ELECTION DAY is Tuesday, November 7th

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. 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. As always, parents who want to enter the building will be required to sign in and out at the office.

Last Friday was a very moving day for me. In honor of Steve, the children read some poetry, Mrs. Hanzal led a few chants and the students had popsicles. Parents from the Foundation, PTA and site council presented a birdfeeder to me that will be placed outside my office window. Every Kenny child was able to help decorate it. I can’t say enough how supportive the Kenny community and Minneapolis Public Schools has been for me.

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

Bill Gibbs, Principal
Support Kenny School on

**GIVE TO THE MAX DAY**

**Thursday, November 16, 2017**

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 16, Give to the Max Day!

Give to the Max Day is a day for Minnesotans to come together to donate money for non-profits and schools in 24 hours on November 16th. 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

*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 16 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
Pictures went home last week!

Did your student miss picture day in October or do you want to retake your student’s image? Simply return the original package on Picture Retake Day!

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8**

Absent on Picture Day? You can still order at:

mylifetouch.com

Picture Day ID: MI207094Y1

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Tuesday, November 14**

Dinner: 6pm-6:30pm

Bingo: 6:30pm—7:30pm

Richfield Evangelical Lutheran Church

8 West 60th Street, Minneapolis

***RAFFLE PRIZE DONATIONS STILL NEEDED!***

All donations can be dropped off in the front office

***TRANSPORTATION IS AVAILABLE!***

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

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**HOLIDAY FOOD, TOYS AND GIFT RESOURCES**

- Call the United Way at 211 or (651) 291-0211 to learn about organizations providing Holiday food, toys or gifts within your zip code.

- Contact the Salvation Army Toy Shop at (651) 746-3595 or online ([http://www.SalvationArmyNorth.org/toyshop](http://www.SalvationArmyNorth.org/toyshop)) between November 8th and December 5th to register for an appointment.

- **Fare For All Express** offers a special holiday package for $30 which typically includes ham, whole chicken, beef ring sausage, turkey, breakfast sausage, mixed vegetables and Dutch apple pie (items are subject to change). Payment includes cash, credit/debit card or EBT. Call (763) 450-3880 or visit [http://fareforall.org/find-s-site](http://fareforall.org/find-s-site) for locations and times.
5th Grade Families…

The 5th Grade Music Share is right around the corner!
Please join us on **WEDNESDAY, 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

Want to share your love of Kenny School?
Sign up today to show prospective Kenny families just what makes our school the greatest!

**TOURS are Tuesdays at 8:15am and Thursdays at 1pm**

*PROSPECTIVE PARENT OPEN HOUSE*
Tuesday, December 5 from 4:30-6:30pm

*Training is provided!*

Contact Susie Friederich if interested or with questions:
susan.friederich@mpls.k12.mn.us or (612) 668-3365

A Wishlist from the Art Room…

- **SMALL CARDBOARD CYLINDERS 16-18oz.** (pancake mix, grits, oatmeal, salt)
- **PLASTIC CONTAINERS 5oz.** (sour cream, salsa, shredded cheese)
- **YARNS** (of all kinds and amounts)
- **ICE CREAM PLASTIC BUCKETS**
- **SMALL TELEPHONE BOOKS**
- **CARDBOARD EGG CARTONS- PLEASE REMOVE TOP**
- **LARGE BUTTONS**

**THANK YOU, FRIENDS OF ART EDUCATION!**

Kenny Art Teachers
Mrs. Cynthia McGovern (K, 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th)
Mr. Florian Fairbanks (2nd)
Kenny Community School, along with the Kenny Foundation is partnering again this year with The Sheridan Story. Over 200,000 children in the state of Minnesota live in food insecurity and do not always know when they will receive their next meal.

The Sheridan Story’s purpose is to respond to this need by closing the weekend food gap between Friday and Monday by delivering individual bags of dry and canned food to Kenny School every Friday. The bags are then discreetly sent home in student’s backpacks, always keeping the student’s and the family’s information confidential.

If your family needs assistance with food, and have not already filled out the form, please complete and return to the main office. Extra forms are available in the main office! **Food distribution begins on Friday, November 10th!**

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

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**Cleaning out the closets?**

We are currently looking for new and/or gently used:

- Pants
- Socks
- Undergarments
- Winter coats
- Snow Pants
- Boots
- Gloves
- Hats

Sizes 6+

Items can be brought to the front office.

**THANK YOU** for your generosity!
What is the Kenny Foundation?

The Kenny School Foundation is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit that supports building projects and academic programs at Kenny School. We support Kenny kids, the building and staff! Some of our projects include:

- Lockers in the hallways
- Media Center
- Front Foyer and office remodeling and upgrades
- Staff lounge updates
- Band program
- 5th Grade Dulcimers
- Art supplies
- Phys. Ed Equipment
- Whiteboards for all classrooms
- Woot Math
- StoryWorks

The Foundation relies on the generous support of parents and neighbors. How can you help?

1. Designate the Kenny School Foundation as the beneficiary of your employer giving or United Way giving program (EIN # 75-3071701)
2. Make an individual gift
3. Shop online at: [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and choose Kenny School Foundation Inc.

A Note From the PTA...

Here is how parents can get involved this month:

- Donations toward Classroom Budget Allocations:
  - Each year the PTA provides additional cash funding to each classroom. This extra funding helps teachers purchase much needed supplies for their classrooms and students. Funding is possible through fundraisers and direct donations from parents. Checks can be made out to Kenny PTA and left in the front office. 100% of this money is split equally amongst all classrooms. Please label as “Staff Classroom Fund”

- Turkey Bingo is a fabulous FREE event in November for all Kenny students and families!
  - Every kiddo who attends gets a prize! Please consider donating to the prize collection! The prizes can range anywhere from $1-$10 and can be left in the front office.
Share your values

Minneapolis Public Schools is on the path to financial sustainability, however the costs of the programs and services we offer continue to be more than available dollars.

what would you do?

We want to know what you value for your child and for all children in Minneapolis Public Schools. If you had to make these difficult budget and programming decisions, what would you do?

From Oct. 23 through the end of November, please go to the MPS homepage to find links to:

- Information on how school budgets are created and how MPS got where we are today
- The “MPS Values Survey”
- Send us your ideas and questions
- Participate in an upcoming “MPS Values Focus Group” at a site near you
Results will be posted on our website

Our budget should reflect our values. Let’s find our common values and put them to work for our students.

Let’s be MPS Strong - together.
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.