Hello Kenny Families,

We love learning at Kenny School and we love to celebrate that learning. This week we had our first Student of the Month assembly. We actually have 3 school songs about learning. Mrs. Hanzal does a great job being our Master of Ceremony. If you haven't heard, we also have a weekly "Bees of the Week" celebration every Friday afternoon tied to our Kenny Koupon. These activities are all part of our Student School wide Behavior plan. You will find the Kenny School-Wide Expectations chart in this newsletter. The team will describe more of our plan throughout the school year in the newsletter.

We have amazing teachers at Kenny School. Because of the talent of our teachers, I have worked hard to establish a strong relationship with the College of Education at the University of Minnesota. A school that has this much talent and has shown 7 years of achievement gains needs to help cultivate future educators. We currently have 3 student teachers who are here all year, 1 student teacher who is here first semester, 5 practicum teachers who are here Tuesday and Thursday mornings, and 3 psychologists doing their practicum. This partnership brings in a lot of resources to a building that does not have much support due to budget our school is given.

This year our mentoring has moved to educational leadership as well. This year we have a principal intern working with the Minneapolis Aspiring Transformational Principal Academy with courses taught by University of Minnesota. Chief of Schools, Michael Thomas has also assigned me to a national professional learning community (PLC) focused on mentoring and supervising principals. My work at the national level begins this weekend. This PLC is supported by the Wallace Foundation, The National Association of Secondary School Principals, and the National Association of Elementary School Principals. Rhonda Dean, the principal at Washburn, will also be part of that PLC.

We had a nice turn out for our Curriculum Open House last Thursday. Helping parents understand the curriculum and any homework expectations is an important part of our partnership with families. Thank you to Peggy Kirkpatrick for being the parent coordinator for that activity.

The next important part of involving parents in our partnership is parent conferences. Parent conferences take place over the next 2 weeks. At conferences, you will learn how your child is performing academically and socially. You will also help to set learning goals for the year. We push to have 100% participation in parent conferences and to help get there, the Kenny teachers offered a second night of evening conferences this year. Please let the office know if you need any assistance setting up conferences.

We are lucky to have the best teachers, parents, volunteers, and children at Kenny. As always, thanks for all you do to make Kenny the amazing community school it is.

Bill Gibbs, Principal

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**Dates to Remember**

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COMMUNITY ED AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS DELAYED

Kenny families:
Due to transportation issues, the district has delayed the start of afterschool programming to Oct 19! More information will be coming. This includes: ALC, BAND, GEMS, and GISE.

If you have any questions, please direct them either to Kristin Hill-Avirom (Community Ed Coordinator) at Kristin.Hill-Avirom@mpls.k12.mn.us or Kenny School main office at 612-668-3340.

Kenny school families: you can now enter your family information online, for inclusion in the 2015-16 Kenny PTA Directory!

Please click on the link below by the end of the day TODAY, SEPTEMBER 30!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1d1Owpv4hGhGLqTH928Lx4h1ux6TV6xoyM8VulEDYh4Y/viewform?usp=send_form#start=invite

If you have any questions, please contact our Family Liaison LaToya Peterson at: latoya.peterson@mpls.k12.mn.us or (612) 668-3365

Directories will be distributed in October.

ART WISH LIST:

SMALL BOXES: (SUCH AS, MAKEUP, SOAP, TOOTHPICKS, PAPER CLIPS, JEWELRY, STAPLES, TOOTHPASTE; SAR- DINES, MINTS,...)

SMALL CARDBOARD CYLINDERS: 18 OZ APPROX. (SUCH AS, GRITS, OAT MEAL, SALT, BREADCRUMBS...)

PLASTIC CONTAINERS: 5 - 24 OZ. (SUCH AS, SOUR CREAM, COTTAGE CHEESE, YOGURT, AND SHREDDED CHEESE...)

