ELECTION DAY is Tuesday, November 8th

Hello Kenny Families,

We continue to roll through an amazing year. This week marks the end of the first quarter and teachers will spend Thursday and Friday doing their own learning and completing report cards. Remember that daylight savings time ends Sunday, so be sure to set your clocks back. Also, Tuesday of next week is Election Day.

Kenny School is a community polling site and anticipate a high turnout this year. Kenny will be in a form of lockdown that day due to the number of unfamiliar people entering through the front door. Exterior doors will be locked all day. Voters will only be able to enter through the front door and will not be able to enter the building without passing through the office. Children will have a normal day of school but will remain in their classrooms with the classroom doors locked. We just want to make sure strangers are not wandering the building and children are under the direct supervision of their teachers. At the end of the day, walkers will exit through the fifth grade door, door #9. Students who ride the school buses will exit through the kindergarten door, door #3. Parents who want to enter the building will be required to sign in and out at the office.

It is actually a very fun day as we are conducting a Kid Vote that day.

As always, thanks for all you do to make Kenny the amazing community school it is!
Bill Gibbs, Principal

Just a reminder...

NO SCHOOL THIS THURSDAY OR FRIDAY, NOV 3-4
Participate in a Minnesota tradition: Give to the Max Day and support Kenny School.

Beginning Tuesday, November 1st, all gifts made using GiveMN.org through November 16 will be automatically scheduled to be processed on November 17, Give to the Max Day!

Give to the Max Day is a day for Minnesotans to come together to donate money for nonprofits and schools in 24 hours on November 17th. You can participate and designate Kenny School! All funds donated to Kenny School during Give to the Max Day are used for programs that supports our science, social studies and enrichment curriculum. In the past these programs have included:

- Spring Musical Programs
- After School Programming
- Ordway Performance for all grades
- Journey to the Falls for 4th grade
- Mill City Museum trip for 3rd grade
- 3 Rivers park naturalist visits to Kenny School for all grades
- Scholarships for field trips

Our goal is to raise $5,720

*While there are fees collected for participating in some of these programs, we continue to run short on funds.

Mark your calendars for Thursday, November 17 and Give to the Max to support Kenny School!
Tell your family, friends, and neighbors.

For more information, visit https://givemn.org/organization/Kenny-Community-School-7860950
It's election season! Here's the information you need related to your ballot and Minneapolis Public Schools. 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. 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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**SAVE THE DATE**

**Bingo**

**Tuesday, Nov 15.**

Turkey Bingo is scheduled for Tuesday, November 15. We will need volunteers for this great family event. Donations of raffle items and turkeys are needed and much appreciated.

If you are able to volunteer or donate please contact:

Jessica Strayer-Southworth at straysouth@hotmail.com or
Caroline Parkner-Mitchell at caroline.parkner@yahoo.com

Donations can be dropped off at Kenny, or let us know and we will pick up.

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**Picture Retake Day is Wednesday, November 9**

Retake day is for any child who was absent on picture day, students new to Kenny and for those who aren’t satisfied with the portraits they received. The picture packets received by the school were sent home this week.

You must send the complete portrait package back with your child on Wednesday, November 9, if they are having retakes.

Ordering information is available in the office.

Please contact Susie Friederich (susan.friederich@mpls.k12.mn.us or 612-668-3365) if you have any questions.

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9**

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**MY BURGER COOKING NIGHT OFF**

This Wednesday! November 2, 5-10pm

My Burger Richfield (6555 Lyndale Ave. S)

During the fundraiser 15% of ALL sales will be kicked back to Kenny and then another 10% on top of that for any customers who come in and tell the cashiers that they are dining in that evening specifically to support Kenny Community School. No need to bring in a flier - just tell them you are with Kenny!
It takes more than principals, teachers and families to educate students. Neighbors, friends and community members influence and inspire youth just the same. No matter which role you play, we want you to see what an entire city of support can make possible.

Tour our Pre-K-8 schools during “Visit Our Schools Month!” Call the school you’d like to visit to RSVP for your chosen date.

For more information, visit mpls.k12.mn.us. / Para obtener más información, por favor visite mpls.k12.mn.us.
Wonder what the Kenny Foundation has been up to lately?

Well, just take a look around the school and you’ll see!

So far this school year, the Foundation has funded:

- Art room drying rack
- Storage shelves in the art room
- Stereo system for Mrs. Johnson
- Parent education speaker series
- Tower Gardens
- Story Works magazines for 4th grade
- Woot Math for 5th grade (an innovative learning methodology)
- Teachers’ lounge makeover
- Percussion instruments and ukuleles

This is all possible thanks to the generosity of so many Kenny families. March Magic, the largest fundraising source for the Foundation, raised just over $20,000 in 2016 for building, equipment and program enhancements benefiting all of our students.

Thank you for your continued generosity and thoughtful giving! Learn more about the Foundation at the Kenny website, or stop by one of our meetings – first Tuesday of every month in the media center.

Shannon Gunaca
President, Kenny Foundation 2016-17

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”)

November - NO MEETING, see you at Turkey Bingo Tues, Nov 15!

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/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.
- 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.