Hello Kenny Families,

The Fall Festival Friday night was amazing. The Kenny families all had a great time. We need to give a big thank you to the PTA and parent coordinators Amy Lynch, Kathy McKay, Jen Trudeau and Rebecca Lee!

Thursday September 24, is our Curriculum Night Open House. This is a night when parents get to come to school to find out what the children will be learning this year. I will do a 15 minute overview at 6:00 and 7:05 and then each classrooms/grade level will give a 20 minute presentation on the curriculum that will be covered this year and any homework expectations. The presentations will then be repeated so you can visit a second classroom or specialist. Parents have appreciated this night in past years. I hope to see you there.

Please watch the school calendar and school website closely. There is a lot going on at Kenny and we want you to stay informed through the newsletters and website. We are planning to send Kenny handbook/calendars home next Wednesday. That is also filled with valuable Kenny information.

As always, thanks for all you do make Kenny the amazing school it is.

Bill Gibbs, Principal

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**Dates to Remember**

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**Contact Kenny School:**

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Bill Gibbs, Principal
William.Gibbs@mpls.k12.mn.us http://kenny.mpls.k12.mn.us
Main Office: 612-668-3340 Fax: 612-668-3350
Attendance: 612-668-3346 Minneapolis Kids: 612-668-3344
Kenny school families: you can now enter your family information online, for inclusion in the 2015-16 Kenny PTA Directory!

Please click on the link below by SEPTEMBER 30
Directories will be distributed in October.
If you have any questions, please contact our Family Liaison LaToya Peterson at: latoya.peterson@mpls.k12.mn.us or (612) 668-3365

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1dtOpv4hpGLojTH928Lx4h1uxAxNW6xovM8VuLEDYh4Y/viewform?usp=send_form#start=invite

Wanted: Art Adventure Volunteers!

Looking for a fun way to be involved in your child’s classroom? Volunteer for Art Adventure!

Art Adventure brings art to the classroom through a partnership with the Minneapolis Institute of Art. Volunteers facilitate discussion about the art. This year’s theme is “People and Their Environment.”

Volunteers attend a training this fall, and then lead 3 classroom visits in the winter. You do not need to have an art background to sign up – just an interest in looking at and learning about art!

We are still looking for volunteers in these classrooms: Ms. Lamberty, Ms. Schinneer, Ms. Peterson, and Mr. Mastel.

Interested? Want more info?
Contact Kris Woll at kriswoll@gmail.com

Parents/Guardians,
Please Mark Your Calendars Now
Kenny School Curriculum Night
This Thursday, Sept 24 at 6:00pm

6:00-6:15 Opening with Mr. Gibbs in the Media Center
6:20-6:40 Visit Classroom or Specialist
6:45-7:05 Visit Classroom or Specialist
7:05-7:30 Repeat with Mr. Gibbs in the Media Center

Come listen to your child’s teacher explain what your child will be learning this year. You can ask questions, too! If you have more than one child at Kenny, there will be an opportunity to visit two classrooms. Questions? Contact Peggy Kirkpatrick (pkkirkpatrick@usfamily.net).
In this week’s Wednesday folder you’ll find the Fit n’ Fun Walk pledge envelopes and information. Consider joining the whole school on Friday, October 9th at 1:15 as we get fit and have fun fulfilling our promise to walk in return for generous pledges. Walk with your student’s class or just cheer the walkers on… everyone is welcome!

In the meantime, support Kenny by collecting pledges the PTA uses to support our community, families and staff with great events and opportunities!

**Pledge envelopes are due October 7th**

**Questions?** Contact Kendra Kramer at kendrajkramer@gmail.com

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**Used Computers for Students**

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

**If interested, please contact:**
Dianne Kersteter, Media teacher
dianne.kersteter@mpls.k12.mn.us
or
LaToya Peterson, Family Liaison
latoya.peterson@mpls.k12.mn.us

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**Keep clipping BOX TOPS for Education for Kenny School!**

The official BOX TOP collection jar is in the school office by the teacher’s mailboxes; drop them off anytime!

*Please note we are ONLY collecting box tops, NOT soup labels, milk caps, ink cartridges, etc. THANKS!*
Volunteers Needed!

