Hello Kenny Families,

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 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 Lumbar Bendson
RN Licensed School Nurse

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**Dates to Remember**

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Calling all Kenny Kids...
It’s time to get ready for the

VARIETY SHOW

When: Thursday, February 14 at 12:15pm and 6:30pm
Where: Kenny Gym

AUDITIONS
Auditions will be held during the school day on:
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20
(Grades 3-5...Morning)
(Grades K-2...Afternoon)

Audition forms are due back THIS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7th. NO LATE FORMS WILL BE ACCEPTED, so make sure to get them in on time!

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!

Rachel Wixson (rachel.wixson@mpls.k12.mn.us) and Rebecca Totzke (rebecca.totzke@mpls.k12.mn.us)

Music Share Concert Series:
2nd Grade: December 6 at 8:15am
3rd Grade: February 7 at 8:15am
4th Grade: March 14 at 8:15am
5th Grade Band: April 25 at 8:15am
Kenny Gym

Hope to see you there!
FUNDRAISER NIGHT

Of sales brought in from our guests will benefit Kenny Community School!

TUESDAY
DECEMBER 11, 2018
6531 York Ave South
Edina, MN 55435

It’s Kenny Spirit Wear Time!
TODAY, Wednesday, December 5
is the LAST DAY TO ORDER!
CLICK HERE or visit:
www.etsy.com/shop/dypwickcustomapparel
Hard copy order forms are available in the front office!

The Art Department needs egg cartons!
(NOT foam or plastic)
Please remove the cover/top from cartons.
Cartons can be dropped off in the main office.

THANK YOU!
KENNY SCHOOL ART DEPARTMENT WISH LIST:

1. PAINT STIR STICKS
2. SMALL (Grits/Oats/Coffee) and SMALLER (Salt) CARDBOARD CYLINDERS, 16-18oz approx. (Such as: PANCAKE MIX, GRITS, OAT MEAL)
3. LARGE OATMEAL CARDBOARD CYLINDERS
4. ODDS and ENDS OF GLITTER, WRAPPING PAPERS, ETC.
5. PLASTIC CONTAINERS 5 OZ. and/or larger 32oz with lids, (Such as: SOUR CREAM, SALSA - AND SHREDDED CHEESE)
6. YARNS (all types and amounts)
7. RIBBONS (any length and type)
8. ICE CREAM PLASTIC BUCKETS
9. WOOD PIECES FOR SCULPTURE BASES - About 6”x3”
10. FAKE FLOWERS, LEAVES

Thank you, friends of the arts,

Mrs. Cynthia McGovern
Kenny Art Teacher

WINTER RECESS

Winter weather is here! 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 Academy of Holy Angels as the selected site to determine our current conditions.

**Crossing Guard will be cancelled if the temperature and/or windchill is below zero, also taking into consideration weather conditions**
IT’S WINTER OPTIONS DAY!

Hey, 3rd, 4th and 5th Grade Families!

We could use a few more volunteers to lead an activity on Winter Options Day!

When: Thursday, December 20 from 1-2pm
Where: 3rd, 4th and 5th grade classrooms

Sign up HERE or visit:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054caca22a2f58-its1

The after-school student group, Everyday Leaders has started a food drive!

Donation boxes can be found in the office or in the hallways.
Donations will be accepted until Tuesday, December 18
THANK YOU for your generosity!

Winter After School Community Education class registration is NOW OPEN! Classes begin Tuesday, January 15, 2019

Registration Deadline:
Tuesday, December 11 at midnight

Winter session will begin Tuesday, January 15, 2019
Classes are first come, first serve.

CLICK HERE to register online or visit:

Hard copy forms are available in the office

*Scholarships available. No one will be turned away!

Contact Community Education Coordinator Michelle Rukavina at michelle.rukavina@mpls.k12.mn.us or (612) 668-3363
Welcome Winter with Snow People at Night!

