Hello Kenny Families,

I want to thank all of you for the amazing outpouring of support you have given me the last couple of weeks. I have felt the love and support of the entire Kenny community. I can’t say how much that has helped me deal with the death of my son Steve. You all have amazing children at Kenny and we will continue to offer them the best well-rounded education a child deserves. Just keep giving them extra hugs and kisses.

Some exciting news is that our new office furniture has arrived. We are almost done unpacking and it is looking very nice. It was fun to work on the project. I shared my vision on how the layout should look and how we wanted to make it even more welcoming, even though the ultimate goal was more security. I pushed to make sure the new wall was glass and would flow into the building. It was important to maintain the 1950’s feeling along with the beautiful interior design done in the foyer by the Kenny Foundation. The district office did a great job allowing all of those things to happen. It really seems to have all come together.

This Friday is the Fit N’ Fun Walk. It is an amazing way of having a healthy fund raiser for the Kenny PTA. Last year, the PTA raised over $13,500 doing this event. We hope you can join us.

Conferences will take place over the next two weeks. This is a valuable time for the family to meet with teachers. At this point, you should have received a reservation request from your child’s teacher. At the conference, parents will receive information regarding the achievement level of their child in reading and math and be involved in setting goals for math, reading, science, and social skills.

Your time with the classroom teachers will be very informative. We are very excited this year to set measurable goals with you for your children. We will provide you with updates as the year progresses and share the final results with you this spring. If you need transportation to conferences, please contact our Community Resource Liaison, Susie Friederich, at 612-668-3365 or susan.friederich@mpls.k12.mn.us

Our partnership with you has a significant impact on student achievement. Working together, we will ensure that every student at Kenny makes a year’s growth or more.

Thanks for all you do!
Bill Gibbs, Principal
COOKING NIGHT OFF!
Monday, October 16 from 5pm-10pm
6555 Lyndale Ave, Richfield
DINE IN OR CARRY OUT!
During the fundraiser, 25% of all total transactions for any customers who come to support Kenny will be kicked back to the school!
Flyers will be sent home this week or just mention “Kenny School”

Let’s get ready to WALK...WALK...WALK for Kenny School!
How many times can you make it around the course?

Collect Pledges: Last year, Kenny Kids and the PTA raised over $13,500 for this school-wide annual event! Pledge forms were sent home last week. Students can collect pledge money from parents, grandparents, neighbors and friends and will be eligible for prizes! The money raised is used to fund upcoming Kenny family events like Turkey Bingo, the Spring Carnival and more!

Join Us: We need parents to cheer for our kids around the course! Please contact Susie Friederich at susan.friederich@mpls.k12.mn.us or (612) 668-3365 if interested! Or, meet on the Kenny Field at 1:15pm to walk with your child.

Fit N’ Fun Walk
Friday, October 13 at 1:15pm

5th Grade Families…
The 5th Grade Music Share is right around the corner! Please join us on Thursday, November 15th at 8:15am in the gym.
Students will be performing and sharing concepts they have learned so far this year. We hope to see you there!
Contact Rachel Wixson with questions: rachel.wixson@mpls.k12.mn.us
**Reminder…**

Parent / Teacher Conference Dates:
Thursday, October 12 (evening)
Wednesday, October 18
Thursday, October 19
Friday, October 20

Please check with your student’s teacher if you have not already signed up!

**Transportation is available!** Contact Susie Friederich to arrange:
susan.friederich@mpls.k12.mn.us or (612) 668-3365

Registration has been extended until the week of October 24th for the following activities:

**Library Zone $60 on Tuesdays ($7.50/day):** Looking for a quiet space after school to work on homework, projects or simply enjoy reading? Do you want some time to play board games? The LIBRARY ZONE is that space! Work independently or with a small group of friends. Ms. Heather Thomson will be leading the class!

**Kendama $73 on Thursdays ($5.50/day and $35 for a Kendama to take home at the end of the class):** The Kendama is a Japanese toy. Kendama is made up of the “Ken” (handle) and the “Tama” (ball), which is connected by a string. The Kendama tricks are done by variations of juggling the ball in the 3 cups, spiking the ball with the Ken spike, and balancing both in new and creative ways. Mastering the Kendama takes practice, focus, patience, and creativity. **Led in partnership with Sweets Kendama. Limit to 8**

**It’s not too late for your student to get involved!**

Contact Michelle Rukavina, Community Education Coordinator with questions:
Michelle.rukavina@mpls.k12.mn.us or (612) 668-3363
Commed.mpls.k12.mn.us
YOU’RE INVITED!

