Hello Kenny Families,

It has been another great week at Kenny. We started off the week with a great celebration of learning - our monthly student of the month assembly. Ms. Kersteter announced at the assembly that the children achieved their goal of reading over 1 million minutes. That means I get to go in a dunk tank at the Kenny Carnival.

Also at student of the month, the first, second, and third graders sang for us. Tomorrow, the third and fourth graders will be singing for the school at 1:40. Our music teaching substitute, Lesley Rushton, has done a great job of stepping in for Mrs. Hutter this spring. It is pretty amazing for a substitute teacher to step in and offer school-wide performances. Thank you Ms. Rushton.

Mrs. Hutter’s twins have arrived. Cicely Ruth, 6lb 7oz & Mark Bradley, 7lb 8oz were born Saturday, April 12th at 5:48 and 6:23am! One of the Kenny parents was a nurse on duty that morning. Too fun.

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

Bill Gibbs, Principal
Kenny Students Read 1,000,000 minutes!

Kenny students: Congratulations on achieving your reading goals!

Mr Gibbs: We’ll see you in the Dunk Tank!

You definitely won’t want to miss this year’s Kenny Spring Carnival, where Mr. Gibbs will sit in the dunk tank wearing the new swim trunks he received at the student assembly Monday!

Barnes & Noble Book Fair

Congratulations Tobias!

Our grand prize winner of a Nook from the book fair is Tobias from Room 106. Congratulations! Keep on reading.

We would like to thank Janet Bomar, Peggy Kirkpatrick, and Tammy Woodhouse for volunteering to help with the book fair. Thanks for helping make our event run so smoothly!

Tracy Smith and Chris Colston
book fair chairs

Box Tops

Keep collecting Box Tops to earn money for Kenny School!

Three River’s Park District

We are very excited about the new naturalist and residence partnership program we have with Three River’s Park District. A team of naturalist’s will be coming to spend 90 minutes with our K-3rd graders and 2 hours with our 4 & 5th graders. The naturalist lessons will be geared around the curriculum being studied in the classroom and also focused on the nature in our rain garden. More information will follow in the next few weeks.
**Bachman’s Gift Card Sale**

**BACHMAN’S GIFT CARD SALE GOING ON NOW!**

Order Bachman’s Gift Cards and Support Kenny School!

Gift cards ordered by 4/25 will be available for pick up in the lobby after school from 2pm-4pm on Friday May 9th.

There is still time to order Gift Cards! Return orders by Wednesday, May 21.

Pick-up Gift Cards at Kenny Carnival on Thursday, May 29.

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**KENNY will receive 15% of total gift card sales!**

Questions? OR to request additional order forms, contact:
Jessica McLawhorn, jjmclawhorn@gmail.com or 651-261-0632

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**Kenny Garden Day 2014**

Thanks to Kenny families who have registered to join us for Little Free Library & Garden Day, Saturday, May 10!

If you have not registered yet, you can register online at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1NyBSs39BMAfQv9x3T5UjJoO4p12VijJtf0a2flDlRlE/viewform?usp=send_form or email chrisbreva@gmail.com this week.

We’ll be "spring cleaning" in Kenny School’s gardens from 9 - 11:30 am, then "planting" and filling our new Little Free Library with books for Kenny students and families to share. No special gardening expertise needed - this is a fun family volunteer opportunity with gloves, tools and snacks on hand!

**Thank you for helping us make Kenny’s gardens shine this spring and summer!**
Spring is finally here and we are ready to get outside, get moving and enjoy the warmer weather!

Our annual Field Day is approaching and we need volunteers!

Please call or contact Jennifer Johnson at jennifer.l.johnson@mpls.k12.mn.us to sign up to run a station.

Here is how the day will look:

3rd-5th grades (and rooms 101 & 120) will be outside from 8:30-10:00 am

Kindergarten to 2nd grade will be outside from 12:00-1:30 pm

The entire school will be back outside for the final event and treats at 1:30 pm

Please join us for a day of fitness and fun!!
Saturday, May 24
8:00 am - 4:00 pm
at 5729 Oliver Ave S

Here Are 4 Ways You Can Help:
1. Donate items to sell
2. Bring clothing for the clothing drive
3. Shop!
4. Write a check to Gracie’s Room!

Held in conjunction with the Kenny/Armatage neighborhood garage sales.

Please donate items for this very fund-worthy fundraiser!
Drop-off begins Friday, May 16. Call Nikki with questions 612-207-8489.

