Hello Kenny Families!

As first semester comes to a close, I want to thank you for the amazing learning experience I am having. The Kenny Community has welcomed me and made me feel a part of the family. Kenny is an amazing school that I am proud to represent in meetings and the envy of my peers To be at a Rewards school, with such veteran and skilled teachers and administrator, is truly an honor - thank you!

When we returned from break, a salad bar was set up in the cafeteria. Students are invited to take fresh fruits and vegetables from the salad bar in addition to their lunch. There are different types of salads and students are encouraged to try new things. Healthy eating is becoming cool!

We have also received additional funding from the district to hire a 30-hour associate educator to support our higher-class sizes. We have received applications and will be starting interviews on Friday (January 15th) to fill this position. This role will serve primarily the 4th grade for reading and math intervention and will also provide supervision during lunch and recess.

As always, thanks for all you do to make Kenny the amazing community school it is!

Jessica Peifer, Principal Intern

REMINDERS:

No School Fri, Jan 15, Mon, Jan 18, or Tues, Jan 19
No After School Classes Weds, Jan 20 or Thurs, Jan 21
(NO ALC – Band or Community Ed )
Please Help Us Prep For Music Room Remodel

Some remodeling work will be done in the Music/Fine Arts room over MLK weekend (all materials and labor donated by NELSON corporation). We are looking for volunteers to move furniture and help take down wall hangings.

We have two days that help is needed:

Thurs Jan 14: Meet at 2:35 in the music room for take down/move out. 5-6 people needed.

Tues Jan 19: Meet at 1:00pm in music room to re-set up the room/move furniture back in. 5-6 people needed.

We need adult help, but older kids could probably join their parents and help, too. Please contact Megan Peterson at mmpeterson322@gmail.com to sign up.
From the Music Room:

Dear 4th Grade Families!

Recorder Order Forms are DUE TODAY, JANUARY 13!

All students should turn in a form whether or not they are purchasing one (so I know if one is being brought from home or if you wish to use a school owned recorder).

Recorders are $3 (cash or check made payable to Kenny Elementary). Please remember to put the student's name with the money and form! Contact me with any questions.

Rachel Wixson
General Music
Rachel.Wixson@mpls.k12.mn.us
Check your Wednesday folder for an opportunity to host a Great Gathering for March Magic.

See you on March 12th

Kenny School Diaper Drive

Caring, that's what we do! You care about me and I care about you!

Diaper drive challenge Jan 3-27th
Let's see how many diapers we can collect for People Serving People!

We are having a friendly competition: K&1, 2&3, 4&5!
Let's cover some tushy! Bring in any size baby diapers and place them in the corresponding plastic tubs by the front office! Ready, set, fill!

Thanks for helping our community!
Dear Parents and Guardians,

Through a partnership between Kenny School, our community, and an organization called “The Sheridan Story,” you have the opportunity to sign your child up to receive a free bag of non-perishable food each Friday.

- **Food each weekend**
- **Your family’s privacy protected**
- **Completely FREE**

We know our students have incredible potential, and as a school and a community, we believe providing consistent healthy meals is one way we can help them reach that potential.

**Deadline to opt in to the food program is Wednesday, January 20**

Please sign the permission slip (available in the Kenny School office) to join the program.

If you have any questions, please contact the Kenny Family Liaison:
LaToya Peterson
Phone: 612-668-3365
Email: LaToya.Peterson@mpls.k12.mn.us
Youth Performance Company Presents…

Youth Performance Company at the Howard Conn Performing Arts Center
1900 Nicollet Avenue (at Franklin) in Minneapolis (free lot parking)
Box office: 612.623.9080 or (LINK): youthperformanceco.org

Just Before Sleep tells the story of homelessness through the lives of two young people. Compelling drama performed by area youth in Youth Performance Company production. Here in Minnesota, the most recent study of homelessness from Wilder Research counted 10,182 homeless people, and estimates that more than 14,000 Minnesotans are homeless on a given night, many of them children and young people.

January 29 - February 24
Tickets: $7 to $15

High Priority: small cylinder containers from oatmeal or grits (approximately 18-24 oz size)
- egg cartons- paper only
- cottage cheese or yogurt plastic containers (16 or 24 oz) Please ---not individual size.
- Trims- ribbon, lace, braid….any amount.

Please do not send TP rolls, milk containers, or glass jars.

Thank you for all your help in keeping the art department filled with inspiring materials!
Mrs. McGovern
Art Teacher
Room 123

Art Room Wish List:

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Room 123
You are invited to come learn more about our school and take a tour of the building. We look forward to meeting you!

Any questions, please contact the school at 612-668-3240.

**WHEN**: Thursday, January 14th 6:00 – 7:30pm

- Welcome presentation starts at 6pm in the school auditorium
- Tours start around 6:30pm right after the presentation

**WHO**: All incoming families of 6th – 8th grade students for the 2016-2017 school year in the Anthony and surrounding areas.

**Reminder**: school requests due March 5th, 2016
Join us at the next PTA Meeting
All parents, guardians, teachers and staff are welcome to attend.

Tuesday, February 2, 2016
7:00 p.m.
Kenny School Media Center (enter through the front door)
*Child care will be provided

The meeting agenda will include:
1) PTA business
2) Presentation on "Advanced Learner Identification" by Janee Rivard Johnson (Kenny 5th grade teacher)

Also please note that the PTA has a Spring Carnival Chair/Co-chair opening for the June 2 event.

2015-2016 PTA Officers:
Terri Diamond and Peggy Kirkpatrick, Co-Presidents
Jan Tylko, Treasurer
Megan Schueth, Secretary

Questions? Contact us at: diamondLtd@comcast.net or pkkirkpatrick@usfamily.net

Family Reading Night
Save the date!

Save the date for Family Reading Night on Thursday, February, 25 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Contact Terri Diamond with any questions: diamondLtd@comcast.net, or call (612) 269-2550
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@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

MinnesotaReadingCorps.org
Be sure to sign-up for the Kenny Electronic Newsletter!

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

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

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

Join us on Facebook & keep up with all the latest Kenny news
http://www.facebook.com/kennyppta
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. You 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.