A Letter from the Principal...

Hello Kenny Families,

It is another great week at Kenny School. Friday night is the Kenny Fall Festival. This is a great PTA sponsored family night. It runs from 5:30-7:30pm and we even offer free flu shots. I hope to see all of you there.

Your children might be telling you about some of the safety drills we have done. Today we had a front door bus evacuation drill and a lockdown drill. We did a fire drill the first week of school. We have two levels of lockdowns in Minneapolis Public Schools. A code yellow drill has teachers remove all children from the hallways, classroom doors are locked but instruction continues. A code red has is a lockdown where children actually take cover within the classroom. We are required to conduct at least five lockdown and fire drills each school year.

Next Monday is Kenny’s first “Cooking Night Off”. The event will take place at the Pizza Luce in Richfield. This is a great opportunity to meet other families for dinner at a nearby restaurant. The PTA sponsors a number of these nights throughout the year and the PTA gets a portion of the money spent each night. Families have enjoyed these in the past.

Please watch the school calendar and school website closely. There is a lot going on at Kenny and we want you to stay informed through the newsletters and website. We are planning to send Kenny handbook/calendars home next Wednesday. That is also filled with valuable Kenny information.

As always, thanks for all you do make Kenny the amazing school it is.

Bill Gibbs, Principal

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

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Kenny Fall Festival

Friday, September 15  5:30-7:30pm Kenny Gym

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

FREE  DJ and Dancing!
FREE games and activities

Pizza Meal
$5 per person
$20 maximum per family (Cash or Check)

FUN! FUN! FUN!
Back to School Photo Booth
Mathnasium activities

Sponsored by the Kenny PTA
We need **YOUR** help to make the Fall Festival a success! **VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED!**

Date: Friday, September 15

Time: 5:00pm - 7:30pm

Sign up for a ½ hour shift - it's easy!

Access the Signup Genius site at: http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e4cadaa2ca0f94-kenny

Or access the live link on the Kenny School website

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Stay Healthy!
The best way to protect against influenza is to get a flu shot every year. Protect yourself, your family and the community. Visit us in the health office before or during the Fall Festival!

**School name: Kenny Elementary School**

**Address:** 5720 Emerson Ave S

**Date:** Friday, September 15th

**Time:** 5:00pm to 7:30pm

**Phone number:** (612) 668-3346

**There will be no flu mist vaccine available**

If your family has health insurance, please bring your insurance card. Uninsured children will be vaccinated through the Minnesota Vaccines for Children (MNVFC) Program.

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**LAST CALL!** Enter your family’s information by **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH** to be displayed in the hard copy (printed copy) of the directory.

Register your family's information at: myschoolanywhere.com or hardcopies of the form are available in the front office.

Want to request a hardcopy of the directory? Contact Community Resource Liaison Susie Friederich at susan.friederich@mpls.k12.mn.us or (612) 668-3365.

LET’S GET CONNECTED!
Start practicing your smile!

Lifetouch Picture Day is **Wednesday, October 4th**
Order forms are coming soon
OR
Visit: mylifetouch.com
Kenny Picture Day ID: **MI207094Y0**

**COOKING NIGHT OFF!**
Monday, September 18, 2017
From 11am—8pm
Pizza Luce Richfield
800 West 66th St.
Flyers are being sent home on Wednesday! Bring it in or mention Kenny School and 25% of your pre-tax bill will be donated back to Kenny School!

**SHARE THE LOVE FUNDRAISER FOR KENNY COMMUNITY SCHOOL**
Pizza Luce is happy to help Kenny Community School with their fundraising efforts. Please return this flyer on Monday, September 18, 2017 from 11 AM to 8 PM and 25% of your pre-tax bill will be donated!

