Hello Kenny Families!

There are so many great things going on at Kenny that my head is spinning! Student of the Month on Tuesday was so much fun to come back to from my time away at Hopkins High School. There is nothing quite like the voices of Kindergarten through 5th grade singing about success and the Bees to put a smile on your face. On top of that, a Glee Performance at Barnes and Noble on Thursday will just send us into the weekend on a great ‘note.’

Summer school invitations have been going out and need to be returned as soon as possible. If you would like your child to participate, please talk to your child’s teacher.

New student registration is May 3rd from 4-6pm, in the gymnasium. We are looking forward to a great group of kindergarteners coming in.

The projects and turnout were incredible at the Science Expo. Our students continue to amaze and inspire learning in all areas. Last week, the interview team interviewed several applicants for our open positions. We believe that we already have a rock star team and the new additions are nothing less than that!

Last week, Ms. Broder welcomed Katherine Ann “Kit”, Kenny baby #3 of 6, into the world. We have secured some great long term subs that will be with us until the end of the year. We want to ensure that our students receive nothing but the best. We appreciate all of your support as we transition into next year.

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

Jessica Peifer, Principal Intern

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SPRING TESTING. . .

It’s that time of year again. If you click here or go to the Kenny Website you will see the link: MPS is MCA Ready. Here you will find tips for students, parents and other information to make your student as successful as possible.

At Kenny, third grade students will start MCA testing the week of 4/11. Fourth and Fifth graders will start the week of 4/18. In May, the second graders will take the MAP tests and first graders will take the MPG tests.

The schedule is posted on the website. This schedule is tentative, please communicate with your child’s teacher for the most current test schedule.

SUMMER SESSION ENROLLMENT HAS BEGUN

Registration letters were sent home earlier in April. The deadline to register is May 2nd.

A second registration letter will be sent home next week with those students invited to Summer School.

Summer school for K-4 will be at Burroughs and Kenny 5th graders will be at Ramsey.

The program will be Monday-Thursday June 13-July 21.

Call Linda in the Kenny office at 612-668-3340 if you have any questions about this program.

Please return this form as soon as possible.
The Science Expo goals are to create community among school families and excite students about science. Science Expo 2016 gets an A+ for a fun and informative night!

Student’s creative exhibits and in-depth discussions about their projects showed knowledge of scientific thinking and practices. Thank you to all the students and adults who put together those amazing projects.

Thank you to the dedicated Kenny teachers and parents who support the Expo in many ways – planning, printing, photos, food, presenting, judging and exhibiting. Thank you to Kenny PTA and Kenny Foundation for sponsoring the event. Bravo to the Kenny Foundation for the delicious dinner.

Feedback via email (padma.wudali@gmail.com) is welcome if you would like to see improvements, I am sure some thing or the other must have slipped up during the event. Participation certificates will be on their way soon and I hope students are enjoying their locker magnets from Science Expo 2016. (If some were lost and need replacing I still have a few to spare, please reach out to me)

If you feel this event is valuable and would like to see it continued, please step forward to coordinate next year by contacting Osha Roopnarine or Padma Wudali

Thanks,
Padma
Earth Day 2016!

Kenny Park
Saturday April 23
9 a.m. to noon

The Minneapolis Park & Recreation Earth Day Cleanup was initiated in 1995 to draw attention to the water quality improvement needs of Minneapolis' lakes and the effects that individual actions have on urban water quality.

Help Improve Minneapolis Parks

The goal of Earth Day Cleanup is to provide a volunteer experience and environmental education to Minneapolis residents and park users. This annual event involves cleaning Minneapolis parks, neighborhoods, watersheds and water bodies including the Chain of Lakes, Lake Nokomis, Lake Hiawatha, Powderhorn Lake, Diamond Lake, Shingle Creek, Minnehaha Creek, Basset's Creek and the Mississippi River. Since the inception of the Earth Day cleanup we have removed more than 140,000 pounds of garbage from Minneapolis parks.

