Hello Kenny Families,

It was great to see so many families at Turkey Bingo last night! The dinner was great, the children loved the prizes, and we gave 20 turkeys away. Our new families were very impressed with the event and surprised to find out it was all free. That goes to show how great our parent involvement is at Kenny. The event is coordinated by parent volunteers and paid for by the Kenny Parent Foundation. Special thanks go out to coordinators Janet Kupierz and Tom Beckers and their team of volunteers. It was a great Kenny family event!

In today’s newsletter there is information on how people can contribute to Kenny School through “Give to the Max” which takes place tomorrow. This is a simple way to contribute directly to Kenny School. Please let your friends and family know about this giving opportunity.

Report cards are coming home in today’s Wednesday folders. This is one more way to provide you information on the growth and learning your child is making at school. Please contact your child’s teacher directly if you have questions on the information you receive.

As always, watch the calendar and newsletter closely because we have so many great events. Thanks for all you do to make Kenny the amazing community school it is.

Bill Gibbs, Principal
Participate in a Minnesota tradition: Give to the Max Day and support Kenny School!

CLICK HERE to donate!

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 14th. 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
- Three 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 14 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

All gifts made using GiveMN.org through November 14 will be automatically scheduled to be processed on November 14, 2019 Give to the Max Day!

THANK YOU for your support!
Another successful Turkey Bingo is in the books!

Over 350 people were served dinner, 20 turkeys were won, and there were prizes...prizes...PRIZES galore!

A big **THANK YOU** goes to our Turkey Bingo team of Janet Kupierz and Tom Beckers, to the staff members (Felicia Holbrook, Amy Lynch, Sherry Tsao, Kristina Lallas, Marni Lamberty, and Principal Gibbs) who served our families their meal, to the families who volunteered their time to help the event run smoothly, and finally to those who so generously donated items for the raffle!

A special note of **THANKS** goes to:

Our local Kowalski’s for their continued support of our school and their donation of 20 turkeys for the event!

Our 3rd grade teacher Kristina Lallas and Simek’s for donating the delicious meatballs

**THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!!**

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**5th Grade Music Concert**

**TOMORROW!**

**Thursday, November 14 at 8:15am**

**In the Gym**

Join us as our 5th graders explore how music, movement, and dance are all interconnected!

In celebration of our Native American families, we will also be joined by the **Ain Dah Yung ("Our Home") Drum Group**. Thank you to the Kenny Parent Foundation (KPF) and music teachers Ms. Rachel Wixson and Ms. Rebecca Totzke for making their visit possible!
COOKING NIGHT OFF

WHEN: Tuesday, November 19 from 5pm-8pm
WHERE: MyBurger (6555 Lyndale Ave S. Richfield)
Watch for the flyer in your student's Wednesday folder! Bring it with you and 25% of your pre-tax bill will go back to Kenny School!
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Ms. Totzke has a new project for music class, but it's going to take about 30 large metal cans to get it going.

Can you help?
Large metal coffee cans are perfect, as well as large restaurant sized metal cans.
We will be collecting them through the next month.
THANK YOU!

Hello Kenny Families,

One of our goals at Kenny School is to keep your child well and attending school. Here are some very simple steps that parents can take to help prevent the spread of illness (National Association of School Nurses, 2007, American Academy of Pediatrics):

Vaccinate: It is not too late to for your child to get a flu vaccine. Call your health care provider to make an appointment or Hennepin County Public Health Department at (612) 348-2884 for their flu vaccine clinic dates and times. If you have internet access, the Minnesota Department of Health has excellent information available including how to locate a nearby flu vaccine clinic at: https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/flu/index.html

Good Hygiene, Nutrition and Adequate Sleep: Teach your child to wash their hands often. They should count to 20 or say the alphabet while washing and wash with friction. It is important that your child eat nutritional meals and snacks and get plenty of sleep each night to prevent illness.

Know when to keep your child home from school: If your child has a fever over 100 degrees, vomiting or has a sore throat that has persisted over several days, keep your child home from school.

Cover your cough: Teach your children to cover their mouth with their elbow or a tissue when they cough. Model to your children how you cover their cough and practice with them how to do it.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Health Office at 612-668-3346.

Rebecca Richardson, RN Licensed School Nurse
Join us in celebration of American Indian Awareness & Family Involvement Week

Start the day with our 3rd-5th Grade Student of the Month celebration at 8:15am in the gym.

Later, visit your student’s classroom, join them for lunch, and even stay for recess!

Lunch times are listed below:

- Kindergarten / 1st Grade: 10:40-11am (recess 11-11:20am)
- 2nd Grade: 11-11:20am (recess 11:20-11:40am)
- 3rd Grade: 11:20-11:40am (recess 11:40am-Noon)
- 4th Grade: 11:40-Noon (recess Noon-12:20pm)
- 5th Grade: Noon-12:20pm (recess 12:20-12:40pm)

WE’D LOVE TO HAVE YOU VISIT!