DINE-IN ONLY
800 WEST 66TH STREET
RICHFIELD
PHONE: (612) 767-8603
www.pizzaluice.com

Want to volunteer? Contact Susie Friederich at:
susan.friederich@mpls.k12.mn.us or (612) 668-3365

**fit n’ fun walk**
Kenny School PTA fundraiser

Mark your calendar...
The Fit N’ Fun Walk Fundraiser is right around the corner!
When: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13 at 1:15pm
More details to come!
NEW Kenny Spirit Wear...Get yours now!

Check your Wednesday folder for order forms!

Thanks to all parents/guardians who were able to join us for last Thursday’s Curriculum Night! We had a great showing, and it’s always a terrific opportunity to hear about plans for the coming year from your child’s teacher, the Specialists, and Mr. Gibbs.

Thanks also to our neighborhood Kowalski’s and Starbucks at 54th and Lyndale for donating the delicious cookies and coffee!
Once again, Kenny School will participate in the Art Adventure program in partnership with the Minneapolis Institute of Art. The program relies on volunteers who go through a short training session at the MIA and then visit a Kenny classroom to discuss art with the students. There are three classroom visits during the months of January and/or February. It’s A LOT of fun and is a great way to be involved (without too much of a time commitment).

Many of last year’s volunteers are returning this year, but we still need volunteers in many classrooms! Interested?

Please contact Kris Woll at: kennyartadv@gmail.com

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**A Note From the Testing Coordinator…**

**Formative Assessment System for Teachers (FAST)**

*FAST* assessments are the district-wide universal tool for all students in Kindergarten through grade 8 in order to assess their broad reading and math skills.

- Grades 1 through 5 will be given the *FAST* assessment for both reading and math.
- Kindergarteners will be given the *FAST* assessment for reading and Concepts of Math (CoM) for math.

Testing will take place at Kenny between September 18 and October 9.

Please contact Testing Coordinator Shari Wiggins with questions at: shari.wiggins@mpls.k12.mn.us

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**PTA**

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year!

- Vivienne Whitfield (Chair) vwhitfield@outlook.com
- Dylan Thompson (Chair) dylanthompson_inc@yahoo.com
- Tracey McIntire (Secretary) tamcintire@uswireless.com
- Victor Celadita (Treasurer) victor.celadita@gmail.com

A big THANKS to all who attended the PTA meeting last Tuesday. We appreciate your participation and love hearing from you! Last week we had Curriculum Night (thank you to everyone who helped put this informative event together) and the Kenny Fall Festival is this Friday, September 15 at 5:30pm. If you are able to volunteer for one of the open stations, please contact Susie Friederich at: susan.friederich@mpls.k12.mn.us or

(612) 668-3365
Our students are excited to be back in school! Want to join?

We are looking for a Minnesota Reading Corps tutor for the 2017-18 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! A second round of training for tutors begins the last week of September, so it is not too late to start this year!

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Community Ed. Opportunities

Kenny Minneapolis Community Education is currently looking for individuals to fill the following positions:

◊ **Rink Rats after school hockey program:**

◊ Do you love hockey? Here is your chance to give Kenny students the chance to learn about the game of hockey!

◊ Hockey experience and previous experience working with youth preferred but not required

◊ This is a paid position!

◊ **Youth Programs Staff Members:**

◊ Staff members will have the opportunity to lead classes such as youth leadership, drawing, snack cooking, sports, hockey, team building games, community service projects, science and many more!

For more information or if you’d like to get involved, please contact Michelle Rukavina, Kenny Community Education Coordinator at: (612) 668-3363 or michelle.rukavina@mpls.k12.mn.us
Printed newsletters are only sent home to families who stay informed.

Bookmark the Kenny Website
http://kenny.mpls.k12.mn.us/

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

Email the Kenny School PTA and we will add you to our list:
If you know anyone who would like to be added to the list forward their email address:
Email to: Allison Thiesing at kennyPTA33721@gmail.com

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:
kennyPTA33721@gmail.com
By 5pm on Friday
STUDENT DROP OFF:

Children will be admitted to the building at 7:50am. The staff is respectfully requesting students be dropped off at the front door 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 8:10.

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 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.

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.

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.