Hello Kenny Families,

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

Community Education and Area Learning Center (ALC) classes will begin on October 4. Kenny offers three types of afterschool programming. We have Minneapolis Kids, Community Education, and ALC classes. Minneapolis Kids is a fee based childcare program offered through Minneapolis Public Schools and that program runs Monday – Friday. Community Education and ALC classes run on Tuesday and Thursday nights. In today’s Wednesday Folder, Community Education Registration packets and ALC invitations (for those who qualify) are being sent home.

ALC classes provide academic support to children who may be struggling. ALC classes are provided at no cost and are taught by licensed teachers. This year the district is supporting one group each of Guys in Science and Engineering (GISE) and Girls in Engineering, Mathematics, and Science (GEMS) at Kenny. Only children who have been identified by district as needing these services can participate in those classes. This year we have 6 sections of ALC. Those sections are 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th grade academic support, GEMS and GISE. ALC questions should be directed to Kenny ALC coordinator Luann Mishler luann.mishler@mpls.k12.mn.us.

Community Education classes are fee based programs. These classes do not have to be taught by licensed teachers and do not have to be academically focused. The Community Education coordinator at Kenny this fall is Linnea Hackett. Community Education questions should be directed to her at Linnea.hackett@mpls.k12.mn.us or 612-668-3363. We are excited that Mrs. Totzke will be leading the Kenny Glee Choir as a community education class this year. This year you can register for Community Education classes online or with a paper registration form.

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
This Friday!

Fall Festival

Friday, September 16  5:30-7:30 Kenny Gym

DJ and Dancing!

FREE Games and Activities

Pumpkin Ring Toss

$5 Pizza Meal

Photo Booth

Art Project

Free Flu Shot Clinic

Bring your insurance card if you have one, but not required.

FUN FUN FUN

Sponsored by the Kenny PTA
**NURSE Notes:**

*THERE WILL BE NO FLU MIST VACCINE AT THE FLU SHOT CLINIC THIS FRIDAY.*

The CDC’s Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) voted that live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV), also known as the “nasal spray” flu vaccine, should not be used during the 2016-2017 flu season. This decision was made by the ACIP due to research on it’s effectiveness. It had previously been more effective in past flu seasons, but research showed that it's effectiveness was decreasing and therefore was not recommended for this upcoming flu season.

Ann D. Lumbar Bendson, RN Licensed School Nurse, Minneapolis Public Schools
Serving Kenny Elementary, DeLaSalle High School and home school students

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Coming Soon!

We’ve got spirit…how ‘bout you?

New Kenny spirit wear will be

Available for purchase at the fall festival

Friday, September 16

5:30-7:30pm

GEAR UP FOR KENNY SPIRIT DAY!

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Interested in a Kenny Special Education Parents Group?

Kristen Denison, a parent of a 5th grader, is working with Karen Shannon, the Kenny School Social Worker, to canvass parents to see if there is any interest for parents of children receiving special education services at Kenny to form a support group. The group would gather together to meet, talk, and generally provide support and information to each other.

If you are interested in meeting your fellow special education parents – all special education and all disabilities welcome – please contact either Kristen Denison (kristendenison@gmail.com) or Karen Shannon (Karen.Shannon@mpls.k12.mn.us) with your name, phone and email. Meeting times and dates to be determined based on interest of the group once we have the names assembled.
Did You Know?

The Kenny Foundation received over $7,500 last year from United Way Gift Designations and Employee Giving Campaigns!

Since Kenny Foundation is a 501C3 nonprofit, you can assign the Kenny Foundation as your beneficiary.
Last year we received donations through General Mills, Northland Aluminum, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Ameriprise, United Health Group, Wells Fargo, 3M, University of MN, Thomson Reuters and more!

For more information, click the link: [http://kenny.mpls.k12.mn.us/Giving_to_the_Foundation](http://kenny.mpls.k12.mn.us/Giving_to_the_Foundation)

Key information you’ll need:
Kenny School Foundation
5720 Emerson Ave S
Minneapolis, MN 55419

Needed: Kenny Volunteers

We are still looking for some specific area volunteers:

⇒ Room Parents for classroom 113
⇒ Picture Day Coordinator (2 days a year in the fall)
⇒ Art Adventure for classroom presentations
⇒ School Tour guides (start mid October)

If you are interested in volunteering in any of these areas or have any questions, contact:

Susie Friederich at 612-668-3340 or
Community Education Update:

After school registrations were sent home on Wednesday September 14. Classes fill quickly so please sign up early. It may take up to a week for late registrations to get a bus stop for your child.

Enrollment opens Monday, September 19. Click the link to register online: [www.mplscommunityed.com](http://www.mplscommunityed.com)

The deadline for after school registration is Friday, September 30.

Classes will begin the week of October 3rd and run through December 15th. Please Note that scouting classes run the full year, Girl Scouts does not begin until November 1st and meets every other week throughout the year (re-enrollment is not necessary each quarter).

Transportation and Lunchroom Updates:

**Transportation:** Buses are settling into their routes. We suggest being at the bus stop five minutes early to assure you catch the bus. Let Shari Wiggins know of any concerns or questions you have about the bus. We work hard to assure a safe bus ride for all of our students.

**Lunchroom:** The lunchroom is off to a great start this year. We have made changes to allow for longer lunchtimes (all students) as well as fewer children in the lunchroom (grades 2-5).

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)

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.

Start Clipping! Drop box in the Kenny office.
Be sure to sign-up for the Kenny Electronic Newsletter!

Printed newsletters are only sent home to families who specifically request a paper version.

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

Email the Kenny School PTA and we will add you to our school's electronic communications:

kennyPTA33721@gmail.com

If you have information you would like to submit to the newsletter please send to Allison Thiesing @ kennynewsletter@hotmail.com by 5pm on Mondays.

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

http://www.facebook.com/kennypita
STUDENT DROP OFF:

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.

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

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.