YARNS: OF ALL KINDS AND AMOUNTS

ICE CREAM PLASTIC BUCKETS

COOKIE SHEETS

TRIMS: RIBBONS, LACE, ODDS AND ENDS OF TAPES

WOOD PIECES: FOR CLAY LOON SCULPTURE BASES (APPROXIMATELY 4 X 6")

EGG CARTONS: PAPER ONLY, PLEASE NO PLASTIC.

Wanted: Art Adventure Volunteers!

Looking for a fun way to be involved in your child’s classroom? Volunteer for Art Adventure

Art Adventure brings art to the classroom through a partnership with the Minneapolis Institute of Art. Volunteers facilitate discussion about the art. This year’s theme is “People and Their Environment.”

Volunteers attend a training this fall, and then lead 3 classroom visits in the winter. You do not need to have an art background to sign up – just an interest in looking at and learning about art!

We are still looking for volunteers in these classrooms: Ms. Lambert, Ms. Schinneer, Ms. Peterson, and Mr. Mastel.

Interested? Want more info? Contact Kris Woll at kriswoll@gmail.com
Friday, October 9
1:15pm

fit n’ fun walk
2015 Kenny School PTA fundraiser

One more week to collect pledges for our Fit n’ Fun Walk!
Pledge envelopes due Weds, October 7th

Why is the Fit n’ Fun Walk the easiest way to fundraise?

1. No selling, delivering or storing of stuff
2. Kenny keeps ALL the money we raise
3. We strengthen our community by walking, running, skipping, MOVING together!

Questions? Contact Kend’a Kramer at kendrajkramer@gmail.com

ACADEMIC SPIRIT WEAR DAY
Friday, October 2nd

Remember, this Friday is Academic Spirit Wear Day.
Wear your favorite Kenny, Anthony, Southwest High School or College gear to school on Friday.

Keep clipping BOX TOPS for Education for Kenny School!
The official BOX TOP collection jar is in the school office by the teacher’s mailboxes; drop them off anytime!

Please note we are ONLY collecting box tops, NOT soup labels, milk caps, ink cartridges, etc. THANKS!
Volunteers Needed!

What: School Picture Day
When: Wednesday, October 7th
Time: 8:15am-1:30pm
Where: Media Center

Kenny families, we have a number of Kenny School and Kenny family focused events coming up and we are looking for volunteers!

Please take a look at the link below if you are available and interested in helping at the next School Day event:

Picture Day Volunteer Sign Up

If you have any questions, please contact LaToya Peterson, Kenny Family Liaison at 612-668-3365 or at LaToya.Peterson@mpls.k12.mn.us

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Calling ALL 5th graders!

We need YOU to help us create an extra special cover for your yearbook this year!

Take a selfie, have your parents submit it, along with your full name and room #, no later than November 20th to photo@hajiani.com

Parents- Do you enjoy taking pictures or being creative? Volunteer for Kenny’s Yearbook Committee! If interested, contact Rita at rita@hajiani.com.
Parents/Guardians, Please Plan to Attend the Kenny PTA’s Next Meeting

Tuesday, October 6 at 7:00 pm in the Kenny Media Center

Come and hear plans for the year, share your ideas, and learn how you can get involved in our terrific school! Questions? Please contact PTA Co-Chairs Terri Diamond (diamondltd@comcast.net) or Peggy Kirkpatrick (pkkfrkpatrick@usfamily.net).

Kenny Foundation Updates:

**Employee Giving/United Way Campaigns**

Did you know? The Kenny Foundation received over $7,500 last year from United Way gift designations and Employee Giving campaigns! Since Kenny Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, you can assign the Kenny Foundation as your beneficiary.

Last year, we received donations through General Mills, Northland Aluminum, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Ameriprise, United Health Group, Wells Fargo, 3M, University of MN, Thomson Reuters and more! For more information: http://kenny.mpls.k12.mn.us/Giving_to_the_Foundation

**Key information you'll need:**

- Kenny School Foundation
- 5720 Emerson Avenue South
- Minneapolis, MN 55419
- EIN # 75-3071701

**September Foundation Update**

At the September meeting, The Kenny Foundation approved $2,640 in funding for art supplies to the Kenny School Art Department for the 2015-16 school year. This generous grant provides supplemental supplies to ensure the arts are a part of our students’ lives, bringing quality art materials into the classroom, materials that support Minnesota academic standards’ based lessons.

