Hello Kenny Families,

Last week the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) released its school designations for 2014. For the 3rd consecutive year Kenny has been identified as “Celebration Eligible”. That is the designation given to Title I schools in the top 25% but not yet in the top 15%.

Based on the application I submitted last year, Kenny was identified as a Celebration School for the second consecutive year. Celebration schools are chosen from the group of “eligible” schools based on strategies the school is using to increase achievement and reduce the achievement gap. Those strategies come from the School Improvement Plan (SIP). The application to become an official 2014 “Celebration School” is due at the end of the month.

We still have a significant achievement gap, especially between our white and African American children. Our Instructional Leadership Team has been diving deep into the data and we think we have identified strategies to reduce the gap significantly this year. Our focused efforts should move us into the group of the top 15% “Reward” schools.

The Kenny Staff is amazing and they always step to any challenge I put out to them. They do an amazing job. We do important work here, giving a high quality well-rounded education. As you know, it takes a team, and the next two weeks we will work with you to let you know how your child is doing in school and set goals for home and school.

On a different note, this Friday is the Fit and Fun walk! Please support the Kenny PTA by collecting as many pledges as you can. The funds are all used to support classrooms and promote family involvement. This is their main fundraiser for the year. We work on staying healthy and you do not have to buy any candy or wrapping paper! Please support Kenny School with this great fundraiser.

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

Bill Gibbs, Principal
Friday Is Walk Day!

1:00 Volunteers meet by the tennis courts
1:15 Kickoff ceremony on the field
2:15 Finish up in the gym / awards ceremony

If you forgot to turn in your pledge envelope today...
PLEASE turn it in to the office tomorrow!

Plan to join us October 10th
for all the fun and fitness!!

We are always collecting BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION from your favorite brands and products!

There is a new Box Tops container in the office next to the teachers’ mailboxes for your Box Top deposits.

At this time we are only collecting Box Tops so kindly don’t include other items such as soup labels or ink cartridges.

Thank you!!
Flyers will be sent home today with your child for this year's Spirit Wear program. You can view and order items through our online store at http://stores.blue84spirit.com/KCMN. Paper forms will be available in the office, but online ordering is strongly encouraged and appreciated.

Orders must be submitted by Friday, October 24.

Bulk ordering helps keeps costs low with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the Kenny PTA.

Questions? Contact Sally Johnson at 612-715-8017 or sally_vardaman_johnson@yahoo.com

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Reminders about Unsigned Parking Restrictions from the City of Minneapolis

For the safety of all children, please review these important reminders on traffic and parking safety. Vehicles parked in violation of these ordinances—even temporarily—create a hazard for the safe passage of pedestrians as sight lines can be diminished.

Please be aware that Traffic Control has been doing targeted enforcement of school and residential areas.

The City of Minneapolis has a number of unsigned street parking restrictions:

- Too close to a stop sign or Traffic Signal - vehicles are not allowed to park within 30 feet of a stop sign or traffic signal and within 20 feet of an intersection corner unless otherwise indicated.
- Blocked driveway - vehicles are not allowed to park within 5 feet of a driveway or alley.
- On a sidewalk - vehicles are not allowed to stop on sidewalks, crosswalks or boulevards.
- Drivers should never double park to load or discharge children from their vehicles. This puts kids in the dangerous position of crossing a lane of traffic without seeing or being seen by other motorists.
- Drivers should never park temporarily on the wrong side of the street to load or discharge children from their vehicles—no matter how convenient that spot is!

Thank you for your cooperation in making Kenny a safe environment for everyone.
Not-too-scary, and way too much fun!

Dates: October 10 – November 1, 2014

Performance Location: Howard Conn Fine Arts Center, in Plymouth Congregational Church, 1900 Nicollet Avenue (at Franklin), Minneapolis, MN. Free parking available in church lot.

Box office: 612.623.9080  Web: youthperformanceco.org

Dracula! A silly musical romp, is a Halloween show that everyone in the family will love!
ECFE understands the importance of the early years as learning years. Right from birth, parents shape the child’s development, strengthen the parent-child relationship and set the stage for future learning and growth as a family. ECFE supports families by offering a variety of classes to provide education, encouragement and support for both parents and young children.

ECFE offers all parents and their infants, toddlers and preschoolers an opportunity to go to school to play and learn together. ECFE classes are taught by licensed teachers and have three components:

1. Parent-child activity time to enhance the child’s language, pre-reading and math skills.
2. Parent education time to share ideas and support and to discuss topics like babies and sleep, keeping up with a toddler, child development, temperament traits, discipline techniques, family fun ideas and more.

Child only playtime when children continue to play and learn as parents attend parent education time.

The original intent of creating ECFE was grounded in research that linked the quality of the child’s development from birth to kindergarten age with later school success. That research has been proven many times over. In the last four decades, ECFE has supported parents as their child’s first teachers by offering parent-child classes.

**Look for local activities to celebrate Early Childhood Family Education’s 40th anniversary.**

The ECFE rooms at Kenny School are 138 and 122. Parents are welcome to stop in and visit.

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**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

**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](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. 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. You 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 you.

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.
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