Hello Kenny Families,

We have had the most amazing 1st week of school this year. The teachers have spent a lot of time working on “rituals and routines” and community building. As part of our morning meetings, we do circle activities and games where we learn about each other. Ask your child to tell you about one of the games they played this week.

In today’s take home folders, you will find a number of important documents. The sooner you get these forms back to us the better. We need to receive the Emergency Card and Transportation form back from each student. The Kenny Parent Foundation (KPF) Volunteer Interest and Student Directory forms can each be filled out one form per family. It is optional to return the Minneapolis District Annual Pesticide Notice. Contact the office if you did not receive a form or have any questions.

Tuesday, September 11 is our Curriculum Night open house. This is a night when parents get to come to school to find out what the children will be learning this year. I will do a 15-minute overview at 5:30pm and then each classrooms/grade level will give a 20 minute presentation on the curriculum that will be covered this year and any homework expectations. The presentations will then be repeated so you can visit a second classroom or specialist. Parents have appreciated this night in past years.

That same night, we will have our first Kenny Parent Foundation meeting. In the past, we have had a separate Foundation and PTO. This year, the two groups are combining as the efforts of each group overlap so much. That meeting will start at 7:00pm in the Media Center.

There are many great activities coming up the next few weeks. Please watch the newsletter and website closely so you do no miss any of these great events. Susie and Linda do an amazing job keeping those updated. We want you involved and knowing what is going on 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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Contact Kenny School:

5720 Emerson Avenue S, Minneapolis, MN 55419
Bill Gibbs, Principal William.Gibbs@mpls.k12.mn.us
Main Office: 612-668-3340 Fax: 612-668-3350
Attendance: 612-668-3346 Minneapolis Kids: 612-668-3344
Link to Kenny School Website: http://kenny.mpls.k12.mn.us
Welcome back, Kenny Kids and Families! We’re excited for another fantastic school year at Kenny School!

With the new school year comes changes for our PTO and Kenny Foundation, which have combined into one organization called the Kenny Parent Foundation. We’re still working out some of the details, but what that means for YOU is one combined monthly parent meeting instead of two, as well as one combined list of volunteer opportunities!

Speaking of volunteer opportunities, there are SO many ways to get involved at Kenny School! There are opportunities that fit into any schedule. So much of what students and families love about Kenny—the Fall Festival, Turkey Bingo, Family Reading Night, March Magic, the Spring Carnival and more—couldn’t happen without involvement from our Kenny parents and families. Please consider volunteering in some way during the upcoming school year.

The Kenny Parent Foundation has our first meeting on Tuesday, September 11 at 7:00pm to 8:00pm in the Kenny Media Center. Please join us!

Don’t hesitate to reach out with any questions: Christina Celadita at christina.celadita@gmail.com and Janet Bomar at janetkbomar@yahoo.com

Please mark your calendars for the first Kenny Parent Foundation meeting

(formerly PTO and Kenny Foundation)

When: Tuesday, September 11, 2018
from 7:00pm-8:00pm

Where: Kenny Media Center

All are welcome; child care will be provided

Questions? Please contact Christina Celadita at christina.celadita@gmail.com
For 2 weeks the newsletter will be sent home with all students.

See below for the options available to continue to receive the Kenny Newsletter.

Starting on September 12th printed newsletters will only be sent home to families who have requested a paper copy with the form below.

Call the Kenny office (612-668-3340) with any questions.

Options for Kenny Newsletter delivery

1) You can go to the Kenny website to read or download a copy
   http:kenny.mpls.k12.mn.us

   Or

2) You can receive it by email, just send an email to
   Kennyschool.pto@gmail.com

   Or

3) If you still wish to receive a paper copy.
   Fill out the information below and return this form to the school office.

   Yes, I would like to receive a paper copy of the school newsletter.

   Parent name: ______________________________________________________

   Youngest Kenny student & homeroom: ____________________________________
CALLING ALL 4th and 5th GRADE FAMILIES!

WHAT: Eagle Bluff Informational Meeting
WHEN: Tuesday, September 11 from 5:00pm-5:30pm
(Just before the Curriculum Night event)
WHERE: TBA (Most likely one of the 5th grade classrooms)

ALL forms and $30 downpayment are due NO LATER than Tuesday, September 11

http://www.eagle.bluff.org/

Please join us as your child’s teacher explains what the students will be learning this year. You can ask questions, see the classrooms and get informed!

WHEN: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 from 5:30pm-7:00pm

More details to come!

