Wednesday, January 11 3:00 pm
- Thursday, January 26 3:00 pm
- Tuesday, January 31 9:30 am
- Tuesday, February 2 3:00 pm
- Tuesday, February 7 9:30 am
- Thursday, February 14 9:30 am
- Thursday, February 16 3:00 pm
- Thursday, February 23 3:00 pm
- Monday, February 27 9:30 am
- Tuesday, February 28 3:00 pm

For more information about Anthony Middle School, visit our website at http://anthony.mpls.k12.mn.us.

K-8 School Information Fair will be held at the Hyatt Regency, 1300 Nicollet Mall, on Saturday, January 21, 2012 (9 am - 2 pm).

School Request Cards are due on Wednesday, February 29, 2012.

Speed Stack Orders

Don’t Forget—Speed Stack orders are due by Dec. 8th!

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.

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.

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
Making Kenny Great: Volunteers

Thanks to the many volunteers who worked at the Kenny Book Fair! We had more than 30 parents and friends set, sort, sell and pack books. The sale grossed more than $7,000 with a % returned to Kenny.

Thanks volunteers and shoppers!

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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.

Older Computers for Students!

If your child qualifies for free/reduced lunch, you may be eligible to receive an eMac or PC that was previously used in the schools for your student to use at home.

If interested, please contact Dianne Kersteter, the Media teacher here at Kenny. You may send a note with your child, email (Dianne.Kersteter@mpls.k12.mn.us), or call (612-668-3340). You will need to pick the computer up from Kenny, should you receive one.

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, 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.
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!
MINNEAPOLIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
STUDENT ACTIVITIES DEPARTMENT

23rd “Check It Out!” CHESS TOURNAMENT

December 17, 2011 - 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
North High School
1500 James Avenue North
(Enter on Knox Avenue side of building)

REGISTRATION FORM

Student Name: ______________________________ M  F (circle one)

School Name: ______________________________ Grade_______

Home Telephone: _______________________________

We would appreciate having an adult (a parent or staff member) represent each school that is participating in the chess competition.

There are four divisions:
  Grades K-3, Grades 4-6, Grades 7-8, and Grades 9-12.

We look forward to your participation and want you to have a great time with a challenging experience. Students will receive trophies for placing in first through third in each division. There will also be team plaques.

Lunch will be served.

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE DUE BY December 9, 2011.

FAX number is 668-0155 (Student Activities). School coaches may email a list of students who will be participating as long as list includes name, gender & grade of each student.

STUDENTS MUST REGISTER THROUGH THEIR SCHOOLS.

Questions?? Contact Derek Emery–668-0167 or Pam Olson-668-0157 in the Student Activities Office, or Email: derek.emery@mpls.k12.mn.us or polson@mpls.k12.mn.us