A donation truck will be available for the clothing drive during the sale.
Both garage sale and drive will be at 5729 Oliver.

All proceeds from the sale will benefit Gracie's Room...
Gracie’s Room strives to provide comfort and happiness to sick kids and their families in honor of Gracie, a beloved member of the Kenny School community.

Safety Patrol Fieldtrip

Volunteers needed for the end of the year Safety Patrol Field Trip to MOA
Nickelodeon Universe Monday, May 19th

Parents can either ride the bus over with the kids or they can meet the bus at the MOA at 10:00 am. We will depart Kenny School at 9:30 am and return to Kenny at 2:00 pm.

We would love to have about 5-7 parent or guardian volunteers.
We do have 3 staff from Kenny going as well.
**Upcoming Meetings**

**Tuesday, May 6:**
- Site Council 5:00 pm
- PTA 7:00 pm

**Tuesday, June 3:**
- Foundation 6:00 pm

Please mark your calendars for these meetings of the Foundation, Site Council.

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**Many Hands Make LIGHT Work**

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**Amazon Smile Fundraiser**

Free & Easy way to raise money for the Kenny Foundation

The Kenny School Foundation is now a registered charitable organization on Amazon Smile. You and your friends & family can sign up for this easy and free way to give money to the Foundation.

All you have to do is go to: [http://smile.amazon.com/ch/75-3071701](http://smile.amazon.com/ch/75-3071701) and shop as you usually do.

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**What is AmazonSmile?**
AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. You can choose from nearly one million organizations to support.

The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases.

**How do I shop at AmazonSmile?** To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to smile.amazon.com from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a bookmark to AmazonSmile to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.

**Which products on AmazonSmile are eligible for charitable donations?** Tens of millions of products on AmazonSmile are eligible for donations. You will see eligible products marked “Eligible for AmazonSmile donation” on their product detail pages. Recurring Subscribe-and-Save purchases and subscription renewals are not currently eligible.

**Can I use my existing Amazon.com account on AmazonSmile?** Yes, you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same.

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**From the Student Council**

**“SCHOOL IS COOL” days!**

Friday, May 2

*Be sure to wear your school spirit!*

You can wear apparel from Kenny, Anthony, Washburn, Southwest or from any other school or college.
One of the highlights of the 5th grade program is a slideshow of our kids through their years at Kenny. Wayne Strom has very generously volunteered to help us with this project. So we need lots of pictures of your 5th graders! Baby pictures, first day of school pictures and pictures of your child with his or her Kenny friends at school throughout the years (but especially this year), on field trips, at school events, etc. Please email your pictures to Wayne: wearstrom@earthlink.net.

We'll also take them on CD, memory stick, SD card, or your preferred digital media (old fashioned developed photos ok too!). Please label all so they can be returned to you, address them to Wayne, and drop them off in the school office.

Please have all pictures to Wayne by May 15th!

Southwest H.S. Super Summer Class:

What Band Instrument Should I Play?

This class is taught by Southwest's International Bacca-laureate band and music director, Keith Liuzzi. It is designed for students who would like to try playing a number of instruments before having to make a decision in the fall, or for those students who already play and would like to learn a second instrument or switch. Instruction will be given on flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, baritone, French horn, violin, tuba, and drums.

Time: 9:30-12:00 noon Weeks #1, #2
Time: 1:00-3:30pm Weeks #1, #2
Cost: $60

As many of our current project leaders and some Leadership Council members with eighth graders will be moving on to high school next year, we have a variety of opportunities that will open up for next year. Some of these positions are for events that are held only one time during the school year. Your volunteering is greatly appreciated at Anthony! Thank You!!

For the PTA Leadership Counsel:

- Treasurer
- Secretary
- PR/ Communications
- PTA Meeting Coordinator

Other Important Positions:

- Fundraisers/Chip Shoppe Coordinator
- SpiritWear
- Panther Post
- Volunteer Coordinator
- School Picture Days
- Teacher Conference Meals
- Welcome Back Teacher Meals
- Student Directory

Please Contact:
ptaanthony@gmail.com
mbrichardson61@gmail.com
**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, even in the morning.

**TRANSPORTATION:**

Send Information to School when:

1. Your student is using a different bus stop.
2. Your student is going home with another student.
   (Note: we need notification from BOTH families)
3. You have an address or daycare change.

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:**

1. Call the Attendance line (612-668-3346) when your student will be absent.
2. Doctors or dentists notes should be brought into school when the student returns to the building.

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**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

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