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. Special thanks go out to coordinators Susie Friederich and Mary Schumann and their team of volunteers for not allowing Turkey Bingo to fall by the wayside!

Last week was very exciting as we had Election Day. We were able to showcase Kenny school to many of our neighbors as Kenny staff and parent volunteers greeted voters when they came in the building. Many former parents commented on how great the entryway redesign turned out. It was amazing to watch how the staff and families all worked together to make sure our children felt physically and emotionally safe.

Tomorrow is Native American Family Involvement Day. We will start the day off with a student of the Month Assembly. Families are invited to visit the classrooms tomorrow and join your children for lunch.

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 make a contribution 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.

What a great week to celebrate at Kenny School. 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**

[Click here to support Kenny School!](https://givemn.org/organization/Kenny-Community-School-7860950)

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**Give to the Max Day**

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](https://givemn.org/organization/Kenny-Community-School-7860950)
Native American Family Involvement Day (NAFID)

Thursday, November 16 is Native American Family Involvement Day!
You are invited to start the day off with our Student of the Month assembly at **8:15am** in the gym. Later, pay a visit to 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 11:40-Noon)
- 4th Grade: 11:40-Noon (recess Noon-12:20pm)
- 5th Grade: Noon-12:20pm (recess 12:20-12:40pm)

**WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU VISIT!**

**TRUE FOOD TASTE TEST!**

On **Thursday, November 16**, Kenny students will have a chance to put their taste buds to the test with a sampling of “Kid Kimchee”, a Korean-inspired and kid-friendly recipe that features locally sourced carrots, kohlrabi and purple daikon radishes.

**Looking for a few extra sets of hands to help pass out samples**

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- 4th Grade: 11:40-Noon
- 5th Grade: Noon-12:20pm

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

**REMINDER!**

**NO ALC or Community Education classes on:**

**Tuesday, November 21 and Thursday, November 23**

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

Classes resume on Tuesday, November 28
**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.

- **FARE FOR ALL EXPRESS** officers 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-a-site](http://fareforall.org/find-a-site) for locations and times.

- Contact the **SALVATION ARMY TOY SHOP** at (651) 746-3595 or [http://www.SalvationArmyNorth.org/toyshop](http://www.SalvationArmyNorth.org/toyshop) between November 8 and December 5 to register for an appointment.

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**WINTER RECESS**

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

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

We use the Weatherbug weather app with Calvin Christian School as the selected site to determine our current conditions.

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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

* **NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION**: Tuesday, May 4 at 4pm

Training is provided! Time commitment is flexible!

Contact Susie Friederich if interested or with questions:

susan.friederich@mpls.k12.mn.us or (612) 668-3365
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 and choose Kenny School Foundation Inc.

A Note From the PTA...

A big thank you to all the families and staff for another great Turkey Bingo event last night! There were raffle prizes galore and we gave away 20 turkeys! Thank you for your prize donations. They helped put a smile on every kiddo’s face!

Thank you to Cub Foods and Kowalski’s Markets for their continuing support of Kenny School!

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”
Winter weather is here

BE PREPARED IF WE CANCEL SCHOOL

Our schools provide students with a safe and stable place to learn. We understand that canceling school may cause some families hardships related to finding child care.

We consider closing school when:
- Wind chill is at -35°F (-37°C) or colder at 6:30 a.m.
- More than 6 inches of snow falls in 12 hours
- More than 8 inches of snow falls in 24 hours

We try to tell parents:
- By 6:00 p.m. the day before the cancellation, OR
- By 5:30 a.m. the day of the cancellation

We announce cancellations by:
Phone calls | Texts | Website | Facebook | Twitter | Radio | TV

Visit www.mpls.k12.mn.us/school_closing for more information.

Questions: answers@mpls.k12.mn.us | 612.668.0230 | www.mpls.k12.mn.us
Effective Fall of 2017, the colleges and universities of Minnesota State will allow students to use the Grade 10 Minnesota Comprehensive Assessment (MCA) Reading and Grade 11 MCA Math assessment in place of the Accuplacer Practice Test for placement into a Reading, College Algebra, Statistics or Liberal Arts mathematics course.

Note that as of now, students will need to contact the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) to request that their MCA scores are sent to their desired school. Students can also use the ACT and SAT in place of the Accuplacer Practice Test, but these scores vary by campus.

Please contact Shari Wiggins, Testing Coordinator with questions: shari.wiggins@mpls.k12.mn.us

Interested in joining our team?

We currently have room for two more full-time tutors through MRC at Kenny. If a full-time position is too much time, you may be interested in a NEW POSITION OFFERED THROUGH MRC.

Starting in January MRC is offering a three day a week position. This three day (6 hours a day) position is a great fit for retired persons, college students, stay at home parents and those that just need a bit more flexibility! Training for both position will take place in January.

For more information on both the full-time position and the three day position, contact Marie Hartke, Recruiter: marie.hartke@servetogrow.org or (612) 206-3044
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.
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:

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 8:10am.

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

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