Throughout the year, MPS Culinary & Wellness Services host True Food Taste Tests. This gives our students the opportunity to try new flavors and foods!

On Friday, November 15, our students will sample Three Sisters Soup, made with corn, beans, and butternut squash during their lunch times. This recipe is based on the indigenous farming tradition of growing these three crops together.

If you are able to lend a hand passing out samples during lunch from 10:30am—Noon, please reach out to Susie Friederich at susan.friederich@mpls.k12.mn.us or (612) 668-3365

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BASKETS FOR KIDS

Come join other Kenny families for a volunteer event hosted by the March Magic Committee!

**WHEN:** Saturday, November 23rd 9am-11am

**WHERE:** Armatage Recreation Center (2500 W 57th St)

We will be putting together care baskets and donating them to Children’s Hospital Minneapolis.

Kids of all ages are welcome! If you’re able to donate items for the baskets, please follow the links to the find the wishlists:

Amazon Wishlist or [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/21WWR8H0HFKIH?ref_=wl_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/21WWR8H0HFKIH?ref_=wl_share)

Target Wishlist or [https://www.target.com/gift-registry/giftgiver?registryId=854d47a08ebd43bc8b654357e23b59ae](https://www.target.com/gift-registry/giftgiver?registryId=854d47a08ebd43bc8b654357e23b59ae)

Many thanks in advance!

Questions? Contact Kelly Kozicky at: kkozicky@icloud.com

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FREE MEAL

**WHEN:** Thursdays from 5:15-6:15pm

**WHERE:** 5025 Knox Ave S., Minneapolis, MN 55419

**WHAT’S COOKING?** Soup, salad, fresh fruit, entrée, coffee, lemonade, and water

Open to all; no need to register and there is NO religious influence—Just a meal!

Available every week (except Thanksgiving)

Questions? Contact Katie Marxhausen

(612) 767-2219
You’ve Got The Cutest Little Baby Face...

CALLING ALL 5TH GRADE FAMILIES!

We need a baby or toddler picture of your student for an end of the year project!

Please email a digital copy to your teacher with your student’s name on the subject line

-OR-

Send a hard copy photo to school with your student. We’ll make a copy and send your original back home.

Janee Rivard-Johnson: janee.rivard-johnson@mpls.k12.mn.us
Kathy Horner: kathy.horner@mpls.k12.mn.us
Bruce Iverson: bruce.iverson@mpls.k12.mn.us

The 2020-2021 School Request Window will open FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2019

Please visit the SCHOOL REQUEST page online at https://schoolrequest.mpls.k12.mn.us/ to find a school near you or to learn more about the school selection process.

Join us at KENNY SCHOOL for our Prospective Family Open House on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 from 5:00-7:00pm

**Stay tuned for more information!
CALLING ALL 5TH GRADERS!

ANTHONY MIDDLE SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE

Learn More About Anthony!
Meet Anthony Students and Staff!
Tour the Building!

WHEN: Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 5:00pm-7:00pm

- Presentation starts at 5:00pm in the school auditorium
  - enter through door #3 down by the lower south parking lot
- Tours start around 5:30pm right after the presentation

WHO: For NEW and PROSPECTIVE families of 6th – 8th grade students for the 2020-2021 school year

Susan B. Anthony Middle School
5757 Irving Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55419
anthonympls.k12.mn.us 612-668-3241

ib Middle Years Programme
Winter weather is here! Please make sure your student has winter gear (coat, snow pants, hat, mittens/gloves, scarf and boots) as most days we will be outside for recess!

**Indoor recess is based on a temperature or windchill of –5° below zero**

Full day school closure decisions will be made by the District no later than 5am the day of the closure.

Visit the MPS website for information on weather-related school closings and find resources to help lessen the impact of school closures.

**Crossing Guard will be cancelled if the temperature and/or windchill is below zero, also taking into consideration weather conditions**

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You won’t want to

**LET THIS GO!**

Richfield Lutheran Church
Theater Company
8 West 60th Street
Minneapolis, 55419

Tickets are selling fast for RLC’s December production of Disney’s Frozen Jr.

Make it a family outing and introduce your family to the theater!

**Friday, December 13**
7pm-9pm

**Saturday, December 14**
2pm-4pm and 7pm-9pm

**Sunday, December 15**

*The December 14 performance includes an actor “talk back” after the show and photo opportunities with your favorite Frozen characters!

**BUY TICKETS HERE** or visit:

https://search.seatyourself.biz/webstore/accounts/rlctheatercompany/buy-tix?landingMessageSeen=true&d=0
Holiday Food and Toy Resources 2019

*Deadlines and Program Capacities Vary*

Information as of Oct. 25, 2019

**Please Note:** A number of Food Shelves may be offering Holiday food or possibly gift programs for their participants. If you are registered with a particular Food Shelf or are otherwise getting food from a Food Shelf, please check with the food shelf staff directly.