*Child care will be available

**Stay for the Kenny Parent Foundation meeting immediately following the event (7pm in the Media Center)

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Cooking Night Off Fundraiser at CAFÉ ZUPAS!

Tuesday, September 18 from 5-9pm
Where: 2490 W. 66th St. Edina, MN

Give yourself a break and join us at Café Zupas for dinner! Café Zupas will donate up to 25% of the proceeds from the evening back to Kenny School! **DINE IN or CARRY OUT!!**

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!
Our Students are excited to be back in school! Want to join us?

We are looking for three Minnesota Reading Corps tutors for the 2018-19 school year. You can work with K-3rd grade students every day during the school day and help them become successful readers!

Reading Corps provides comprehensive training in strategies proven to help students build reading skills. Tutors are paid a living allowance and are eligible for up to $5,122 to pay tuition or repay student loans. Tutors 55 or older may gift the award to a child or grandchild. Tutors may be eligible for free health insurance and child care assistance.

Learn how you can get involved by visiting readingandmath.net. You can also help by telling a friend or family member (grandparents make great tutors, too!) about openings at our school and statewide! Training for tutors will be offered early fall, so it is not too late to start!
Dear parent/guardian and student of Kenny Community School,

Hello and welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! My name is Heather Thomson and I am the Media Center Associate Educator at Kenny. I am excited for another year of book check out with Kenny kids!

Your school library media center uses a web-based catalog and circulation system called Destiny that allows you to search for books, videos, websites, and many other items in your school's library collection anytime, anywhere that you have internet access.

Destiny also tracks all materials you have checked out at any school in the district. If you checked out library books and/or textbooks that you did not return, they will continue to appear under your name.

Learning materials are expensive and we must all be responsible for their use and return. If you have school materials that you have not returned from previous school years, please return them to the library media center. Materials from other schools will be sent to the school they belong to. Students are financially responsible for lost or damaged MPS materials, and may not have the privilege of attending non-academic events if these items have not been taken care of. Student Library material check out may also be put on hold if a student has too many overdue/lost materials in order to meet the state standard of being responsible for shared resource.

If you have questions or need to pay for lost or damaged materials, please see Ms. Thomson in the library media center or contact: heather.thomson@mpls.k12.mn.us

Sincerely,

Heather Thomson, Library AE
A Note From the Media Center…

Welcome to a new school year!

Book check out from the Kenny Media Center will begin the week of September 10th.

Students will come to the Media Center once a week with their homeroom teachers to check out books. Students in kindergarten and first grade will be allowed to check out one (1) book per week, second and third graders can check out two (2) books per week, and fourth and fifth graders can check out three (3) books per week.

I am happy to offer suggestions to students and also take suggestions for books you would like to see in the Media Center!

Please remember that families are responsible for lost or damaged library materials. Thank you!

**Looking for an on-going volunteer opportunity? Come lend a hand in the Media Center, where you will reshelve books and provide light book check-out help.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ms. Thomson at heather.thomson@mpls.k12.mn.us

Our Kenny Parent Foundation (KPF) has subscribed to the MySchoolAnywhere online service for our 2018-2019 family and faculty directory. Check your student’s backpack for the registration form or visit:

[myschoolanywhere.com](http://myschoolanywhere.com)

Contact Kenny parent Sung Ja Shin at sunjasha@gmail.com or Community Resource Liaison Susie Friederich at susan.friederich@mpls.k12.mn.us or (612) 668-3365 with questions.

LET’S GET CONNECTED!
STUDENT DROP OFF: Please be courteous of other drivers and USE CAUTION when pulling away from the curb!

Children will be admitted into the building at 7:50am.

The staff is respectfully requesting students be dropped off at the front door #1 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 8:10am.

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.

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.

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**BUS PASSES:** Bus passes are REQUIRED to board a bus that is normally not a student's assigned bus. We request notes be turned into the office as early in the day as possible.

We need notes from **both** sets of parents/guardians i.e. the parent/guardian of the student taking a different bus or using a different stop and the parent/guardian of the student they are traveling with.

The note should include:
- Student's **FIRST and LAST NAME**
- **FULL name of student they are riding with**
- **Date of request**
- **Signature of parent or guardian**

A bus pass may not be able to be honored if we have not received two permission forms or if the bus requested is full.
Bookmark the Kenny Website
for quick access to the Staff Directory, the school schedule, meeting times, and new information.

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

To be added to the Wednesday newsletter email list or if you have information you would like to submit to the Wednesday newsletter, please email:

kennyschool.pto@gmail.com
By 5pm on Friday

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