Hello Kenny Families,

Good news regarding our budget this year! We were able to restore programming to the levels we had at the end of the 14-15 school year. We will be adding two associate educators to staff to provide reading and math interventions and have been approved for four Reading Corp members next year to support literacy in grades K-3. Band will return to the school day and our School Nurse will be here 2 days a week.

Next year, the grade level teaching teams will have 5 days of collaborative time. All students are required to have an hour of music and art each week. In addition, parents and teachers requested two days of PE each week. By going to a 3-day rotation of art, music, and PE, we are able to get very close to those requests. That gives children PE twice every six days. Classroom teachers will take their children to check out books and incorporate technology into the classroom lessons. The new 3 day rotation also allows children to go to specialist at a consistent time every day of the week.

I have been out of the building the last three school days for some amazing opportunities. Last Friday, I was on a team of people who conducted interviews with applicants to be Principals or Assistant Principals in MPS. Ms. Peifer was interviewed by one of the teams that day. Monday and Tuesday of this week, I was in Virginia working with Principals from across the country on a “Principal Supervision Initiative” supported by the Wallace Foundation. It was an intense two days of learning and creating projects. While it is hard to be away from the school, what I learned over those two days was fantastic.

Next Tuesday, the Kenny rope jumping team, the Kenny Kangaroos, will give two performances. At 1:30pm, they will perform their routine for the Kenny children. Then at 6:30pm, they will perform with the other Rope Power teams from across the district at Southwest High School. Our own Ms. Jennifer Johnson is the coordinator for the district-wide event.

This Saturday is the Kenny Foundation March Magic event. I hope to see many of you that night. The theme is Mardi Gras and it will be a great party. This is a really fun way to spend time with other families and raise money for our very supportive Kenny Foundation.

As always, thanks for all you do to support our amazing community school.

Bill Gibbs, Principal

UPDATE: The Windom WERC program promoted in today’s newsletter will take place Kenny School for the Summer of 2016.

Contact Kenny School:
5720 Emerson Avenue S, Minneapolis, MN 55419
Bill Gibbs, Principal  William.Gibbs@mpls.k12.mn.us
Main Office: 612-668-3340 Fax: 612-668-3350
Attendance: 612-668-3346 Minneapolis Kids: 612-668-3344
Link to Kenny School Website: http://kenny.mpls.k12.mn.us

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A Note from the Principal...
LAST CHANCE to Order a Kenny Variety Show DVD!

Don’t Miss Out!

For only $10 you will have memories for years to come! We will take orders until March 18. Order yours today! Please fill out this slip and put it with your payment into an envelope with Variety Show DVD on it.

Any questions – contact Laurie.Hanzal@mpls.k12.mm.us

Child’s Name ______________________ Room # _______
Number of DVDs ______ x $10 = $_______ enclosed

X _______________________________ _________________
Parent signature Phone number

Return order forms to the Kenny office.
read-a-thon in progress!

Dear Amazing Kenny Students & Families,

It is once again that time of year when we, the staff at Kenny school, challenge YOU to read 500,000 minutes!

You have until Friday, April 8 to get your minutes turned in!

Please return completed sheets to your classroom teacher!

Remember when Mr. Gibbs dressed up like a gorilla and had his office on the roof of the school? Or when he kissed a pig on the lips?? Or when he sat in the dunk tank at the Kenny carnival? If you achieve the goal this year (and we know you can), Mr. Gibbs will do some other crazy, wacky thing!

Some details:

- D.E.A.R. every Friday from now until March 25th from 9:15-9:45
- Tracking sheets will go home in Wednesday folders
- For the younger grades, the minutes your parents read to you count!

Please contact Mrs. Kersteter if you have any questions:

dianne.kersteter@mpls.k12.mn.us
FAMILY ENGAGEMENT SURVEY

We want to hear from you!

As we move forward with hiring a Family Liaison and planning for next year, we want to know what is working and what we can do to improve.

Please complete the survey to share with us your thoughts on Family Engagement.

Follow this link to the survey:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KennyParentEngagement

Spring Music Sharing Concerts!

Grades 3-5 will be sharing a few things they've worked on this year at their Music Sharing Concert. It is a chance for students to demonstrate skills and concepts learned throughout the year in a fun and informal setting.

We hope you can join us in the Gymnasium:

Grade 4: Recorder Recital, Thursday, April 7th, 8:15am

Grade 3: Thursday, April 28th 8:15am

*Please note the calendar change for the 2nd Grade concert (the original was a little too close to my due date!)

Grade 2 and Grade 1 may have the opportunity to perform during their music class in late April or early May. Dates and details TBD- stay tuned!

