Hello Kenny Families,

It is hard to believe we are already at winter vacation. This continues to be an amazing year of learning at Kenny school.

This is a fun week at Kenny school. Ms. Johnson has the obstacle course set up in the gym through Thursday and that is one of the student’s favorite PE units. Try outs for the Variety Show are taking place today. Tomorrow the third –fifth grade classrooms are having their winter options and the kindergarten classrooms are building gingerbread houses. We end the week with a Student of the Month celebration Friday morning.

This is the first time we have had a vacation that is over two weeks long. With such a long break from school, it is really important to make sure children are reading at least 30 minutes every day. I know many families are working to reduce screen time for children, but if the children are working on tablets or computers, ST math is a great resource. Your children can log into their ST math account at http://web.stmath.com/.

The staff and I would like to take this time to recognize the amazing things the Kenny families do for us. We appreciate all of the time you have volunteered this year, giving the staff lounge a makeover and providing treats this morning. We are so lucky to have such amazing and supportive families!

Have a wonderful and safe winter break!
Bill Gibbs,
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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**Foundation Updates:**

**iNSPiRE.world**

After much deliberation, the Kenny Foundation members have decided to discontinue the partnership with iNSPiRE.world, the online shopping platform used to pilot the Kenny Foundation School Store.

The site and all links previously found on the Foundation page of the Kenny School website have been removed.

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**Keep on Clipping...**
Drop box in the Kenny office.
Hello Kenny Families,

Just a reminder to all Kenny families that students WILL have outdoor recess if it is above -5 degrees Fahrenheit (wind chill factor is also taken into account). Students are outside for approximately 20 minutes. IT IS IMPORTANT TO ENSURE THAT YOUR STUDENT IS DRESSED FOR THE WEATHER...this means gloves, hats, scarfs, boots and snow pants. Health Office staff are spending way too much time getting hats and mittens for students that forgot them. They will not be kept inside if they forgot them as we don’t have extra staff to supervise students inside during recess, so please make sure your kiddos are dressed appropriately.

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 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

**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
PTA Updates:

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.

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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.