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 we 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 have access to the building. Classroom volunteers will sign in at the front desk as usual.

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.

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

Bill Gibbs, Principal

Dates to Remember

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Contact Kenny School:

5720 Emerson Avenue S, Minneapolis, MN 55419
Bill Gibbs, Principal William.Gibbs@mpls.k12.mn.us
Main Office: 612-668-3340 Fax: 612-668-3350
Attendance: 612-668-3346 Minneapolis Kids: 612-668-3344
Link to Kenny School Website: http://kenny.mpls.k12.mn.us
There is **NO SCHOOL** on Thursday, November 1 and Friday, November 2, 2018. Classes resume on Monday, November 5.

**ELECTION DAY 2018**

**Tuesday, November 6th**

Election Day is approaching and as Kenny School is a polling place for our community, we make every effort to keep our children safe.

At the end of the school day AND after school classes (ALC and Community Education), walkers and pick-ups will exit through the **FIFTH GRADE DOOR, DOOR #9**.

**Students who ride the school buses will exit through the **KINDERGARTEN DOOR, DOOR #3.**

As always, **parents who want to enter the building will be required to sign in and out at the office.**
When: Wednesday, November 7 at 8:15am  
Where: Kenny Cafeteria  

ABSENT ON PICTURE DAY?? You can still order by visiting:  
  mylifetouch.com  
  Picture Day ID: MI208096Y1  

WANT A RETAKE?? Simply return your original packet with your student on Picture Retake Day!

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"Not just pieces of Wood"  

By Kenny Art Teacher Cynthia McGovern  

CLICK HERE to access the article  

Take a few minutes to read Kenny Art Teacher Cynthia McGovern’s article in November’s issue of arts & activities magazine! The article portrays collage work created by our own Kenny students inspired by Native American artist George Morrison.  

Students used watercolor washes, compared and discussed differences in wood textures and lines, and drew wood-grain lines on foam printing plates. The plates were then inked and pressed into a print. The inking and printing process was repeated until their entire paper was filled. The end results look amazing!
SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, November 13

Dinner: 6pm—6:30pm
Bingo: 6:30pm—7:30pm

Richfield Evangelical Lutheran Church
8 West 60th Street, Minneapolis MN 55419

**RAFFLE PRIZES ARE NEEDED TO ENSURE EVERY CHILD GETS A PRIZE!**

All donations can be dropped off in the front office

**TRANSPORTATION IS AVAILABLE!**

Contact Community Resource Liaison Susie Friederich to arrange: susan.friederich@mpls.k12.mn.us or (612) 668-3365

RIDING THE BUS THIS WINTER?

Mornings are getting cooler and the temperature will be dropping even more soon! If your student rides a bus, please remember:

- Dress for the weather!
- Be at the bus stop five (5) minutes early and be prepared to stay at the bus stop until five (5) minutes AFTER the assigned time (this is the window where the bus is considered on time). WEATHER and TRAFFIC may also cause delays!
- Please call transportation services for bus questions that are before school hours: (612) 668-0000
- Please notify the office if you have questions or concerns regarding the bus: (612) 668-3340
Music Share Concerts:

5th Grade: November 15 at 8:15am
2nd Grade: December 6 at 8:15am
3rd Grade: February 7 at 8:15am
4th Grade: March 14 at 8:15am
5th Grade Band: April 25 at 8:15am

KENNY GYM
Hope to see you there!

2nd Grade / Room 106
Reading Partners Needed!

When: Thursdays and Fridays from 9am—10am

Please contact Susie Friederich if interested:
Susan.friederich@mpls.k12.mn.us or (612) 668-3365
Thanks to MPS Culinary & Wellness Services, Kenny students will have the opportunity to put their taste buds to the test as they sample new flavors and foods. Our first taste test of the year happens during all four lunch times on **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16** when the students will ALL have the opportunity to sample Harvest Hummus, a hummus made with pumpkin and Farm-to-School butternut squash. The recipe was developed by Naimah Mohammed, an 8th grader at Marcy Open School.

Looking for a few extra sets of hands to help pass out samples! Lunch times are as follows:

- **Kindergarten—1st Grade**: 10:40am-11am
  - 2nd Grade: 11am-11:20am
  - 3rd Grade: 11:20am-11:40am
  - 4th Grade: 11:40am-Noon
  - 5th Grade: Noon-12:20pm

Please contact Susie Friederich if you are available! Susan.friederich@mpls.k12.mn.us or (612) 668-3365

**THREE CHEERS FOR ADVENTUROUS EATING!**

We all know the Fit ‘N Fun Run fundraiser was a huge success! Just HOW big of a success was it??

**Total amount collected to date: $41,977.78**

KENNY FAMILIES ARE AMAZING!

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**
MEET OUR READING CORPS TEAM!

Kenny Neighborhood is home since 1998, when Colleen and I got married. Our kids are Charlie, Brenna and Molly. We have two dogs, four hens and one hamster. I worked in IT distribution for ten years and traveled all over the U.S. In 2010 I became a stay at home dad. This is my second year as a reading corps tutor at Kenny Elementary. Kenny students, teachers and staff are the best! Kenny feels like home.

Three fun facts: 1) I was the 1975 St. Paul Parks & Rec Bowling Champion for 5th graders. 2) In 1982, on a plane from Denver to Minneapolis, I sat next to Orville Redenbacher, the Popcorn King. 3) I spent nearly a year of my life under water!

Hello Kenny Community!

My name is Nancy Berend and I am excited to work with your students through Minnesota Reading Corps. This is my fourth year with the MRC program.

In my spare time, I enjoy walking, biking and scrapbooking. I especially love to travel with my husband, two grown sons and daughter-in-law, with Yosemite National Park being our last family trip this past summer. I’m looking forward to a great year!
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.
As found on the MPS website:

**An investment in our students and schools**

*A solid financial foundation is essential for making investments in our students and addressing the rising costs of public education. From cutting costs, to a full-scale review of staffing, programs and services, to turning to taxpayers for additional support, MPS is working on every level, every day to create a strong, sustainable, successful school district for its community.*

*The 2018 MPS Strong Referendum is just one part of that work. If passed, the referendum would give Minneapolis Public Schools access to $30 million in additional revenue. The funds will be used across the district to improve student achievement and well-being through equitable investments in literacy, social emotional learning, and support services. The new revenue sources will also help avoid future budget cuts and reductions in services to students across Minneapolis.*

**MPS is committed to:**

- Stabilizing finances through reducing costs
- Advocating at the legislature for adequate funding
- Assessing and realigning the way MPS works

Please [CLICK HERE](#) for more information!

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Daylight savings time ends this weekend!

Don’t forget to set your clock back one hour!
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:

kennyschool.pto@gmail.com

By 5pm on Friday