The next Foundation meeting is October 6 at 6pm in the Media Center

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**Acclaimed young adult novel staged by Youth Performance Company**

Can one young person change the world? Area youth featured in live theater production of popular book and movie

The Giver: adapted by Eric Cobel from the Newbery Award-winning book by Lois Lowry

**Dates:** October 8 - 25, 2015

Performance Location: Howard Conn Fine Arts Center, in Plymouth Congregational Church, 1900 Nicollet Avenue (at Franklin), Minneapolis, MN. Free parking in church lot

Tickets: $15 for adults, $12 for children/seniors, $10 for weekend groups (10+), $7 for weekday groups (10+)

Opening night special: $5 tickets on Saturday, October 10, 7:30 p.m. (online only)

Box office: 612-623-9080

Web: youthperformanceco.org
Bookmark the Kenny Website
for quick access to the Staff Directory, the school schedule, meeting times, and new information.

Be sure to sign-up for the Kenny Electronic Newsletter!
Printed newsletters are only sent home to families who specifically request a paper version.

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

Kenny Community School
Growing and Learning Together
STUDENT DROP OFF:

The staff is respectfully requesting students be dropped off at the front door in the morning.

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 going through the office will be asked to sign in.

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.
# KENNY SCHOOL-WIDE EXPECTATIONS

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<td><strong>Arrive on time</strong></td>
<td><strong>Walk to the bus with your class.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Get to class on time and come to school prepared and ready to learn</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Walk quietly in and out of the building.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Go straight to the cafeteria for breakfast and then straight to class.</strong></td>
<td><strong>If you are being picked up or meeting a sibling, wait in the Den (front atrium).</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Use a quiet indoor voice and appropriate language on school grounds.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Leave school grounds immediately after dismissal.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Be positive, friendly, and helpful to adults and peers.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Outside, walk only on sidewalks.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Hallways</strong></td>
<td><strong>Avoid being a distraction to other classes.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Always walk to the right side of the hallways and stairs.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Walk at all times.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Greet others nonverbally (wave, smile or thumbs up)</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Use a quiet, indoor voice or whisper in the hallways.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Be in classroom during class time</strong></td>
<td><strong>Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Keep hallways clean. Pick up trash and throw it away.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Open and close lockers quietly.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Use a pass and go straight to your destination. “Out of class, show a pass”</strong></td>
<td><strong>Keep appropriate distance from the person ahead of you in line.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Follow staff directions the first time.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Follow staff directions the first time.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Follow the “Give me five” signal.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Enter and exit in an orderly fashion.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Eat healthy.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Use proper manners.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Clean up your area: Throw away all garbage.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Stay seated at your table until dismissed.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Raise your hand for help.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Use a quiet, indoor voice and kind words.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Take only what you need (food and supplies.)</strong></td>
<td><strong>Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Help keep the entire lunchroom neat and orderly</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Leave all food and drink in the cafeteria.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Respect others’ privacy.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Use bathroom during appropriate breaks.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Leave the bathroom clean.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Conserve water, paper and soap.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Open stall doors slowly</strong></td>
<td><strong>Keep the walls and stalls free of writing</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Save private conversations for another time and place.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Wait quietly for your turn</strong></td>
<td><strong>Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Take your turn and get right back to class.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Follow bus driver’s and other adults’ directions.</strong></td>
<td><strong>No eating or drinking</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Offer assistance to others</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Seek out help when needed</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Avoid being a distraction to the bus driver.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Stay out of bus danger zones.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Play safely</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Listen and follow adult directions.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Safe hands, feet and body at all times.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Ask others to play</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Share playground equipment.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Follow rules of games.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Line up quickly when called.</strong></td>
<td><strong>Try to include everyone</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Stay seated and with your class.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Be a good audience member</strong></td>
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