Hello Kenny Families,

What an amazing start to the school year! The classes are full but not over enrolled. Attendance is up, tardies are down and everyone is excited to be here. The morning arrival is going much better this year. We really want “walkers” to be the only children crossing streets around the school this year.

Teachers are well into their core instruction and many classes have completed their initial Fountas and Pinnell reading assessments.

There are two things we need you to do to support our community school. The first is to support the Kenny Foundation and the other is to volunteer at the school. Many of the services and activities are only made possible because of money the school receives from the Foundation and support of volunteers! Please visit the Kenny website to sign up to volunteer right away. You will have fun and we need you.

We do have some exciting news, Ann Lumbar our school nurse was married over the weekend. Congratulations Ann.

Bill Gibbs, Principal
Kenny Community School

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 Street in the morning.

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.

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.

See you on the 13th!

Ellen Strom & Nikki Lindberg
PTA Co-Presidents

Media Center Volunteers Needed

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

Dates to Remember

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Newsletter submissions are due by 6 p.m. Mondays.
Email to Michele Lieske at mblieske@msn.com.
Box Tops - an Easy Way to Earn Cash for Kenny!

Watch your garbage for those little dimes, because they really add up. Besides General Mills food, watch office products like Avery or Boise (paper reams) for Box Tops! See if you can collect at work. And don't forget to ask grandparents - they love to help those grandkids!

Turn in Box Tops to the box in the office regularly and get a chance to win prizes. Each month I will pull a name to win a goodie bag -- for my first prize (that I will pull at the end of Sept.) someone will win:

- A $5 gift card to Target
- BTFE reusable thermal cup (with lid and straw)
- Some great coupons

...and there may be a special prize at the end of the year!

Be sure to learn more and find more ways to help earn for Kenny at www.boxtops4education.com. Questions? Contact Nikki Lindberg at nicole.lindberg@comcast.net or 612-929-2188

Meet Ms. Braun!!

Hi, Kenny Parents and Community!

My name is Megan Braun, and I'm currently Ms. Johnson's student-teacher in Physical Education class. I grew up in Edina and graduated in May from the University of Minnesota with a bachelor's degree in Child Psychology and a concentration in Kinesiology. In addition, I was a four-year letter-winner for the Gopher women's swim team. I'm now working toward my master's degree in Physical Education, which is what brings me to Kenny.

I will be working with the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade classrooms through October 28th as part of my master's program's student teaching requirement. Some of our upcoming units include soccer, football, and tennis. I am looking forward to working with Ms. Johnson and your child at Kenny, and thank you for allowing me the opportunity to receive field experience and learn new teaching skills and techniques.

Sincerely,
Megan (Ms. Braun)

March Magic Skating Party—Open to All Kenny Families

- Host: Lindbergs, Breitenbachs, Kramers, Sapecys & Schiltzs
- Phone: 612-929-2188
- When: Sunday, September 11 from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM
- Where: Parade Ice Garden, North Rink at 600 Kenwood Parkway Minneapolis, MN 55403

As part of the annual Kenny Foundation fundraiser, March Magic, we have arranged to have the ice to ourselves. Great chance to see friends and make new ones! Come early to get laced up. Need skates? No problem! Rental skates available at no charge!

We will have some treats on hand to help us keep up our energy, too! Donations to Kenny accepted at the door.

Youth Performance Company (YPC) presents “Mean”, a Play about Bullying

MEAN serves as a powerful tool to raise awareness on the issue of bullying and highlight the harm that it can cause. **Recommended for Grades 5 and above.**

Themes: Bullying, Relationships, Consequences, Diversity, Tolerance, Self-esteem

Dates: Wednesday, October 5 - Sunday, October 23

Performance Location: Howard Conn Fine Arts Center 1900 Nicollet Avenue, Mpls

Prices: Adults: $12
Children (under 18): $10
Seniors (62 and over): $10

Box Office: (612) 623-9080. To learn more, visit the YPC website at www.youthperformanceco.com

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.
September 1, 2011

Re: Kenny School Foundation - Annual Giving Campaign

Dear Friends and Family of Kenny School,

We are happy to report that support for Kenny School continues to grow. As many of you know, the main reason for this is the students and the continued rise in their test scores. These strong gains reflect the hard work and commitment of the whole Kenny staff, volunteers and parents.

The Kenny School Foundation was established in 2002. Our mission: to enhance each student’s education while attending Kenny Community School. The Foundation does not replace the PTA or school leadership. Your Foundation seeks to support Kenny School, its leadership and programs by managing and raising funds through grants and private donations. These funds are dispersed with input from teachers, staff, the PTA, Site Council and parents.

This list provides an overview as to where these funds were directed in the past.

- $2,000.00 - New Science equipment.
- $2,000.00 – New books for Media Center. Target grant (summer 2011)
- New gym floor – provided by district once they learned that we intended to provide funding
- New carpet - in Media Center provided by district once they learned that we were intending to provide funding (summer 2012)
- $6,000.00 – Media Center Rehab – New custom built reading area, paint and supporting cabinets.
- $6,250.00 – Split by teachers to buy materials/supplies and trips for their 2010-11 class room. (yearly distribution.)
- $4,215.00 - Read Naturally program. Online for all students.
- $400.00 - Purchased 35 sleds for all students to use
- $4,005.00 - New sound system in the gym/ auditorium.
- $1,000.00 - New door connecting the lunchroom to the playground.
- $6,000.00 - Band course additional funding needed to keep at the school for 2010/11.
- $3,950.00 - New signage for the school.
- $1,580.00 - Two music and one art activity.
- $10,000.00 - Beautification of the front lobby 2009-2010

Be a part of this School’s future by attending Foundation meetings. All meetings are open to the public. All are welcome (dates and times are in the newsletter and online). To support Kenny Community School and its effort to remain a school promoting excellence in each child we are asking the members of our community to consider making a financial contribution. Any size gift is welcome. The Foundation is asking that each family make a donation of $100.00 or more. There are a number of ways for you to make your contribution.

- Kenny school has partnered with achieve Minneapolis! Donations can be made through them at: [WWW.achieveminneapolis.org/](http://WWW.achieveminneapolis.org/).
- You can designate the Kenny School Foundation as the 501(c), (3) organization of your choice through the Greater Twin Cities United Way campaign: [www.unitedwaytwin-cities.org/Giving/runcampaign.cfm](http://www.unitedwaytwin-cities.org/Giving/runcampaign.cfm). Many companies work with the United Way. Ask your company if they will match your contribution. Ask your family and friends to designate Kenny School as their choice.
- You can simply Contact Paul Johnson at 612.578.6424 or pbiwerks@comcast.net to make a donation directly to the school. You can designate a class, program, a school need, or subject. We take cash, checks and credit cards. All donations are tax deductible.

We appreciate your consideration of this request to support our kids.

Sincerely,
The Kenny School Foundation, Inc