Hello Kenny Families,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable weekend with their families.

This coming Monday is a very exciting night for Kenny families. Our school bookfair takes place at the new Barnes and Noble store in Edina. It is a great time to get together with Kenny families, listen to author Margi Preus read her latest book Storm’s Coming, and hear our amazing school choir affectionately known as the Kenny Glee Club. We hope to see you there.

While homework varies from grade to grade at Kenny, it is still important for children to read every day. This is super important with long weekends like the one we just had. Also, this year winter break is over two weeks long. Please help set up a spot at your home for children to do their reading every day. Read, Read, Read!

It looks like winter is coming. We try to go outside for recess every day at Kenny. If it goes below zero, there will be times we shorten recess. If there are dangerous wind chills, we do stay inside. Please make sure to send your child with hats, gloves, snow pants, boots, and a good heavy jacket knowing we will try to get outside every day. If your child needs any winter clothing, please reach out to Community Resource Liaison Susie Friederich at (612) 668-3365 or Social Worker Karen Shannon at (612) 668-3345 here at school.

Thanks for all you do making Kenny the amazing community school it is!
Bill Gibbs

Look for the Kenny Variety Show information sent home today!

 Dates to Remember

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Nov. 9, 2016

Dear MPS families and Minneapolis community members,

We are deeply grateful to the voters of Minneapolis who demonstrated their commitment to our students, schools and community by renewing the school referendum on Election Day.

We use referendum funding to manage class sizes and provide supportive services and activities for students. In the 2016-2017 school year, referendum revenue accounts for 13% of our budget and funds more than 750 positions. We rely on this revenue, as well as state and federal funding and grants, to provide high-quality educational programs in Minneapolis.

By renewing the referendum authorization for nine years, voters have made a long-term investment in our students and in their community.

We are committed to using these resources in the most effective way to continually improve student achievement. Again, I greatly appreciate your support of Minneapolis Public Schools.

Sincerely,

Ed Graff
Superintendent
Minneapolis Public Schools
Barnes & Noble Bookfair

Monday, December 5th
6:00-8:30 pm

Barnes & Noble in The Galleria- new space in lower level!
3225 West 69th Street  Edina

- Get your holiday shopping done and support Kenny School at the same time!
- Reading by Minnesota author Margi Preus from her book “Storm’s Coming” at 6 pm
- Performance by the Kenny Glee Club at 7 pm
- Enjoy dinner at the new full service restaurant B&N Kitchen– purchases counts toward our book fair!
- Teachers’ wish lists provided- support your child’s classroom library!
- A portions of sales goes to Kenny: including books, Nooks, calendars, music and purchases from the restaurant
- Note: e-books, gift cards, and membership purchases do not count toward the book fair

Can’t attend our bookfair at Barnes & Noble?

Visit BN.COM/bookfairs to support us online from 12/05/16 to 12/10/16 by entering Bookfair ID 11983319 at checkout.

Look for the vouchers on the flyer sent home on Wednesday, November 30th.

If you’d like to volunteer, contact Chris Colston at avenston@comcast.net or Anna Adams at anniek52@hotmail.com
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
PTA Updates:

See you next week at our PTA Meeting Tuesday December 6 at 7pm. We will be discussing events past & present, hear updates from Principal Gibbs and discuss the 2017 PTA Vision for our Kenny Community. We would love to see you.

Also, reminder about our new online school store where every purchase helps support the Kenny School Foundation! http://kennyschool.inspire.world/
We have a few calendar marking off events for you...

✔️ The Barnes & Noble Book Fair will be on December 5th

✔️ Our next PTA meeting is December 6th: we will be outlining the PTA Vision & Plan for the next few months so please do join us, everyone is always welcome.

✔️ Parent and caregiver workshop on February 7 at 6pm: Kenny PTA has partnered with the Kenny School Foundation to bring you “Teachable Safety Skills: Replacing Myths with Facts.”

This workshop will help provide you with practical tools to use in talking about online and personal safety concerns with kids of all ages in a positive and empowering way. Alison Feigh is the Program Director at the Jacob Wetterling Resource Center, a program of Gundersen National Child Protection Training Center.

The workshop is free and childcare will be provided as well. Location: Media Center.

This program is made possible by the Kenny PTA and Kenny School Foundation.

Next Meeting Tuesday, Dec 6
Please join us!

Keep on Clipping!

Drop box in the Kenny office.
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/kennypta
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.