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 several important documents. The sooner you get these forms back to us the better. We need to receive the Emergency Card form back for each student. The KPF Volunteer Interest and Directory forms each can 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 10 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. At 5:30pm each classrooms or grade level will give a 30-minute presentation on the curriculum that will be covered this year and any homework expectations. The presentations will then be repeated so at 6:10 so you can visit a second classroom or specialist. Parents have appreciated this night in past years. I hope to see you there.

Immediately following the Curriculum night event, we will have our first Kenny Parent Foundation meeting. Last year the PTA and Kenny Foundation merged to have this one organization. The Foundation provides valuable financial support to the school and also coordinates our community building activities over the year. Please join us in the Media Center at 7:00pm for that meeting.

There are many great activities coming up the next few weeks. Please watch the newsletter and website closely so you do not 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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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 18th 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: ________________________________
Tuesday, September 10
from 5:30pm—7:00pm

Come hear what your student will be learning in class this year! Meet the teachers and ask questions! If you have more than one student at Kenny, there will be an opportunity to visit two classrooms.

5:30-6:00pm Visit 1 classroom or specialist
6:10—6:40pm Visit 2nd classroom or specialist

This is an adult only event.

**Need a ride? Contact Susie Friederich to arrange: susan.friederich@mpls.k12.mn.us**

Please mark your calendars for the first Kenny Parent Foundation (KPF) meeting

When: Tuesday, September 10, 2019
from 7:00pm-8:00pm
Where: Kenny Media Center

All are welcome; child care will be provided

Questions? Please contact Janet Bomar at janetkbomar@yahoo.com or Sarah Walter at swalter@hrii.com
TRANSPORTATION AND LUNCHROOM

Busses are settling into their routes. We suggest being at the bus stop five minutes early to assure you catch the bus. We work hard to assure a safe bus ride for all of our students.

Let Shari Wiggins know of any concerns or questions you have about the bus: shari.wiggins@mpls.k12.mn.us

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.*

LUNCHROOM: The lunchroom is off to a great start this year!

We are glad to help children with their lunch, however, there can be times when children have to wait for us to get to them. There are things you can do at home to help with lunchtime at school. Some things to consider:

- Work with your child to be able to open milk cartons, peel bananas etc.
- Partially open fruit snacks, chips, pretzels, granola bars or other items that won’t spill and make a mess in the lunch box.
- Repackage yogurt, fruit cups, cheese sticks or other items that can be difficult to open.
- Remember to send the utensils necessary for the food packed. (we will hand out utensils if they are not packed with the lunch)

Please do **NOT** send glass containers!

Lunchtime is a great time for kids to socialize with their classmates! We do stress the importance of eating a healthy lunch. Sharing and trading food is not allowed due to allergies.

Please contact Shari Wiggins: shari.wiggins@mpls.k12.mn.us or Ulinda Tapplin: ulinda.tapplin@mpls.k12.mn.us with questions!
Flu Vaccination Clinic

Stay Healthy!
The best way to protect against influenza is to get a flu shot every year. Protect yourself, your family and the community.

School name: Kenny Community School
Address: 5720 Emerson Avenue South
Date: Friday, September 20
Time: 5:00pm—7:30pm
Phone number: (612) 668-3346 / Rebecca Richardson RN, LSN

If your family has health insurance, please bring your insurance card.

HennepinHealthcare | hennepinhealthcare.org/flu
Friday, September 20 from 5:30—7:30pm

FREE
Flu Shot Clinic
Bring your insurance card if you have one, but not required.

DJ and Dancing!
FREE games and activities

Pumpkin Ring Toss

Back to School Photo Booth

Pizza Meal
$5 per person
$20 maximum per family

Sponsored by
Kenny Parent Foundation

**Need a ride? Contact Susie Friederich to arrange:
susan.friederich@mpls.k12.mn.us**
We need YOUR help to make the Fall Festival a success!

**When:** Friday, September 20, 2019

**Time:** 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Each grade level is assigned to a station.

[CLICK HERE](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0845acac2ea3fa7-kenny1) to sign up for an easy 30-minute shift or visit:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0845acac2ea3fa7-kenny1

Questions? Contact Theresa Burgess: theresamburgess@gmail.com

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**Kenny Spirit Wear Coming Soon!**

- **Design #1**: MPLS KENNY T-shirt
- **Design #2**: KENNY MPLS T-shirt
- **Design #3**: KENNY T-shirt
- **Design #4**: Winter hat $25
- **Design #5**: Pom hat $25
A Note from the Media Center...

Dear parent/guardian and student of Kenny Community School,

Hello and welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! My name is Heather Thomson and I am the Media Center AE 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 any time, anywhere that you have internet access.

Destiny also tracks all the 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 all must 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 resources.

If you have questions or need to pay for lost or damaged materials please see Ms. Thomson in the library media center.

Sincerely,

Heather Thomson, Library AE
heather.thomson@mpls.k12.mn.us

Our Students are excited to be back in school! Want to join us?

We are looking for three Minnesota Reading Corps tutors for the 2019-20 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!
Looking for a fun volunteer opportunity in your child’s classroom?
Be part of an Art Adventure!

Art Adventure is a partnership program with the Minneapolis Institute of Art (Mia). Through Art Adventure, kids have a chance to view and discuss art from the museum’s collection.

Art Adventure volunteers commit to:

• Attend one training session at Mia this fall
• Participate in one program meeting this fall (Nov, date TBD)
• Lead three Art Adventure visits in the classroom in January and February

You don’t need a background in art or art history to lead Art Adventure – just an interest in being part of a fun, creative discussion.

We are looking for one volunteer per classroom for the following classrooms:

• Ms. Hardesty, Room 106
• Ms. Schinneer, Room 117
• Ms. Baier, Room 116
• Ms. Horner, Room 113
• Ms. Rivard-Johnson, Room 114

Contact Kris Woll (kriswoll@gmail.com) or Angela Poulson (poulson.amarie@gmail.com) with questions.

Co-Chairs Needed!

We are looking for a volunteer or two to help Kenny parent Emily Abeln coordinate our annual Fit n’ Fun Run/Walk that happens in October.

Please reach out if interested or for more information:
Emily Abeln: abeln.emily@gmail.com
COOKING NIGHT OFF!

**WHEN:** Monday, September 16 from 4pm-9pm

**WHERE:** The Lowbrow (4244 Nicollet Ave, 55409)

10% of ALL SALES for the evening will be donated back to Kenny School!

*Offer good on dine in and carry out

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!
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.

STUDENT DROP OFF: Students can enter the building at 7:50am. Please plan accordingly!

Please be courteous of other drivers and USE CAUTION when pulling away from the curb!

All adults entering the building must sign in at the office.

TRANSPORTATION:

Cars can only travel south on Emerson Avenue between 57th and 58th streets from 7:45 – 8:15 a.m.

- Pull your car forward to the “Drop Off Here” sign
- DROP AND DRIVE. If you need a hug or want to get out of your car to say good-bye to your child, use the parking lot or one of the grey-shaded areas on the map shown
- All students must exit cars from the west side (on the school side) No student drop-off on 58th street from 7:50am—8:00am. Door #3 is open for busses and walkers until 8:00am and then LOCKED.

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.

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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/

Join us on Facebook & keep up with all the latest Kenny news
http://www.facebook.com/kennypita

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:

cennyschool.pto@gmail.com

By 5pm on Friday