The Kenny Foundation and Kenny PTA would like to invite you to a school-wide memorial ceremony in honor of Principal Gibbs’ son Steve.

When: Friday, October 27 at 1:45pm
Where: Kenny Gardens, front of the school

The students will enjoy a small treat and Mr. Gibbs will be presented with a lovely birdfeeder to place in front of his office windows outside. Each student will have had the chance to “put their mark” on it before it’s presented to him.

If you would like to make a contribution toward the treat, birdfeeder, bird seed and supplies, please make checks payable to the Kenny Foundation and designate “Gibbs Family Memorial” in the notes.

Donations can be left in the front office. Please contact Susie Friederich with any questions: susan.friederich@mpls.k12.mn.us or (612) 668-3365

Thank you for your generosity!

A Note From the PTA...

October brings fall, the Fit N’ Fun Walk, Classroom Budget Allocation and Turkey Bingo, our yearly schoolwide dinner and turkey give away.

Here is how parents can get involved:

- Come cheer for our walkers along the Fit N’ Fun Walk course this Friday!
- Each year the PTA provides additional cash funding to each classroom.
  - Funding is possible through fundraisers and direct donations from parents.
  - If you are able to donate directly, we would greatly appreciate it. Checks can be made out to Kenny PTA and left in the front office. 100% of this money donated for this initiative is split equally amongst all classrooms. Please label as “Staff Classroom Fund”
- Turkey Bingo is a fabulous event in November for all students and families!
  - It’s an event that gets each kiddo a prize! We need help with prize donations! Please reach out to Susie Friederich for more information:
    susan.friederich@mpls.k12.mn.us or (612) 668-3365
The Kenny Foundation and Kenny PTA are proud to bring you:

Kenny Parent Education:
Galit Breen
“Raising a Digital Kid”
Thursday, October 26th
6pm to 7pm
Kenny Media Center

This event is free! Child care provided and transportation is available!
Contact Community Resource Liaison Susie Friederich to arrange:
Susan.friederich@mpls.k12.mn.us or (612) 668-3365

All are welcome!

Raising a Digital Kid Without Having Been One

You will leave with:
• The groundwork for your digital parenting
• The 5 things underlying skills your children need to be safe and wise online users
• The 1 thing you can implement today that will make digital parenting easier for you and your kids

This digital age is not for the faint of heart. From apps to texts to disappearing messages, there is a lot for parents to keep track of! Join us for a round table presentation and Q&A with bestselling author Galit Breen to dig into how our kids are experiencing the online world and we can best help them be safe and wise with their online use.

Galit is the author of Kindness Wins, a simple, no-nonsense guide to teaching our kids how to be kind online; the TEDx Talk, “Raising a digital kid without having been one”; the online courses Boom, Done, Digital Parenting” and Raise Your Digital Kid”; and the Facebook group The Savvy Parents Club.

Cleaning out the closets?
We are currently looking for new and gently used pairs of pants, socks, and undergarments size 5 or larger, gloves, hats and snow pants.
Items can be brought to the front office.

Thank you for your generosity!

Missing something? Check the lost and found table!
It’s that time, folks! All items from the lost and found bins are now on tables in the front of the gym. Please remind your student to take a look! Hoodies, light jackets, lunch boxes, water bottles and more! **Items will be donated on 10/23**
SUPER SNACK CHALLENGE!

SHOW US YOUR GAMEDAY SNACKS, KENNY KIDS!

Top chef Andrew Zimmerman and the Minnesota Super Bowl Host Committee is looking for Minnesota kids ages 8-14 to show off their cooking skills by creating the best, most creative, healthiest snack to enjoy on gameday!

Visit mnsuperbowl.com/supersnack for details!

Entry deadline is Monday, October 16, 2017 at 11:59pm CST

SOUTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS:

Once Upon A Mattress
October 12, 13 and 14th at 7pm
Southwest High School Theater
3414 W. 47th Street
Tickets: $5/Students $10/Adults
Tickets are also available through Ticketleap:
https://southwest-high-school-theatre.ticketleap.com/once-upon-a-mattress/

Prince Dauntless must find a bride! His overbearing mother, Queen Aggravain, has taken over the kingdom. Will Princess Winnifred the Woebegone be able to pass her test? This hilarious musical upends "The Princess and the Pea" tale with twists and tricks, and side-splitting shenanigans!

A big THANK YOU to the Southwest High School Orchestra for visiting Kenny School last Thursday!

Their wonderful performance was enjoyed by students and staff alike!

THANK YOU!
Stay Informed

Bookmark the Kenny Website

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

http://kenny.mpls.k12.mn.us/

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

http://www.facebook.com/kennypta

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.