Based on the book *Snowmen at Night* by Caralyn and Mark Buehner, Kenny art teacher Cynthia McGovern brings us on an artistic journey that shows students how pictures help make a story more interesting and engaging.

This lesson combines reading, learning about authors and illustrators, visual painting and clay sculpture.

CLICK HERE to read the full article in this month's issue of *arts & activities* magazine or visit:

December Holiday Resources

**Good in the Hood**
Only those who participate in our Thanksgiving basket program will be considered for our Adopt-A-Family program. With this in mind, those interested in registering for this program must register “in person” (I.D. required for the entire family) at one of our approved food shelf programs. Please contact us at info@goodinthehood.org for specific program registration information. Location are below:

**Cedarcrest Church (Administrative Offices)**
1630 E 90th St.
Bloomington, MN 55425
(612) 440-SHOE (7463)

**First Stop Drop-in Center**
(in the Lutheran Colportage building)
2101 Chicago Ave. S
Minneapolis, MN 55404
Open M-F 12:00-5:00 pm

**Shoe Away Hunger Warehouse**
8629 Wyoming Ave. N
Brooklyn Park, MN 55445
*Location not open to the public by appointment only

**Neighbors Inc**
Holiday program staff will be available from October 22 to December 6* during the following times to accept applications for the 2018 program:

- Monday – Thursday from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. and 1:15 to 4 p.m.
  - We are closed for applications every Friday and on Thursday, November 22
  - *No applications will be accepted after December 6, 2018.*

To receive an application you must bring with you:

- Picture identification
- A light, gas, cable, telephone, cell phone or county letter dated in the past 30 days.
- Income information for the household for the previous 30 days.
- If you have never received assistance from Neighbors before, or you have a new child in your household, you will need to provide a birth certificate, a Dakota County letter or school letter with your name and the child’s name to add the child to your household.

Please note that we can only serve people in the communities of South St. Paul, West St. Paul, Inver Grove Heights, Mendota, Mendota Heights, Lilydale and Sunfish Lake. If you have any questions, please call us at 651-306-2140.
Toys for Tots of Minneapolis area

There are donations of new, wrapped presents from the community. Businesses, individuals, and charities may provide free toys, winter clothing, gifts, bicycles, and more for children under the age of 13. The USMC is also a partner. Application sites include the following, and low income families can also apply online. Or get more referrals to holiday help.

- Community Emergency Assistance Programs - 7051 Brooklyn Blvd., Brooklyn Center, Minnesota, 55429, Hennepin County residents dial 763-450-3666
- Spiritual Rock Outreach Ministries - 6010 65th Avenue North, Brooklyn Park, Minnesota, 55429, dial 763-316-8051
- Rise Inc. - 3708 Nicollet Ave South, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 554409, telephone 651-403-1885
- Christmas Committee Inc. - PO Box 755, Anoka, Minnesota, 55303, phone 763-323-4982
- Grace and Mercy Tabernacle Church of God in Christ - 14501 Nowthen Boulevard NW, Ramsey, Minnesota, 55303, phone 763-427-4392. They serve Anoka County
- Red Lake Nation Embassy- 2929 Bloomington Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 55406, 612-874-9588
- Southern Anoka Community Assistance is at 627 38th Ave NE, Columbia Heights, Minnesota, 55421. For hours, call 612-532-1914
- The father's house of Carver County. Address is 2940 N Chestnut St, Chaska, Minnesota, 55318. Phone 651-243-8687
- The CHAP Store is at 2020 E. HWY 13, Burnsville , Minnesota, 55337. They are in Dakota County, and dial 952-890-8222 for information on Toys for Tots
- The Father's House - Burnsville high school, Burnsville, Minnesota, 5537
Phone 651-216-2241
- Real Believers Faith Center of Hennepin County is at 2010 Fremont Ave, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 55411. For information on free hristmas help, call 763-438-6335
- Tabernacle Faith church - 921 Downs Road, Champlin, Minnesota, 55316. Call 763-300-6547
- CROSS Toys for Tots is at 12915 Weinand Circle, Rogers, Minnesota, 55374. Dial 763-425-1050
- Good in the 'Hood - 2101 Chicago Ave S, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 55404. Low income families in Hennepin County can dial 612-217-4003
- Grace Apostolic Church - The charity is at 3805 3rd Ave South, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 55409. The Hennepin County agency can be reached at 612-961-9132
- Harvest For Youth Ministries - Phone 952-428-8063.
- West African Family and Community Services helps people of all faiths. Location is 7200 Brooklyn Blvd., Brooklyn Center, Minnesota, 55429. Telephone number is 612-276-1527
- Minneapolis Urban League provides free toys, coats, and more in Hennepin County. Address is 2100 Plymouth Ave North, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 55411. Phone 612-302-3114
- New Millennium Academy. Address is 2620 Russell Ave N, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 55411. For information on holiday applications, call 612-377-6260.
- The Purpose Church - 3001 Russel Ave N, Minneapolis, Minnesota, 55411. Phone 612-968-5197
December Holiday Resources continued...

