Hello Kenny Families,

This has been the greatest start to a school year ever. The students walked in the first day ready to go and the teachers were ready for them. The level of engagement in classrooms is like the 4th week of school in past years. Implementing similar structures and expectations across grade levels really pays off in optimizing learning time.

Mr. Gawienowski and I have been making classroom visits to review the citywide discipline expectations for children. While the big push of our presentations is on positives and our “bees” (Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe, Be Your Best), we still review some things that should never happen at Kenny school. There will be a lot more presented on the positive behavior strategies and plans at Kenny in upcoming newsletters.

Next Thursday is 1st - 5th grade Curriculum Night. You will have the option of hearing my overview at 2 different times and the opportunity to visit 2 classrooms or specialist. It is an informative night. Here is the schedule for the evening:

Curriculum Night for Grades 1-5 on Thursday, September 11
6:00-6:15 Overview with Mr. Gibbs in Media
6:20-6:40 Visit 1 classroom or specialist
6:45-7:05 Visit 2nd classroom or specialist
7:10-7:25 Overview repeated in Media

I hope to see you all there. Kindergarten Curriculum Night will be held at a later date.

Bill Gibbs, Principal
Be sure to fill out the student directory form online to be included in this school year’s Kenny School Directory.

Go to the Kenny School Website
http://kenny.mpls.k12.mn.us/
& click on the student directory online form on the front page, or...

Copy and paste this link to a quick & easy online form:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?usp=drive_web&formkey=dERNTTAwZnl2d3RrX2pSY2xZV2dpLWc6MA#gid=0

Please have forms completed by Friday, September 12

Kenny Foundation

What is the Kenny Foundation?

Great question!

Through the efforts of its board, with input from the Site Council and the PTA, the Kenny School Foundation raises, manages, and disperses private contributions from staff, parents, alumni, neighbors, and friends who value the high quality of education children receive at Kenny Community School.

As an example, look no further than the beautiful hallways, lockers and painted classrooms that were part of the Kenny Foundation's Hallway Revitalization Initiative this past year. Amazing work by some amazing Kenny parents and volunteers!

Please contact Allison Marshall at allisonmarshall@hotmail.com if you have any questions about participating.

Here are the Foundation Board Members for this year but we are always looking for new faces!

Allison Marshall, President, (parent)
Sarah Kuhn, Vice President (parent)
Megan Peterson, Treasurer (parent)
Kendra Kramer, Secretary (parent)
Lynn Barnhart (parent)
Lois Hall (parent)
Rebecca Dunn (parent)
David Adams (parent)
Bill Gibbs (staff)
Kathy Horner (staff)
Charlie Wolfe (parent)
Theresa Dougan, Cantina chair (parent)
Sarah Dunn (parent)
Kristen Walker (parent)
Janet Bomar (parent)

Kenny Parents and Faculty - Please join us for the next Kenny Foundation meeting: Tuesday, November 11
HELP IS NEEDED IN THE LUNCHROOM!

We are in need of parent (or grandparent) volunteers to come in and help our kiddos during lunch. This is a relatively easy duty, mainly helping kids open their lunches. Volunteers may also choose to stay for recess. There are some awesome home lunches out there and helping in the lunchroom is a great way to get ideas of what to pack in your child’s lunch!

Listed are the lunch times that correspond to the different grades:

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If you are interested in helping out, please contact:
Shari Wiggins at 612-668-3340 or shari.wiggins@mpls.k12.mn.us
Thank you!

What’s for lunch?

If you are packing your child’s lunch, please give some thought to what your child will eat and their ability to open what’s in their lunch box. We have a limited amount of time for lunch, so if your child can easily open the items, they’ll have more time to eat!

- The internet is a great resource for getting ideas of what to pack for lunch (think Pinterest!)
- Do not send soda pop to school. It is not allowed. Your child will not be able to keep/drink their soda.
- Pack portion sizes that won’t overwhelm your child. When portion sizes are larger, kids tend to not eat at all.
- No bags of chips, Takis etc. that are larger than single serve.
- Teach your child to open packaging or partially open the packaging when possible.
- If you child has allergies. Please contact nurse Ann Lumbar Bendson (668-3346) regarding seating at an allergy aware table. Students are not allowed to sit at this table, until a parent/guardian has the school nurse who will then notify lunchroom personnel.
- Use reusable containers when possible. You will save money, create less waste, ease congestion at the garbage station AND you will know what your child is eating!
Hello Kenny Elementary School Families,

I am excited to return as your child’s art teacher. We will be exploring a wide variety of methods, materials and artists supporting the Minnesota State Visual Arts Standards. My purpose as your child’s art instructor is to provide the very best classroom environment where the joy of learning is priority. I look forward to meeting you and sharing my love of education.

Thank you for all your help. This year will be a fantastic year for learning and creating art.

Mrs. Cynthia McGovern
Kenny Art teacher

Art Room “Wish List”

I would appreciate your help in saving these items:

♦ Plastic ice cream buckets
♦ Plastic containers from yogurt/cottage cheese/deli (not individual size)
♦ Paper egg cartons with lids removed—dozen size
♦ Yarns of any amount and color
♦ Brown paper grocery bags that do not have handles (these are difficult to find)
♦ Shoe boxes with lids. (Large size is best).

Please keep the box at home. Label the box, “Art Box.” This box will be called on to transport your child’s clay art creations home safely. The art room cannot store an Art Box for each student—limited space. I will let you know when to send the box to school.

♦ Small boxes from paper clips, jewelry, soap, etc.

Please do not send TP or paper towel cardboard rolls.

Stay Informed

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

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

Bookmark the Kenny Website

for quick access to the Staff Directory, the school schedule, meeting times, and new information.

Join us on Facebook & keep up with all the latest Kenny news

http://www.facebook.com/kennypta
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. Your student is using a different bus stop.
2. Your student is going home with another student.
( Note: we need notification from BOTH families)
3. You have an address or daycare change.

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:
1. Call the Attendance line (612-668-3346) when your student will be absent.
2. 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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