Learn About Our Environment and Community

In addition to cleanup efforts, environmental education is a key part of our Earth Day efforts. Onsite programs offer volunteers the opportunity to learn about various issues affecting our environment and community today. The programs are designed for individuals of all ages.

Individuals and Small Groups

It's easy to get involved in Earth Day Cleanup 2016. No pre-registration is required! Arrive at Kenny Park between 9:00 am and noon, and check in at the registration table. A site coordinator will provide you with gloves (if you did not bring any) and bags, and instruct you where to go and where to leave trash. Every site has a coordinator available to assist volunteers and to answer any questions you may have.

Large Groups

If you have a group of 20 or more volunteers looking for a site, please contact Erica Chua at echua@minneapolisparks.org or 612-230-6479 for a list of sites that can accommodate your group.

The Kenny Park Earth Day Cleanup site is sponsored by Minneapolis Parks & Rec, Minneapolis Community Education Southwest Team and Kenny Neighborhood Association

For Info, please call Cyndi Fraedrich at 612 668-3256.
Come hear a presentation on Responsive Classroom by Jennifer Gottenborg (Instruction Specialist) and Megan Hardesty (First Grade teacher). Also, learn about PTA plans for the remainder of the school year and early plans for next year. Find out more opportunities to get involved in our great Kenny community!

Peggy and Terri’s two-year term as Co-Chairs of the PTA is coming to an end this spring. Therefore, the PTA is seeking either two new Co-Chairs or a single Chair beginning in the 2016-17 school year. If you are interested in volunteering or have questions, please contact Peggy (pkkirkpatrick@usfamily.net) or Terri (diamondltd@comcast.net).

Please join us for the final PTA meeting of the school year!

Tuesday, May 3 at 7:00 pm

Kenny School Media Center (enter through the front door)
*Child care will be provided

BREAKING NEWS!

Kenny’s Spring Carnival is ON!!

Shannon Gunaca has graciously volunteered to Chair the annual Spring Carnival this year. Kathy McKay has agreed to help coordinate the event, too, and there are others stepping forward as well. Thank you Shannon, Kathy, and everyone else who is pitching in to make the Spring Carnival a reality. Mark your calendars for Thursday, June 2, and consider how you too might lend a hand in making the Carnival a wonderful end-of-the-year celebration!

We are looking for someone to make copies of the Variety Show DVD. The master copy will be completed by next week.

If you have the skills to do this, please contact Laurie Hanzal at laurie.hanzal@mpls.k12.mn.us Thanks!

PS: If you ordered a DVD, you will receive it as soon as the copies are made. We’re working on it!
Kenny PTA BACHMAN’S GIFT CARD SALE

Purchase Bachman’s Gift Cards by April 28 and Support Kenny School!

Here’s how it works:

Use the order form, in the newsletter or sent home with students on April 6th, to purchase Bachman’s gift cards in any $5 increment amount from $5-500

Gift cards ordered by 4/28 will be available for pick up in the lobby after school from 2pm-4pm on Friday May 13th

Redeem gift cards at any Bachman’s Floral, Gift and Garden Centers throughout the Twin Cities area, as well as through Bachman’s call center and at bachmans.com

Use Gift cards to buy ANYTHING at Bachman’s, including fresh flowers, plants and shrubs, home décor, holiday gifts, garden items and more

KENNY will receive 15% of total gift card sales!

Please note, the 15% rebate is not eligible on gift cards purchased at Bachman’s retail stores, so make sure to place your order through KENNY

*make checks payable to Kenny PTA

Questions? Contact Jessica McLawhorn, jimclawhorn@gmail.com or 651-261-0632

Gift Cards for the Gardens

While you’re working on your Bachman’s gift card order form, please consider donating $5, $10 or more in gift cards to be used for plants and other supplies for the Kenny gardens. Plans are in the works for adding new plants to the front Kenny sign bed and other areas and mulch is needed as well. Just designate “Kenny Gardens” as the Customer Name with the amount you’d like to give and we’ll use the money to help our gardens grow.

