Hello Kenny Families,

We are really rocking this school year! It has been one of the best starts to a school year I have had in over 26 years in Minneapolis Public Schools. Our schedules and routines allow for maximum instruction time and we are able to provide even more support for children who need help. The children are extremely engaged and enjoying learning.

This Friday is our first Student of the Month (SOM) assembly. It is one of the many ways we love celebrating learning at Kenny School. SOM is one of many aspects of our Positive School wide Engagement Plan. The plan is actually on page 40 and 41 Of the Handbook calendar that was sent home last Wednesday. The Handbook Calendar is a great resource and provides many overviews of the programming we provide at Kenny School.

Today at Kenny School we conducted out first lock down drill of the year. We conducted a fire drill at the very beginning of the year. Every Minneapolis school is required to conduct a minimum of 5 fire and lock drills and one tornado drill each school year. The teachers and staff do a great job making sure the children know how and why we conduct these important drills.

Please watch the school calendar and website closely. There are many activities coming including picture day next week. Conferences are only a few short weeks away and we hope all families have scheduled a time. If you do not have a time scheduled, please contact your child’s teacher.

As always, thanks for everything you do to make Kenny the amazing community school it is.
Bill Gibbs, Principal
School District Referendum Information:

On Nov. 8, Minneapolis voters will be asked to renew the school district’s current operating referendum authorization, which expires after the 2016-17 school year. If passed, funding would help Minneapolis Public Schools manage class sizes and provide supportive services and activities for students. The request would authorize the referendum for nine years and be annually adjusted for inflation. Property taxes are not projected to increase if the referendum renewal passes.

Learn more here: [www.mpls.k12.mn.us/referendum2016](http://www.mpls.k12.mn.us/referendum2016)

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**Picture Day**

**Wednesday, October 5**

8:15am-2pm

Kenny School Media Center

Please contact Susie Friederich, Community Resource Liaison if you have any questions.

Susan.friederich@mpls.k12.mn.us or call (612) 668-3365

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**A big THANK YOU**

to those who placed Spirit Wear orders!

Ordering is now CLOSED but keep your eyes out for another flyer in December!

**Orders will be delivered to students in their classrooms upon receipt**

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**Keep Clipping!**

Drop box in the Kenny office.
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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.

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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 Open Now!
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).

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Save the Date!
**Cooking Night Off Fall Kick Off!**
Wednesday October 5 from 4-8pm at the Richfield Davanni’s

Take a night off from cooking and join friends at Richfield Davanni’s between 4-8 to raise money for our wonderful school! Davanni’s will donate 20% of sales from the night to our school. Both eat in and take out orders count!

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Looking for a fun volunteer opportunity in your child’s classroom?

**Be a Part of Art Adventure!**

Art Adventure is a partnership program with the Minneapolis Institute of Art. Through Art Adventure, kids have a chance to view and discuss art from the museum’s collection, right here at school. We are looking for one volunteer in each classroom. The commitment involves a couple weeknight meetings in the fall and three in-class sessions this winter. Note that 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.

Interested? Contact Kris Woll at kriswoll@gmail.com

Looking for volunteers in Rooms: 107, 104, 117, 116, 112, 113 and 114

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**Fit ‘n Fun Walk**

**Friday, October 14**

**1:15 pm**

Mark your calendars for this fun, annual Kenny event that gets everyone moving and raises money for the PTA.

**Collect pledges**

Pledge forms and envelopes will go home in this week’s Wednesday folder. Students can collect pledge money from parents, grandparents, neighbors and friends and will be eligible for prizes. Students will return envelopes and pledges during the week of October 10th. The money raised will be used for events such as Turkey Bingo, the Spring Carnival and other events that build our great Kenny community.

**Join us as a walker or volunteer**

On Friday, October 14, meet on the Kenny field at 1:15 to join your child and hundreds of parents on school-wide walk around the neighborhood. We’re also looking volunteers to cheer on the walkers. Contact larapratt1414@gmail.com.
LAST CALL!

Be sure to click on the link below and enter your family information to be included in the 2016-2017 Kenny Student Directory!

**DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**
Directories will be distributed in October

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfMG4suAhUJDTWFxaluUd_95HkoA08V6sPSsNZXftzL_5gg/viewform

If you have any questions, please contact Susie Friederich, our Community Resource Liaison at susan.friederich@mpls.k12.mn.us or (612) 668-3365
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

Key information you’ll need:
Kenny School Foundation
5720 Emerson Ave S
Minneapolis, MN 55419
EIN #: 75-3071701

Kenny Community Facebook Groups

Kenny Parents Group (search for "kenny parents group")
For all Kenny Parent questions, updates, event notifications, etc.

Class of xxxx (e.g. a 2nd grader would be Class of 2027 - search for "kenny class of 2027")

PTA next meeting is October 4th @7pm in the Media Center

We will be confirming the year’s budget as well as getting an update on events past & events coming up

All are welcome - we would love to see you!
Thanks, Viv & Lisa
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/kennypta
**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.
- Students become more responsible and gain independence when allowed to walk to the classroom on their own.
- 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.

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

*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.