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 get your child 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 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
Hey 3rd, 4th and 5th Graders!

You can still donate to KENNY SCHOOL by shopping online!
Click link: [BN.COM/bookfairs](BN.COM/bookfairs) to support us online until **Saturday, December 9th! Book Fair ID# 12213187**

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

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**Coming Soon...**

**The Kenny School Variety Show!**

The sign up form went home last week and is due back **NO LATER than WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13th.**

Tryouts are during the school day on **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20th and we'll see you on stage on February 15th!**

Please contact Laurie Hanzal with questions:

laurie.hanzal@mpls.k12.mn.us

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**Hey 3rd, 4th and 5th Graders!**

**IT’S WINTER OPTIONS DAY!**

When: Thursday, December 21 from 1pm to 2pm.

Where: 3rd, 4th, 5th grade classrooms

Come join the fun!

**Volunteers are needed!** Choose an activity, bring supplies and get your party on!

Groups of eight to ten students will be assigned to an activity with one or two volunteers per group. Click the link below to sign up!

**Winter Options Sign-up Genius**

Contact Susie Friederich with questions: susan.friederich@mpls.k12.mn.us
HOLIDAY FOOD, TOYS AND GIFT RESOURCES

• Call the UNITED WAY at 211 or (651) 291-0211 to learn about organizations providing holiday food, toys or gifts within your zip code.

• FARE FOR ALL EXPRESS officers a special holiday package for $30 which typically includes ham, whole chicken, beef ring sausage, turkey, breakfast sausage, mixed vegetables and Dutch apple pie (items are subject to change). Payment includes cash, credit/debit card or EBT. Call (763) 450-3880 or visit http://fareforall.org/find-a-site for locations and times.

• Contact the SALVATION ARMY TOY SHOP at http://www.SalvationArmyNorth.org/toyshop or (651) 746-3595 between November 8 and December 5 to register for an appointment.

A Note from the PTA…

We had a fantastic turn-out for the Barnes & Noble Book Fair on Monday evening! Thank you to all who were able to come out to support the event, especially Anna Adams and her team of volunteers who helped put the event together and a big round of applause for Ms. Totzke and our Kenny Glee Club!

Here is how parents can get involved this month:

• Donations toward Classroom Budget Allocations:
  • Each year the PTA provides additional cash funding to each classroom. This extra funding helps teachers purchase much needed supplies for their classrooms and students. Funding is possible through fundraisers and direct donations from parents. Checks can be made out to Kenny PTA and left in the front office. 100% of this money is split equally amongst all classrooms. Please label as “Staff Classroom Fund”

• New meeting time in January!
  • When: Tuesday, January 6 from 7pm to 8pm in the Kenny Media Center
  • Hope to see you there as we prepare for a great 2018!

Be on the lookout for upcoming event volunteer opportunities! There are a lot of ways to get involved!
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
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:

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

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.
- 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/kennypta

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:

kennyPTA33721@gmail.com
By 5pm on Friday

WINTER WEATHER

Winter weather is coming! 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 and/or wind chill of –5° below zero and overall weather conditions.

We use the Weatherbug weather app with Calvin Christian School as the selected site to determine our current conditions.