What: School Picture Day
When: Wednesday, October 7th
Time: 8:15am-11:15am
Where: Media Center

Kenny families, we have a number of Kenny School and Kenny family focused events coming up and we are looking for volunteers!

Please take a look at the link below if you are available and interested in helping at the next School Day event:

Picture Day Volunteer Sign Up

If you have any questions, please contact LaToya Peterson, Kenny Family Liaison at 612-668-3365 or at LaToya.Peterson@mpls.k12.mn.us

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 to photo@hajiani.com

Parents- Do you enjoy taking pictures or being creative? Volunteer for Kenny’s Yearbook Committee! If interested, contact Rita at rita@hajiani.com.
Parents/Guardians, Please Plan to Attend the Kenny PTA’s Next Meeting

Tuesday, October 6 at 7:00 pm in the Kenny Media Center

Come and hear plans for the year, share your ideas, and learn how you can get involved in our terrific school! Questions? Please contact PTA Co-Chairs Terri Diamond (diamondltd@comcast.net) or Peggy Kirkpatrick (pkkfrkpatrick@usfamily.net).

Kenny Foundation

Kenny Foundation Updates:

Employee Giving/United Way Campaigns

Did you know? The Kenny Foundation received over $7,500 last year from United Way gift designations and Employee Giving campaigns! Since Kenny Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, you can assign the Kenny Foundation as your beneficiary. Last year, we received donations through General Mills, Northland Aluminum, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Ameriprise, United Health Group, Wells Fargo, 3M, University of MN, Thomson Reuters and more! For more information: http://kenny.mpls.k12.mn.us/Giving_to_the_Foundation

Key information you'll need:
Kenny School Foundation
5720 Emerson Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55419
EIN # 75-3071701

September Foundation Update

At the September meeting, The Kenny Foundation approved $2,640 in funding for art supplies to the Kenny School Art Department for the 2015-16 school year. This generous grant provides supplemental supplies to ensure the arts are a part of our students’ lives, bringing quality art materials into the classroom; materials that support Minnesota academic standards' based lessons.

The next Foundation meeting is October 6 at 6pm in the Media Center

Acclaimed young adult novel staged by Youth Performance Company

Can one young person change the world? Area youth featured in live theater production of popular book and movie
The Giver: adapted by Eric Cobel from the Newbery Award-winning book by Lois Lowry

Dates: October 8 - 25, 2015
Performance Location: Howard Conn Fine Arts Center, in Plymouth Congregational Church, 1900 Nicollet Avenue (at Franklin), Minneapolis, MN. Free parking in church lot
Tickets: $15 for adults, $12 for children/seniors, $10 for weekend groups (10+), $7 for weekday groups (10+)
Opening night special: $5 tickets on Saturday, October 10, 7:30 p.m. (online only)
Box office: 612-623-9080
Web: youthperformanceco.org
The 2015 Minnesota State Fair highlighted the skills and talents of many young people from across our great state. Kenny School artists were proud to be among the participants. The K-12 Education Competition presented an exhibition of the work of Minnesota students in Kindergarten through grade 12. Students entering in Individual Exhibits were submitted in a variety of art education media categories. More than 3,500 items were entered for juried exhibition. Due to the large volume of entries, only first, second and third place entries were displayed, even though a great number of honorable mention and participation awards were presented!

The Kenny School 2015 Education participants:

Olivia Doig, 2nd grade, painting-mixed media, earning honored participant.
Evelyn Brady, Kindergarten, painting-mixed media, earning honored participant.
Scarlet McKay, 2nd grade, Drawing-mixed media, earning honored participant.
Alayna Erpelding, 3rd grade, Painting-mixed media, earning 2nd Place ribbon.
Amiyah Wilson, 3rd grade, Paper Collages, earning 3rd Place ribbon.
Nicholas D Avenriep, 3rd grade, Clay Sculpture, earning 3rd Place ribbon.

Congratulations to our honored Minnesota State Fair Education participants and place winners!

-Mrs. McGovern, Kenny Art Teacher

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Parent Conferences
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
STUDENT DROP OFF:

The staff is respectfully requesting students be dropped off at the front door in the morning. 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 going through the office will be asked to sign in.

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.