Updates from the Positive School-wide Engagement Committee (PSWE)

Arrival Procedures:

Due to student safety concerns, immediate changes will be made in the arrival procedures at Kenny School. On a daily basis, there have been as many as 50 students in the lobby area, which overflows into the office. Some students have been dropped off as early as 7:20am. We simply do not have staff available to supervise students prior to 7:50am.

Beginning on Monday (May 16th), students will not be allowed into the building before the first bell at 7:50am. If parents need before school care, they can connect with Minneapolis Kids by calling (612)668-3890. We understand this may disrupt some morning routines, but we feel this is a necessary step to ensure the safety of all students.

The Kenny School day officially starts at 8:05. Students are not marked tardy until 8:15, shortly after the morning announcements.

Dismissal Procedures:

2:25 Students that walk, those for parent pick up and those attending Mpls Kids will leave their classrooms.

2:30 Students in Kindergarten – 2nd Grade, that ride the bus will leave their classroom.

2:35 Students in 3rd Grade – 5th Grade, that ride the bus will leave their classroom.

2:40 All buses depart, after final call for students that ride the bus.

We appreciate your support and everything you do for Kenny School.

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Garden Day This Saturday!

Kenny PTA’s annual Garden Day is this Saturday, May 14 from 8:30 - 11am.

We invite you to join fellow Kenny families and students for a morning of light raking, weeding and mulching in our beautiful rain gardens.

Wood chips this year! The Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board is donating a load of wood chips and we need your help to spread them in high-traffic areas and among our planting beds. Wheelbarrows, shovels, and rakes will help us get this done quickly - please bring these tools if you have them!

RSVP or questions: chrisbreva@gmail.com or 612-701-3206.

We look forward to seeing you!

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

THANK YOU KENNY VOLUNTEERS

If you have time to create it or make it better, feel free!

To: Every one who has volunteered in any capacity this school year
From: The Kenny Staff

We sometimes take for granted in the rush of all we do
And forget to say a special thanks to volunteers like you!
So we have a treat to give you to show how much we know
Your gifts of time and of yourself help all our kids to grow!

WE APPRECIATE YOU! Stop by Linda's desk in the office during the week of May 23 - 27.
SUMMER SESSION REGISTRATION DUE NOW!

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 the registration form this week.

GEMS/GISE SUMMER PROGRAM:

GEMS & GISE Summer STEM Academy is inviting all Minneapolis Public School students currently in grades K-7 to attend this summer program. This link will take you to the information page http://alc.mpls.k12.mn.us/summer_school.

The application is available at the bottom of this page or in the Kenny Office.

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The Kenny Foundation held its last meeting of the 2015-16 school year. At the meeting, Shannon Gunaca was elected Chairperson for the 2016-17 school year and Charlie Wolfe agreed to stay on as Treasurer. We will be looking for a Vice Chair and Secretary next year.

Several proposals for funding were approved by the board:

Funding for Sheridan Story: This is a weekend food program that currently 32 Kenny students are enrolled in. Bags of non-perishable food are discretely placed in student backpacks Friday afternoon to support them through the weekend. This funding will continue the program through the entire next school year: $4,160

Elkay Water Bottle Stations: One to two of the main hallway foundations will be replaced. This drinking foundation/water bottle station filter water and fill water bottles in 3-seconds: $5,000

Art Supplies for the 2016-17 school year: Ms. McGovern is truly amazing and she’ll continue her incredible student work next year, across many art mediums with supplemental supplies, like paint, clay, glazes, fabric, etc.: $2,940

New Tug-O-War rope for Ms. Johnson: $65

Thank you to the Kenny parents who dedicated time and energy to our meetings as board members this school year: David Adams, Janet Bomar, Heather Garnett, Shannon Gunaca, Jennifer Knutson, Kendra Kramer, Sarah Kuhn, Megan Peterson, Kristen Walker, Charlie Wolfe, and Erik Wood.

Please consider being a board member next year - watch the school calendar for meeting dates. The Kenny Foundation receives generous donations from parents, community members and from the March Magic fundraiser. The board members role is to review and vote staff and parent proposals for funding.
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

Volunteer Update:

Morning: I still need 4-5 more volunteers
Afternoon: I just need a back-up/runner volunteer

Contact me JenniferL.Johnson@mpls.k12.mn.us
Thanks so much!!!!!
Looking for Volunteers:
If you are interested in helping out with the Spring Carnival please contact Shannon Gunaca at slgunaca@hotmail.com.

Pop Toss:
How much pop could a Kenny kid pop if a Kenny kid could pop pop? Let’s find out! We need donations of 2 liter pop for the very popular Pop Toss game. Please bring in your donation and put them in the collecting spot in the lobby or leave them in the office with Linda or Shari. Contact: Shannon Gunaca with questions slgunaca@hotmail.com

Pet Shop:
Seeking cute and fuzzy stuffed animals for the Kenny Carnival Pet Shop! Our carnival’s popular Pet Shop returns this year on June 2, offering an opportunity for kids to take home a new, low maintenance stuffed animal pet for the summer.

Your donations of gently used or new stuffed animals will help fill our pet shop shelves! Have an extra teddy bear? An outgrown dinosaur? A lovable plush kitten seeking a new home?

Send or drop off clean, gently used or new stuffed animals (in a bag please) at the Kenny office by Friday, May 27. We’ll find new homes for any and all at the Carnival!
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

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

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!

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!
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!
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
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George Ochoa, Minnesota Reading Corps tutor

MinnesotaReadingCorps.org
Stay Informed

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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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.