We had a great turn-out for the Kenny Parent Foundation meeting, which featured a Q&A session with School Board member Bob Walser. Even though Mr. Walser is not our area representative, he is the only member who agreed to meet with us.

We are thankful to our families and to Mr. Walser for spending time with us.

Below are follow-up comments from Mr. Walser:

“Here are some of my observations, first, those that were mostly familiar to me:

- There seemed widespread agreement with the stated objectives of the redesign, but little faith that those objectives would be reached through the designs seen so far. In other words, the Kenny community is skeptical that the redesign will actually do what is claimed.

- There is specific concern that, in contrast to the messaging about equity, many schools in Southwest will become whiter rather than more diverse.

- There is a concern that the information in the presentation does not support the conclusions and this creates an issue of credibility.

- There is concern for the costs of disruption in terms of enrollment and thus revenue.

- There is confusion about the ‘real’ purpose of the project.

- People wonder who is writing the plan, who is ‘driving the bus’.

Here are takeaways that are new understandings for me:

- There is already a degree of trauma for families and some may already be making plans to leave the district.

- There is concern that there is no plan to deal with the trauma for students and families when such a large portion of the population is told to change schools.

- That ‘no grandfathering’ is part of the plan.

- That there is a risk of further enrollment loss from families who are open enrolling into MPS schools like Kenny and Windom and who will likely leave.”

(Additional information on page 2)
GET INVOLVED!

- Attend or stream the School Board meetings and CDD listening sessions
  - The next School Board meetings are on **Tuesday, January 14 at 5:30pm and Tuesday, January 28 at 6pm.**
  - For more information visit: [https://board.mpls.k12.mn.us/meeting_calendar](https://board.mpls.k12.mn.us/meeting_calendar)
- Email or call our school board members! We are District 6, represented by Ira Jourdain. However, ALL school board members need to hear our voices!
  - Contact information can be found at: [https://board.mpls.k12.mn.us/](https://board.mpls.k12.mn.us/)
- Provide feedback to the District Office by submitting your feedback to: [https://mpls.k12.mn.us/provide_feedback](https://mpls.k12.mn.us/provide_feedback)
- For information session updates, visit: [https://mpls.k12.mn.us/cdd](https://mpls.k12.mn.us/cdd)

---

NO SCHOOL

- Friday, January 17, 2020 (Record Keeping Day)
- Monday, January 20, 2020 (Martin Luther King, Jr Holiday)

---

Just a reminder...

Winter session for all ALC and Community Education Enrichment classes will begin on **Tuesday, January 14, 2020** and will run until Thursday, March 12, 2020

Questions? Please contact Michelle Rukavina, Community Education Coordinator

[ michelle.rukavina@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:michelle.rukavina@mpls.k12.mn.us)
A big THANK YOU goes to all who have been able to participate in our monthly Cooking Night Off events.

Our evening at Noodles & Co garnered $251.66 and $486.45 at MyBurger for a grand total of $738.11 back to Kenny School. Wow!

Mark your calendars for our next Cooking Night Off event at CHEESE LOUISE.

**WHEN:** Thursday, January 16 from 5-9pm

**WHERE:** CHEESE LOUISE (4279 Sheridan Ave S, Minneapolis 55410)

Stay tuned for more information!

---

Do you have a lone mitten or glove? Are you missing a hoodie, a lunchbox, or a water bottle?

Please remind your student to check the lost and found!

Thank you!
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

WHAT: “Screenagers”
A viewing and discussion
WHEN: Thursday, January 23 from 5:30-7:30pm
WHERE: Anthony Middle School Auditorium

Cost: Optional $5.00 donation per family

The Kenny Parent Foundation (KPF), along with Anthony Middle School PTA, Windom PTA, and Thrivent Financial have partnered to show Screenagers, a film about the impact of the digital age on children and how to help families minimize the harmful effects and find balance. After seeing the film, people have said they’ve felt more confident and better equipped to establish balance around screen time.

**Children age 5+ welcome** Light refreshments, but child care will NOT be provided**

**There are two Screenagers films. The first will be shown in January and the second will be shown in the spring.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

WHAT: 2nd Grade Music Concert
WHERE: Kenny Gym
WHEN: Monday, February 10 at 8:15am
More information to come!
DEADLINE TO SUBMIT PHOTOS HAS BEEN EXTENDED:
FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2020

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.

Kathy Horner: kathy.horner@mpls.k12.mn.us
Bruce Iverson: bruce.iverson@mpls.k12.mn.us
Janee Rivard-Johnson: janee.rivardjohnson@mpls.k12.mn.us

Thank you to all who were able to participate in the Barnes & Noble bookfair last month!
Through your very generous purchases, $332.11 was donated back to Kenny School.
That money goes to support the Media Center.

THANK YOU!

A reminder from the lunchroom:

NO CARBONATED BEVERAGES ALLOWED!

NO BUBBLES!
This includes soda pop, sparkling water, sparkling juice, and anything else with bubbles!

Thank you for your help with this new rule!
Art Department Wish List

- Plastic containers: (7oz, 15oz, 16oz, 32oz and any size in between!
  - Examples: cottage cheese, parmesan cheese, yogurt…with and without lids.
- Small oatmeal/grits containers and Table Salt cylinder containers
  - Cardboard type ONLY- We are making baby pigs this year! We need small salt containers!
- Ribbon/trims
- Yarns - all amounts and types.
- Paint stir sticks
- Cardboard doz. size egg containers ONLY.
  - Please remove and discard lids! We only use the cupped side

**PLEASE DO NOT SEND TP/PAPER TOWEL ROLLS**
**PLEASE DO NOT SEND GLASS OR LARGE PLASTIC BOTTLES**

Dear Friends of the Arts,
Thank you for all your generous contributions and wishes this school year. It is going to be a great 2020 Kenny School Year!

We will be moving the art room, as the present room will be torn down soon. Space for supplies will be limited- so please send only listed items. Thank you so much.

Mrs. McGovern
Kenny Art Teacher
Room 123
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
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

We use WEATHERBUG weather app with Seward Montessori School as the selected site to best determine our condition.  

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 for recess!  
**Indoor recess is based on a temperature or windchill of −5° below zero**  
Full day school closure decisions will be made by the District no later than 5am the day of the closure.  
Visit the MPS website at  
https://mpls.k12.mn.us/school_closing for information on weather-related school closings and find resources to help lessen the impact of school closures

**Crossing Guard will be cancelled if the temperature and/or windchill is below zero, also taking into consideration weather conditions**
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