Hello Kenny Families,

December is a great month at Kenny School. Last night, we held our prospective parent open house and we had a good turnout. The parents are super excited to be enrolling their children at Kenny School. The really cool thing is they tell me the great things they hear from current and former families about how wonderful this school is.

Tomorrow morning, the 3rd graders will perform their music concert. Monday, the 9th will be a fun day as the obstacle course starts in PE and that evening the Glee choir will be performing at 6:30pm at the Barnes and Noble Bookfair. Last night was the Kenny Parent Foundation meeting. I gave several updates at the meeting. The open bid for construction is out right now. This week, I learned there are a number of items the district would like to add to the original project if the bid would be acceptable.

They would like to convert all the lighting in the building to LED (you know what our hall lights look like right now). The new classrooms will be air conditioned by a roof unit. They would like to upgrade that unit so that in the future it would be able to cool the 3rd-4th and 5th grade wing. They would also like to replace all the aluminum entry doors around the building. They are hoping to upgrade the flooring in the areas being renovated. It would be great if we got it all!

Something that is really important for families to be watching is the Comprehensive District Design. The district is looking at this for a few reasons. They want to be more efficient and allow consistent programming at all schools. There would be cost savings in transportation. Also, our current model has not met integration goals. There will be impacts to schools and pathways across the district. Please see the links later in the newsletter, visit the district website and follow school board discussions as much as you can.

I shared that Rachel Wixson will be out on a leave of absence into April. There are no licensed substitute music teachers in the district. Rebecca Totzke has agreed to cover the 4th grade music class and 5th grade, we are hoping to have our own Ulinda Tapplin teach that class during the leave. Ulinda has more than one regular teaching license (most substitute teachers only have short term substitute licenses). I will be working with our differentiation specialist and the fifth-grade team to decide what curriculum will be delivered during that time. We are looking at ways that could provide enrichment, projects or even extensions to what is happening in the core instruction. I will keep the fifth-grade families updated.

Watch the calendar closely, we don’t want you to miss anything!

Thank you for everything you do to help Kenny the amazing community school it is!

Bill Gibbs, Principal

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**Dates to Remember**

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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](http://kenny.mpls.k12.mn.us)
Barnes & Noble Bookfairs
Kenny Community School
Monday, December 9th
6:30pm
Barnes & Noble
3230 Galleria, Edina
(Edina)
BN.COM/BOOKFAIRS
#BNBookfairs

Glee Club performs at 6:30pm
JOIN US!
After School Community Education

WINTER SESSION IS NOW OPEN!

Registration deadline is Friday, December 13 at 6am

REGISTER HERE or visit: https://minneapolis.ce.eleyo.com/courses/category/76/after-school-youth-classes

- Classes are first come, first served! Get your forms in quickly! All completed forms can be turned into the office!

- If you need a scholarship, you must call the Community Education office to discuss options or your child will not be registered. Scholarships are available, but forms turned in without payment will not be processed until you have spoken with the Coordinator about your request for a scholarship. 612.668.3363 no one will be turned away due to economic hardship!

- We will send home a confirmation letter when your child is officially enrolled in activities. Do not send your child to activities unless s/he has received a confirmation.

ALC / GEMS / GISE: ALC Registration form applies to the full school year and students do not need to re-enroll

For ALC questions please contact: Luann Mishler: LuAnn.Mishler@mpls.k12.mn.us

For Community Education programming questions, please contact Michelle Rukavina, Community Education Coordinator: michelle.rukavina@mpls.k12.mn.us
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!

You’re Invited!

WHAT: 3rd Grade Music Concert
“Songs of the North”
WHEN: Thursday, December 5 at 8:15am in the gym
Hope to see you there!

Calling all Kenny Kids...

It’s almost time for the VARIETY SHOW!
When: Thursday, February 20 at 12:15pm and 6:30pm
Where: Kenny Gym

Audition forms are due back this FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6th. NO LATE FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED, so make sure to get them in on time!

(Extra forms are available in the office!)

Auditions will be held during the school day on
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2019 so start practicing!

We are also looking for volunteers to support both day and evening shows, so please reach out if you are available.

We can’t wait to see all the wonderful talent our Kenny kids have to share!

Questions? Contact Rebecca Totzke (rebecca.totzke@mpls.k12.mn.us)
Hey 3rd, 4th, and 5th Graders!

It's Winter Options Day!

Winter Options classes are a great opportunity for families to teach a small group of students a fun craft, game or any special interest you may have.

Volunteers plan, gather the supplies needed and lead a small group of 8-10 students.

Activity leaders are needed the most, but you're welcome to sign up to help with any activity. There are also activities that do not require supplies; just leaders!

**The more leaders/activities we have, the SMALLER the groups will be!**

Sign-up forms will be sent home by your teachers, or click HERE (https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054CAACA22A2F58-kenny1)

Please contact your student’s teacher or Susie Friederich with any questions at: susan.friederich@mpls.k12.mn.us or (612) 668-3365

Missing Something?

All lost and found items are located on tables outside of the gym.

Jackets, hoodies, mittens and gloves, lunchboxes and more! Please remind your student to take a look!
A Note from the Nurse...

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](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

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**Box Tops for Education**

an easy way to earn cash for your school!

Box Tops for Education has gone mobile!

No more clipping! Simply scan your receipt using the mobile app!

Download the app [HERE](https://www.boxtops4education.com/)

Or visit:

[https://www.boxtops4education.com/](https://www.boxtops4education.com/)
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 and for the yearbook!

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

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT PHOTOS:
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20

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
All Kenny students are invited to enter their drawings in our 2019-2020 Yearbook Cover Contest!

The Student Council will determine a way to involve the whole school in the final voting process!

Two of the entries will be selected to be featured on the front and back covers. All others will be featured within the book!

**Good Luck!**

**SUBMISSION DUE DATE: FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2020**

**Yearbook Cover Requirements**

- **THEME:** Anything Kenny School related
- **8.5 x 11 inch paper (electronic submissions accepted) - Don’t leave too much whitespace!**
- Vertical orientation
- Must include “Kenny Community School” and “2019-2020”
- Any medium accepted (computer drawing, pencil, marker, sharpie, water color, colored pencil, etc)
- Must be SOLE work of Kenny student or a group of Kenny Students!
- Write your name and your teacher’s name on the back

Questions? Contact Susie Friederich at susan.friederich@mpls.k12.mn.us
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.

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.)  https://minneapolis-mn.toysfortots.org/local-coordinator-sites/lco-sites/request-toys.aspx

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

Shopper registration dates to be announced soon! Shopping date will be Saturday, December 13, 2019

PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN YOUTH CENTER


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.
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/

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

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