Hopefully we can plant some of these beauties on Garden Day – May 14th!
**Gift Card Fundraising for KENNY PTA**

Student Name________________________  Room#____________________

**Customer Order Form**

*Bachman’s Gift Cards are available in $5.00 increments, from $5.00 to $500.00.*

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Grade 3 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 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!)

Due to pregnancy complications, I will not be able to do performances for 1st and 2nd grades this spring. They will have this opportunity next year! Thank you for your understanding!

Rachel Wixson, Kenny Music Teacher

IT'S TIME FOR FIELD DAY AGAIN!

Thursday, May 19th

(Rain date 20th)

8:30-10:00 3rd-5th grade

12:00-1:30 K-2nd grade

1:30-2:00 All students for Popsicles and final Teacher vs. Student event

I AM LOOKING FOR PARENT VOLUNTEERS TO HELP BOTH MORNING AND AFTERNOON SESSIONS.

Contact me JenniferL.Johnson@mpls.k12.mn.us
Thanks so much!!!!!
Anthony Color Run and Family Day

Thursday, May 19, 2016  3:30 - 7:30 pm

All families, friends, relatives, and neighbors are invited to Anthony Middle School’s 2nd Annual Family Day. It kicks off with a Color Run Fundraiser which is open to anyone who wants to participate. (Details are on our website.) Then we will have a free supper, a dunk tank, and performances from our students, as well as other fun activities like a Pizza Garden planting/plant sale and more. Let’s celebrate another successful year together!
Volunteer needed for Kenny Spiritwear program for next year.
I have done it for several years and it is an ideal volunteer post for a parent who has a tough time volunteering during school hours. Current structure is easy to run with no experience, but there is also room to improve the program for someone with graphic design skills or more robust apparel experience.

Contact Sally Johnson, 612-715-8017 or sally_vardaman_johnson@yahoo.com

Kenny Gardens Spring Cleaning Coming Soon!
Kenny PTA’s annual Garden Day returns on Saturday, May 14 from 8:30 - 11 a.m.

We invite you to join fellow Kenny families - children welcome! - for a morning of light raking, weeding and mulching in our beautiful rain gardens. Watch backpacks and weekly newsletters for more information soon. We look forward to seeing you!

Kenny Garden Day Committee - Chris Breva, Lynn Meyer, Jess Wood

Diapers Needed
Kenny Families:
Any diapers your kids have outgrown are welcome to be donated in the ECFE room 138!
The diapers will be donated to families in need.
Thank you!

Third grade artists display their group collage in the Ordway Artwalk!
The Native American artist, George Morrison’s wood collages and prints inspired the student collage.
Student artwork from around the city will be on display.

Come to downtown Saint Paul to see the ARTWALK, May 7–June 5
YOU'RE INVITED

CLEAR CHANNEL OUTDOOR

ART WALK

RECEPTION

SAT MAY 7, 2016
9:30AM RECEPTION AND ENTERTAINMENT
10:30AM TOUR THE ARTWALK
ORDWAY 345 Washington Street, Saint Paul

Come celebrate the visual art achievements of the young artists participating in the 2016 ARTwalk!

Friends, family and educators are invited to join their young artists for refreshments, and an interactive Latin dance performance with Giselle Mejia. In addition, young artists can create a masterpiece at the art activity table sponsored by the Minnesota Museum of American Art, or strike a pose dressed in traditional Vietnamese clothing provided by the Hoang Anh Vietnamese Dance Group.

RSVP online at ordway.org/artwalkrsvp by May 5, 2016.

Questions? Call 651.282.3018 or email bjepsen@ordway.org

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International Children’s Festival
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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
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

After a single semester of tutoring, students tutored by Minnesota Reading Corps members achieved significantly higher literacy levels than students without such tutors.

One year. This year.
Join Minnesota Reading Corps

To apply or more information, visit [www.MinnesotaReadingCorps.org](http://www.MinnesotaReadingCorps.org)
Contact recruitment@mnec.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

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.

- 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.