Hello Kenny Families,

It has been a wonderful couple of weeks at Kenny. Two weeks ago, we had a great turnout for the Curriculum Night event and for our first Kenny Parent Foundation (KPF) meeting. Friday’s KPF Fall Festival was a blast and students and families were tearing up the dance floor! I even received my flu shot Friday night.

At Curriculum Night, I presented an overview of what our programming looks like for both academics and social emotional learning (SEL). A great resource to see what your child is learning in each grade level and subject can be found by visiting:  
http://www.mpls.k12.mn.us/curriculum_guides.html. Our SEL programming includes Responsive Classroom, Second Step, Mindfulness (similar to Yoga Calm), and our very own version of Positive Behavior Intervention Strategies (PBIS) that includes the Kenny Bees and Kenny Coupons.

To date, we have had two fire drills and one code yellow lock down drill. Every school is required to have at least five of each of those drills throughout the school year. The teachers do a great job of using all of our drills as teachable moments.

Please watch for information on our Fit and Fun Walk/Run that is coming up in October. The Kenny Parent Foundation contributes a lot to our school over the year and this is one of the biggest fund raisers that we do. They are working with a fundraising company called Boosterthon to streamline the event and make it much easier to track and make donations online. We have set a goal of $36,000 which is a goal of $2,000 for each class.

Friday’s Fall Festival is a great example of how KPF uses their funds. Outside of the dinner, all of the events were funded through the KPF. Over the next couple of weeks I will share many of the projects and programs the parents have funded over the last ten years. You will be surprised by some of the items that help to make Kenny the amazing community school it is.

Thanks for all you do to make Kenny special!

Bill Gibbs, Principal
It’s Time For Picture Day!

WHEN: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2018

Order forms were sent home last week. Extra forms are available in the front office or order online:

[mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com)

Picture Day ID: MI208096Y0

If you would like to lend a hand, please contact

Community Resource Liaison Susie Friederich at:

susan.friederich@mpls.k12.mn.us

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Pledging starts in ONE WEEK!

Check your student’s backpack for the flyer!

The Fit’ N Fun Walk/Run is a fundraiser that will help our school AND teach our students character.

Our Fit ‘N FUN WALK/RUN event is on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2018

Check out this brief video explaining how our #Boosterathon fundraiser works:

[https://vimeo.com/177157581](https://vimeo.com/177157581)

ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME OUT AND CHEER ON OUR STUDENTS!

Questions? Contact Emily Abeln at abeln.emily@gmail.com or Lara Pratt at larapratt1414@gmail.com
Do you like to work in a team?

Are you interested in helping to coordinate our school events by serving as an event chair?

Fun, family events and activities such as the Fall Festival, Fit ‘N Fun Walk/Run, Family Reading Night, the Barnes & Noble Book Fair and more need your help!

Please reach out to Volunteer Coordinators Shannon Gunaca (slgunaca@hotmail.com) and Christina Celadita (christina.celadita@gmail.com) for more information!

A big THANK YOU goes out to everyone for making our Fall Festival a success! This year’s Fall Festival planning committee of Carolyn Dykoski, Pam Roberts and Angela Sherburne worked hard to bring our families fun games and activities to enjoy!

Extra thanks to those who were able to lend a hand to help make the evening run smoothly, including our wonderful Kenny alumni.

It was a great evening and fun was had by all! THANK YOU!

Keep Clipping Your Box Tops!

Last year, we collected about $400 for our (then) PTO to spend on events, books for the Reading is FUNdamental book giveaway and other things to support Kenny kids.

We’re trying to meet a $1,000 goal for this year! We’ve collected over $45 worth just in the first few weeks of school, so keep on clipping!

Box Tops can be turned into the front office.
**ALC / GEMS / GISE**

ALC (Area Learning Center) invitations have been sent home! Please sign your student up for ALC, GEMS or GISE (all on the same form) and return the form ASAP to ensure transportation.

GEMS and GISE participation will be decided by the teaching staff, participation last year, and summer participation.

ALC / GEMS / GISE is offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30pm—4:45pm.

The first session begins on **Tuesday, October 23rd** so get your form turned in!

If you have any questions, please contact your student’s teacher or Luann Mishler, Academic Lead for ALC at: luann.mishler@mpls.k12.mn.us

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

**Cooking Night Off**

**MyBurger**

**WHEN:** Monday, October 15

**From 5:00pm—10:00pm**

**WHERE:** 6555 Lyndale Ave S, Richfield 55423

Dine in or Carry Out!
Are you interested in helping out with the Kenny Parent Foundation’s biggest fundraiser party of the year?

That’s right... **MARCH MAGIC** will be here before you know it! We will be having an informal gathering for interested parents to find out more.

Parents can serve on the committee throughout the school year, help with work here and there as needed or help the day of the event. Whatever interests you!

Meetings generally occur monthly on a weeknight at the residence of a committee member.

We would appreciate seeing some new faces, especially parents of children in grades K-2 to continue this tradition.

**WHEN:** Monday, October 1 at 7pm  
**WHERE:** Bomar’s house; 5700 Knox Ave S

Feel free to contact the March Magic committee chairs with questions!

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you!

2019 March Magic Co-Chairs  
Janet Bomar: janetkbomar@yahoo.com  
Ally Marshall: allisonmarshall@hotmail.com
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:** Please be courteous of other drivers and USE CAUTION when pulling away from the curb!

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

The staff is respectfully requesting students be dropped off at the front door #1 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 8:10am.

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.
Bookmark the Kenny Website

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

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:

kennyschool.pto@gmail.com

By 5pm on Friday