Hello Kenny Families,

One of our goals at Kenny 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 shot. Call your health care provider to make an appointment or Hennepin County Public Health Department at (612) 348-2884 for their shot 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 shot clinic at: [http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/diseases/flu/index.html](http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/diseases/flu/index.html)

**Good Hygiene, Nutrition and Adequate Sleep:** Teach your child to wash their hands often. They should count to 20 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 101 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 arm 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.

Ann D. Lumbar Bendson, RN LSN
Minneapolis Public Schools
Kenny Elementary, DeLaSalle High School, and homeschool students

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### Dates to Remember

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<td>NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK Students return on Tuesday, January 3rd</td>
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You can still donate to KENNY SCHOOL by shopping online

Click Link: BN.COM/bookfairs to support us online until Dec 10 by entering Bookfair ID 11983319 at checkout.

- Get your holiday shopping done and support Kenny School at the same time!
- A portions of sales goes to Kenny: including books, Nooks, calendars, music
(Note: e-books, gift cards, and membership purchases do not count toward the book fair)

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3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Music Students!

Share Your Music Day

Week of December 12

The week before winter break we will have a "Share Your Music" day in class. Bring your PREPARED songs you've been working on in private lessons, share your favorite song to listen to, an instrument from home you'd like to show the class, a dance you've been working on - anything music related!

I will have a CD player ready (all CD's/recorded songs must be school appropriate. If unsure, check with Mrs. Wixson). Look below for your day!

- **Monday 12/12**
  - Ms. Baier, Ms. Tsao

- **Tuesday 12/13**
  - Ms. Peterson, Ms. Ryan

- **Wednesday 12/14**
  - Ms. Johnson, Mr. Mastel, Ms. Schineer

- **Thursday 12/15**
  - Mr. Feely

- **Friday 12/16**
  - Mr. Iverson

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STUDENT DIRECTORY ADDENDUM

If you weren't included in the 2016-17 student directory or need a correction made to your family's contact information, please send all updates to: Susie Friederich at susan.friederich@mpls.k12.mn.us

**Changes due no later than Wednesday, December 14**
3rd, 4th & 5th Grade
Winter Options Day

Come join the fun!
Volunteers needed!

WHEN:
Thursday, December 15
1-2pm

Please click link to sign up for an activity…

http://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054caca220f58-3rd

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:

Monday night was the Barnes & Noble Book Fair. Thank you so much to all those who came out to support the event, especially our volunteers who helped put the event together.

We had our December PTA meeting last night where we reviewed the PTA’s vision for our Kenny Community going into 2017. Thank you as always for the great discussions and please reach out to us if you have any questions at all or if you missed last night and would like to know more.

Don’t forget to visit the Kenny PTA pages on the Kenny website to learn more about the proposed vision and goals for the PTA this academic year. You comments and feedback are invited and welcomed!

Also, reminder about our new online school store where every purchase helps support the Kenny School Foundation! http://kennyschool.inspire.world/

Mark your calendars...

Parent and caregiver workshop on February 7 at 6pm The 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 Meetings are on Tuesday, January 3
Foundation meeting @ 6pm - PTA meeting @7pm

family reading night

Do you have a friend or a family member who is an author, an illustrator, a poet or a sports figure?

Do you know someone who inspires kids to read? Any and all ideas are welcome!!

The Family Reading Night Committee would love to hear from you!!
Please contact Terri Diamond at diamondLtd@comcast.net or (612) 269-2550.
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.

http://kenny.mpls.k12.mn.us/

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.