**Resources Open to Minneapolis families:**

**MEALS ON WHEELS THANKSGIVING MEAL**

Big Brothers Big Sisters Twin Cities is partnering with Meals on Wheels to offer Thanksgiving Dinners to families in need this holiday season.

The meal is precooked and will include all of the components of a Thanksgiving meal, including turkey, dressing, potatoes, peas, corn, cranberries, rolls, pumpkin pie and milk. (Recipients will need to warm up the meal.)

Deliveries will be made between 8:30-11 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 28th. A family member must be home to accept the delivery. This service is available to all who apply – not just seniors.

Click the link below to register your family for the Meals on Wheels’ Thanksgiving Dinner.

**Deadline to reserve a meal is Thursday, November 7.**

Please share this information with someone who you feel may be in need this season. Enjoy!

[https://www.eventbrite.com/e/meals-on-wheels-thanksgiving-dinner-all-registration-78067194079](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/meals-on-wheels-thanksgiving-dinner-all-registration-78067194079)

**SALVATION ARMY TOY SHOP**

For children up to age 14, **LIVING IN** Anoka, Carver, Chisago, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, Sherburne, Washington, and Wright counties. **Registration for the 2019 Twin Cities Toy Shop begins Wednesday, Nov. 6 and ends Saturday, Dec. 1.**

You may register to participate in our Toy Shop by filling out our registration form. Please note that forms are provided in English, Spanish and Hmong.

Our Twin Cities Toy Shop hotline (651-746-3595) will be open during weekday business hours for registration and to answer questions. All who register before Dec. 1 will receive an assigned location for toy pick up, based on their address. Distributions will be held Dec. 18-23. If you miss registration but still need assistance, call United Way 2-1-1 to see what help may be available in your area.

**You cannot be registered for any other toy program, such as Toys for Tots.**

**Registration may also be done on line at [http://www.SalvationArmyNorth.org/toyshop](http://www.SalvationArmyNorth.org/toyshop) for those with an email address.** When you complete the form, your information will be given to an agency that can serve you. They will be responsible for instructing you on how to pick up toys.

The Salvation Army may allow homeless families to register if they have verification of a zip code, such as a letter from the location where they are staying or a letter from a shelter.

Check for that information at (651)746-3595.
TOYS FOR TOTS AND GIFTS FOR TEENS 2019

(Covers the following counties only: Anoka, Blue Earth, Carver, Chisago, Dakota, Freeborn, Hennepin, Ramsey, Rice, Sherburne, Scott, Washington and Wright.)


Toys are distributed through participating no profit organizations. The list of agencies will be available Nov. 16th or call United Way at 2-1-1 or (651) 291-0211 to learn which programs have toys for children. A child may only be registered through one charitable organization. Multiple registrations by different family members, at different locations, are not allowed. Only toy requests by family members with custodial responsibility are normally approved. Other requests are considered on a case by case basis. The age limit is 16 years old.

UNITED WAY 2-1-1

United Way receives information from organizations that are providing Holiday food, toys or gifts. Call 2-1-1 or (651) 291-0211. They will search for programs within your zip code.

FARE FOR ALL EXPRESS

Fresh groceries at discounted prices. (763) 450-3880 Fare for All -Visit website for locations and times: http://fareforall.org/find-a-site. Sometimes offers a special Holiday package. No registration required. Attend a Fare for All site. Payment includes: cash, credit/debit card, or EBT

CHRISTMAS WITH DIGNITY HOSPITALITY HOUSE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Offers discounted Toys for families who qualify. Preregistration required: Bring proof of address with a photo Id or utility bill. Registrations includes children’s original birth certificate (No Photo Copies). (612) 524.5824

Locations: Hospitality Youth Development 1220 Logan Ave N

Shopping date will be Saturday, December 13, 2019

PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN YOUTH CENTER


Saturday, December 14
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Plymouth Christian Youth Center, North Minneapolis

Must purchase tickets in advance - $1 per child, at Plymouth Christian Youth Center’s main building, 2210 Oliver Ave. N, Minneapolis. $1 can purchase 5 gifts.
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: Students can enter the building at 7:50am. Please plan accordingly!

Please be courteous of other drivers and USE CAUTION when pulling away from the curb!

All adults entering the building must sign in at the

Cars can only travel south on Emerson Avenue between 57th and 58th streets from 7:45 – 8:15 a.m.

- Pull your car forward to bus sign “A”
- DROP AND DRIVE. If you need a hug or want to get out of your car to say good-bye to your child, use the parking lot or one of the grey-shaded areas on the map shown
- All students must exit cars from the WEST side (on the school side) or use the crosswalk!
- No student drop-off on 58th street from 7:50am—8:00am. Door #3 is open for busses and walkers until 8:00am and then LOCKED

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.
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