Rachel Wixson, Kenny Music Teacher
Science Expo boards will go home next week, starting March 14th!

There was an explosive response to the Science Expo! 138 students will be showing 92 exciting science exhibits the night of the Science Expo.

The boards are three feet tall and bulky to carry. Please plan ahead if your child will need help carrying it home. If your child is working with other students, the board will be given to the child whose last name is the closest to the beginning of the alphabet. If siblings are working together the board will be given to the child whose first name is closest to the beginning of the alphabet.

Please take a minute to check The label attached to the back of the board. If you have any corrections to your name, topic or have special need the night of the Expo, such as an electrical outlet, e-mail this information to Padma Wudali: padma.wudali@gmail.com.

Plan, get together with your partners and sponsors now and over spring break to complete your trifold presentation for the Kenny Science Expo!

Have fun working on your science projects!

If you have questions, contact parent volunteers Osha Roopnarine (eliastar@gmail.com), Padma Wudali (Padma.wudali@gmail.com) or ask any Kenny School teachers.
ANTHONY MIDDLE SCHOOL
PRESENTS DISNEY’S

THE LION KING JR

MARCH 9TH AT 6:30
MARCH 10TH AT 6:30
MARCH 11TH AT 7:00
MARCH 12TH AT 2:00

ADULTS: $8
STUDENTS: $5
PRESALE: $12

VIP Pre-sale Tickets for sale online now for $12 per seat using this link: Lion King Jr.

Or go directly to Facebook and on either
The Anthony Middle School Facebook
Page OR The Anthony Middle School
Musical Page – each performance is listed
as an event. You can click on the event
date and “find tickets” for each
performance to connect to pay-pal for pur-
chase. Purchasing pre-sale tickets allow
buyers to enter auditorium 45 minutes prior
to performance.

A LIMITED NUMBER OF PRESALE RESERVED SEATS
AVAILABLE ON ANTHONY’S FACEBOOK PAGE FOR $12
Youth Performance Company at the Howard Conn Performing Arts Center
1900 Nicollet Avenue (at Franklin) in Minneapolis (free lot parking)

Tickets: Ask about our school day special rates!
Box office:
612.623.9080
or youthperformanceco.org

April 29 - May 15, 2016

LEGALLY BLONDE
The Musical

WASHBURN HIGH SCHOOL
201 W 4th Street, Minneapolis, MN 55403

MARCH 3rd, 4th, 5th, 10th, 11th, 12th at 7:00pm
MARCH 6th and 13th at 2:00pm

MARCH 3rd PAY WHAT YOU CAN
GENERAL ADMISSION: $5 STUDENTS/$10 ADULTS
RESERVED SEATS: $10 STUDENTS/$15 ADULTS

AVAILABLE AT:
WHITLEGALLYBLONDE.BROWNPAPIERTICKETS.COM

The casts to produce Legally Blonde have been chosen by
Dina Deen, Theatre Educator

Book by Rick Elice, Music & Lyrics by Laurence O"Brien, and Neil Berg
Based on the novel by Amanda Brown and The Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer motion picture

April 29 - May 15, 2016

Sideways Stories from Wayside School

Youth Performance Company at the Howard Conn Performing Arts Center
1900 Nicollet Avenue (at Franklin) in Minneapolis (free lot parking)

Tickets: Ask about our school day special rates!
Box office: 612.623.9080 or youthperformanceco.org
WERC Spanish Summer Camp!

Come join WERC for our summer program! We offer different themes from 7:30 – 12:30 and enrichment activities from 12:30 - 5:30 from Monday through Thursday. You can find registration forms on our website or at WERC Windom. All instruction is in Spanish and it is a great opportunity to learn and practice Spanish during summer vacation while having fun!

Where: KENNY SCHOOL
When: Monday – Thursday from June 13 – July 14; Monday – Friday from August 22-26
Time: 7:30am – 5:30pm
Cost: $170 for camps; $85 for afternoon activities; $75 per day for August Camp
Registration Fee: $25.00
Registration deadline: March 24, 2016

For more information, please visit our website or contact us by email or phone!
Wercprogram.org
wercprogram@gmail.com
612-668-3384
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.

All grade levels can use this resource for research projects they create in collaboration with their classroom teachers. **Foundation has granted our request for Kindergarten through 5th grade subscription!**

You will need a username and password, which your students have been given. It cannot be posted online but 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  dianne.kersteter@mpls.k12.mn.us

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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:
Karen Shannon, Kenny School Social Worker
Karen.Shannon@mpls.k12.mn.us 612-668-3345
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 A strategic initiative of ServeMinnesota
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

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http://www.facebook.com/kennypta
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.