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Dates to Remember

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| Tue 9/13| Meetings: 5:30-6:15 Foundation  
6:15-7:00 Site Council  
7:00-8:00 First PTA Mtg! |

Hello Kenny Families,

We had an amazing start to the school year. The Kenny teachers are phenomenal and the engineers did a great job getting ready for them. We had a great turn out for open house and the children were more than ready to get to work.

Target chose Kenny as its adopt a classroom school for 2011-2012. There were 70 volunteers who did advance work at the Target headquarters early in the week. On the morning of August 24, 70 volunteers descended on Kenny and worked in the building to help us prepare. Every classroom had two volunteers that morning. In the afternoon, another 70 volunteers came to Kenny and most worked on the gardens and their design team painted the chair. Another group spent the day giving the staff lounge a makeover. We had over 200 Target volunteers providing support for Kenny last week (over 800 hours).

Kenny was runner up for two different Target sponsored grants last spring. Dianne Kersteter had written a grant for a media makeover and Joyce Vanderscheuren had written a literacy grant. I worked with the same person from Target when we reached the final rounds on each of the grants. He understood my frustration and gave us the lead on the “adopt a classroom” program.

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PTA News

Join us for our first meeting of the year, Tuesday, September 13 at 7:00 pm in the Media Center. This is our big “business” meeting, where we will elect our officers, approve our budget and talk about ideas and plans for the year.

Currently, we are planning to have a smaller business meeting, open to all, the first Monday of the month. Then, the second Tuesday of the month will be a PTA sponsored activity. The PTA focuses on community building and parent education. Currently we hope to be able to do the following activities this year (but this is open for discussion at the September meeting):

- October — Speaker (topic to be determined)
- November — Turkey Bingo
- January — Speaker (topic to be determined)
- February — Family Fun Night
- March — Science Expo
- April — Caribou Night
- May — Bike Night

The PTA also supports many other fun events and programs. We’d love to have you join us to learn more and join the fun!

See you on the 13th!
Ellen Strom & Nikki Lindberg, PTA Co-Presidents

Important Safety Information

Because of the traffic and safety hazards at the corner of 57th and Emerson, we are moving the bus drop off to the kindergarten doors on 58th.

That will allow parents to drop off on the south side of 57th or the west side of Emerson and the children will not have to cross any streets. 58th is also a snow emergency route so it will be plowed before the buses arrive at school.

Thank you for helping make arrival and dismissal safe for our students.
There were a number of projects that were started or completed last summer. Open house was really just like a grand reopening. Projects included:

- **Gym Floor** - the hardwood floors were completely resurfaced and painted. This work was approved and paid for by the district. The Kenny Foundation deserves credit for the gym being completed this summer. The Foundation had offered to pay for the work but the district had the project on a capital improvement plan four years from now. The facilities department moved the project up to this summer.

- **Media Center** - The Foundation is paying for a media center makeover. Phase one is completed and the media center was painted one weekend this summer by parent volunteers. Phase two will have signs and logos installed and phase three will include an upgrade at the entrance. The district will be replacing the carpet next summer.

- **The hallway floors** - this summer the engineers stripped 50 years of varnish off the floor with diamond sanders. The floors are a work in progress and will now be shined and buffed. You will notice the hallways are much brighter.

- **The Gardens** - 50 Target corporate volunteers weeded, planted and spread cedar mulch. Target paid for the mulch and $250 worth of plants and bulbs. Bachman’s on Lyndale gave the school a discount on the mulch and plants. Settergren’s hardware lent us two wheelbarrows. Staff and parents also lent gardening supplies for the afternoon.

- **Staff lounge** - The Target adopt a classroom gave it a full makeover. The walls were painted and new bulletin boards were put up. They provided new tables, lamps, drapes, dishes, artwork and microwaves.

- **Parking lot** - the parking lot was replaced this summer and restriped. The empty concrete pad will soon have an emergency generator.

- **Promethean Boards and surround sound** - Every classroom now has a promethean board (interactive smart board) and surround sound. Teachers are learning how to use the sound system today and they should be in use by the end of the week.

Classroom and hallway walls may look stark right now but that is intentional. The wall space is reserved for student work, rubrics for students to help them do their work, and samples of exemplary work. As the year progresses, you will see high quality student work going up on the walls.

Thanks for all you do for Kenny. Please go to the Kenny website and sign up to volunteer today. We need your help!

Bill Gibbs, Principal
Kenny Community School

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**Important School Forms**

You will be receiving a number of school forms to be filled out and returned to school. Please help us gather all of this important information in a timely manner.

When filling out your child’s **Emergency Card**, it is VERY important that we have accurate telephone numbers so that we are able to get a hold of someone in the event of an emergency. Please print clearly to ensure clear copies.

We ask that all materials be returned to your child’s classroom teacher as soon as possible. **Thank you.**

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If you need information about Kenny School or about upcoming Kenny events, go to our school website:

http://kenny.mpls.k12.mn.us

To get information and news about the Minneapolis Public Schools, go to the district website: www.mpls.k12.mn.us

Newsletter submissions are due by 6 p.m. Mondays. Email to Michele Lieske at mblieske@msn.com.