COOKING NIGHT OFF!

Monday, January 16
4:00-8:00 pm

Noodles & Company
6531 York Ave, Edina

Please bring the flyer sent home on Wednesday, mention Kenny School or show them the copy of the flyer emailed with newsletter.

Kenny School will receive a check for 25% of all sales from this event!

Reminder: No School Monday, Jan 16 for Martin Luther King Jr Holiday
Hello Kenny Families,

We have exciting news to share with families about building upgrades and staffing. Amber Winter started the year with a full time position at Kenny. Half of her job was being an instructional specialist (IS) who helps with teacher evaluations and coaches teachers on improving their instruction. The other half of her job was a math teacher on special assignment (TOSA). Amber had a baby in November and has decided when she returns in February, she will only do the IS portion of her position to spend more time with the baby. We have hired Alaina Larson to cover the math TOSA position. Alaina just finished a one year student teaching assignment with our fifth grade math teacher, Janee Johnson. We are very excited to have her joining our team.

I also received some exciting news about a construction project the district is going to complete this summer. The district is going to install a secured entry way at the front of the building. The project will create a reception desk where my office is now with a series of glass doors going into the building. My office will move to the area where Ms. Wiggins and Susie sit. The area where Linda sits will become a conference room. The stantions guiding people into the office help right now, but next year we will have a truly secured entrance into the building. The PA systems and fire alarm system will also be replaced and modernized throughout the building.

While the district is working to improve the safety of our building, I was not happy with the way the communications department communicated after school classes were canceled yesterday. I know the late robo call put many families in a tough situation. Linda, Shari and Susie did a great job in the office helping families get last minute information to their children. We have a great team at Kenny school!

As always, thank you for making Kenny the amazing community school it is.

Bill Gibbs
Kenny Community School along with the Kenny Foundation is partnering again this year with The Sheridan Story: Fighting Child Hunger. Over 200,000 children in the state of Minnesota live in food insecurity and do not always know when they will receive their next meal.

The Sheridan Story’s purpose is to respond to this need by closing the weekend food gap between Friday and Monday by delivering individual bags of dry and canned food to Kenny School every Friday. The bags are then discreetly sent home in student's backpacks, always keeping the student's and the family's information confidential.

If your family needs assistance with food, and have not already filled out the form, please complete the form that was sent home, again, in the Wednesday Folder and return to Susie Friederich, Community Resource Liaison.

Please contact Susie with any questions at susan.friederich@mpls.k12.mn.us or (612) 668-3365.

Art Adventure is underway!

Once again, Kenny is pleased to partner with the Minneapolis Institute of Art (Mia) to offer the Art Adventure program in every Kenny classroom. Thanks to a large group of parent volunteers (18 volunteers this year, the largest group ever!), generous funding from the PTA, and the welcome of classroom teachers, students at every level will have a chance to look closely at reproductions from Mia’s collection and to discuss what they see, learn, and think about the art.

This fall, volunteers trained for the program at Mia. These volunteers will be visiting classrooms in January and February (schedules vary by classroom). Then, later this spring, most classrooms will visit Mia to see the art up close. This year’s theme is American Art. You can view the artwork for this theme online at http://new.artsmia.org/discover/art-adventure/american-art-sampler/. (And you can go see the art in person at Mia -- admission is free!)

Art Adventure builds visual literacy and critical thinking skills, and creates a connection between Kenny kids and one of our great local cultural resources. Be sure to ask your kids about their Art Adventure!

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN! Sign up your child for 10u-11u traveling baseball this upcoming 2017 season, and watch them experience and learn the game, good sportsmanship, and teamwork, while making memories to last a lifetime.

To learn more go to www.myba.us
Dear Parents and Friends of the Arts,

Thank you for your generous contributions. May your New Year be healthy, happy, and filled with beautiful art.

Mrs. McGovern, Kenny Art Teacher, K, 1, 3, 4, 5
Mrs. Kris McComas, Kenny Art Teacher 2

Telephone books (small and large)

Odds and ends of old jewelry

Fake flowers, fruit or veg

Ribbon-bits and pieces too!

Cardboard cylinders-small size around 15-Oz (bread crumbs, oats, grits)
Please do not send TP cardboards

Chopsticks

Yarn—any amount

Paint stir sticks

Cardboard paper trays (fish and chips, fries)

Egg cartons-cardboard only. Please do not send styro or plastic egg cartons

Plastic containers with or without lids. 5oz—32oz. cottage cheese, sour cream, yogurt, Parmesan, feta, dips...all sizes
PTA Updates:

Thank you everyone for your continued support of the PTA and for all those who attended the meeting last week.

Our next meeting (Feb 7th) will be a partnership event with the Foundation and the Jacob Wetterling Resource Center, “Teachable Safety Skills: Replacing Myths with Facts”. We will be discussing how to talk with our kids about personal safety without scaring them. See details below.

The discussion will start at 6pm in the media center, and child care will be provided in the computer room for all kids.

This program is made possible by the Kenny PTA and Kenny School Foundation.

The Child Safety Workshop will be held in lieu of both the Foundation Meeting and PTA meetings

Tuesday, February 7
6-7pm

Save the date!

Free parent and caregiver workshop:

“Teachable Safety Skills: Replacing Myths with Facts”

Tuesday, February 7* 6-7pm
Kenny Media Center

*This event is FREE and childcare will be provided.

Ever wonder….How do I talk to my children about personal safety without scaring them? How do I talk to my pre-teen about their online choices without alienating them?

Talks on personal safety do not have to be top-down, heavy, or scary. This workshop provides caregivers with practical tools they can use in talking about online and personal safety concerns with youth 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. This is their most popular workshop and has received positive feedback at numerous Twin Cities elementary schools this year.

This program is made possible by the Kenny PTA and Kenny School Foundation.
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

**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
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.

If you have information you would like to submit to the newsletter please send to Allison Thiesing @ kennynewsletter@hotmail.com by 5pm on Friday.

Email the Kenny School PTA and we will add you to our school's electronic communications:

kennyPTA33721@gmail.com

Join us on Facebook & keep up with all the latest Kenny news

http://www.facebook.com/kennypita
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.