Hello Kenny Families,

The year is off to a great start. The entire staff appreciates your support in making sure all students are in the classroom to start morning meeting at 8:10 when the bell rings. We try to start the morning announcements at 8:12 once the hallways are clear of adults and children.

To promote healthy eating and provide for the safety of students with food allergies, MPS is implementing a new food policy. There will be more detail in the student handbook/calendar that will be sent home in a couple of weeks. If you want to send commercially prepared food as part of a cultural celebration, it needs to be approved in advance by me and the school nurse. Here is an overview:

The changes are:

- Food is no longer permitted to be used in classrooms for incentives or rewards, except if the use is required by a student’s IEP or IAP
- Food is no longer permitted to be brought in for personal celebrations (birthdays, etc.) except if the use is required by a student’s IEP or IAP
- Teachers may use food in the classroom if it supports the curriculum, i.e. study of world language, culture or cultural custom, school or class gardening project.
- Teachers must inform the principal when they intend to use food in their classroom for one of the permitted uses.
- Teachers must consult with the School Nurse to determine if there are any health concerns regarding the use of food with the students in the class.
- Teachers must provide for appropriate hygiene in the service, eating and disposal of food and utensils used in the classroom.

Thanks for all you do to help promote a safe and nurturing setting for all of our students.

Bill Gibbs, Principal

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**Kenny Directory**

The directory forms went out last week and already we’ve received quite a few back; thanks to all who have returned them. We are going through the stack and expect the directory to be published early October.

However, we don’t have forms back from everybody, so, for those who want to be included in the directory, please get your directory forms returned. Backpacks have a way of eating things so replacements can be downloaded from the Kenny website if your child’s backpack was hungry.

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**Volunteer Opportunity - Student of the Month**

Would you like a chance to give kids treats guilt free? The Student of the Month program on Monday, September 26 is in need of volunteers from approximately 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Please contact Darryl Johnson if you are interested in helping, at 612 861-1334 or johnsondarryl_l@yahoo.com

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**Make a Difference! Volunteer in the Media Center**

We have one-hour slots available throughout the week for parents, grandparents or others to volunteer in the MEDIA CENTER helping with book check out. This is a fun, easy way to help the Media Center and our students.

If you’re interested in learning what times are available, please contact Lynn Barnhart at lynn@marketingoverflow.net

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**You are invited...**

...to the Washburn Youth Soccer Saturday on September 24. FREE ADMISSION to all youth wearing their park, club or school soccer jersey.

Watch the mighty Miller girls and boys junior varsity and varsity teams host the St. Paul Highland Scots. Six games will be played from 8 am to almost 8 pm. Come cheer for several athletes that are also Kenny alumni. Enjoy a day of soccer, food, raffle prizes and more - including a special raffle for 2 tickets on Sun Country Airlines.