Union Gospel Mission
435 University Avenue
For holiday assistance, dial 651-292-1721.
Hot meals, referrals, and Thanksgiving or Christmas help for families in poverty.

Salvation Army
The Twin Cities Salvation Army is one of the largest providers of toys to children who may not otherwise receive Christmas gifts.
Registration for the 2018 Twin Cities Toy Shop begins Wednesday, Nov. 7 and ends Saturday, Dec. 1.
You may register to participate in our Toy Shop by filling out our registration form. Please note that forms are provided in English, Spanish and Hmong.

Our Twin Cities Toy Shop hotline (651-746-3595) will be open during weekday business hours for registration and to answer questions.
All who register before Dec. 1 will receive an assigned location for toy pick up, based on their address. Distributions will be held Dec. 18-23.
If you miss registration but still need assistance, call United Way 2-1-1 to see what help may be available in your area.

Plymouth Youth Center
Saturday, December 8
9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Plymouth Christian Youth Center, North Minneapolis
Contact: Catrice O’Neal, 612-643-2026 or coneal@pcyc-mpls.org

The holiday season is fast approaching and it’s time for the annual PCYC Children’s Gift Sale! For just $1, North Minneapolis children can pick out 5 new gifts for their loved ones – mom, dad, grandma, sibling, cousin, etc. – and experience the joy of giving as they ‘shop’ alongside a caring volunteer. Tickets are available for purchase on Dec. 3rd and 7th

Christmas with Dignity
Parents have the pleasure of shopping and giving their children new gifts at prices they can afford. This allows the children to see their parents as providers, and at the same time, the family is strengthened.

Parents save throughout the year for their shopping experience. In 1993, the executive director of Hospitality House Youth Development (HHYD) created Christmas With Dignity. This unique shopping experience is for parents who are economically disadvantaged who find themselves unable to afford to buy Christmas presents of their children. Volunteers at Hospitality House began this program after seeing parents watch their children receive “gifts from stranger” that they wished they were able to purchase.

Shopper registration dates at Hospitality House (1220 Logan Av N)

- Saturday, November 24, 2018 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Saturday, December 1, 2018 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Saturday, December 8, 2018 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Registration requirements: Current, valid picture ID for the Parent or Guardian registering children. *If address has changed, bring a utility bill with new address when you register.

For Natural Children: Bring ORIGINAL birth certificate listing parent & child (no copies).
For Legal Guardians/Foster Parents: Bring custody letter; name & phone number of social worker.
At registration, you will receive a ticket with the time to come to the sale
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:** Please be courteous of other drivers and **USE CAUTION** when pulling away from the curb!

*Children will be admitted into the building at 7:50am.*

The staff is respectfully requesting students be dropped off at the front door #1 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.
Stay Informed

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/

Join us on Facebook & keep up with all the latest Kenny news
http://www.facebook.com/kennyppta

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