**Reminder…**

**NO SCHOOL** on Monday, January 15

Martin Luther King Jr Holiday

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**Dates to Remember**

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**Save the Date!**

**COOKING NIGHT OFF!**

Wednesday, January 17 from 4pm—8pm

20% of your total order (before sales tax) will be donated back to Kenny School!

Davanni’s in Richfield

(6345 Penn Ave S, Richfield Mn 55423)

Check your student’s backpack for more information!

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**Contact Kenny School:**

5720 Emerson Avenue S, Minneapolis, MN 55419
Bill Gibbs, Principal  William.Gibbs@mpls.k12.mn.us

Main Office: 612-668-3340  Fax: 612-668-3350
Attendance: 612-668-3346  Minneapolis Kids: 612-668-3344
Link to Kenny School Website: [http://kenny.mpls.k12.mn.us](http://kenny.mpls.k12.mn.us)
ART ADVENTURE IS UNDERWAY!

Once again, Kenny School is pleased to partner with the Minneapolis Institute of Art (MIA) to offer the Art Adventure program in every Kenny classroom.

Thanks to a group of 16 parent volunteers, 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.

The volunteers will make three classroom visits in January-February (scheduled vary by classroom). Then, later this spring, most classrooms will visit MIA to see the art up close. This year’s theme is Friends, Family, and Community.

Ask your students about their Art Adventure!

FAMILY READING NIGHT

When: Thursday, February 8 from 6pm-7:30pm
*Author Reading * Activities * Flashlight Reading*

Hope to see you there!

Kenny Variety Show!

When: Thursday, February 15

DAY SHOW—12:30PM
(Performers in the gym, ready to go by 12:15pm)

EVENING SHOW—6:30PM
(Performers in the gym, ready to go by 6:15pm)

Don’t Miss It!
Get Ready To Read!

Read-A-Thon Fundraiser

February 1- February 28th

Let’s show everyone how much Kenny Kids love to read!

*Activities * Author Readings* Prizes

Information and pledge packets will be sent home soon!

Event sponsored by the Kenny Foundation

**To volunteer for the event, please contact Susie Friederich: susan.friederich@mpls.k12.mn.us or (612) 668-3365

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WINTER TESTING

Kenny students grade K-4 will be participating in standardized reading and math tests during the month of January. Fifth graders completed their testing before winter break.

Talk to your classroom teacher for specific testing dates. If you have planned absences, please make sure to communicate this to your student’s teacher. Make-up testing can be arranged ahead of time.

Thank you!

Shari Wiggins, Testing Coordinator
A Note From the PTA...

HAPPY NEW YEAR, Kenny families! We hope everyone enjoyed their Winter Break!

Be sure to mark your calendars for:

* COOKING NIGHT OFF * FAMILY READING NIGHT * Variety Show*

Look for upcoming event Chair and Co-chair volunteer opportunities:

• PTA CO-CHAIR * KINDERGARTEN TEARS ‘N CHEERS * BACHMAN’S GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER * GARDEN DAY * SPRING CARNIVAL * COOKING NIGHT OFF *

Please contact Dylan Thompson for more information or if interested:
dylanthompson_inc@yahoo.com

Please join us for our next meeting on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5th from 7pm-8pm. Child care will be provided!

Mark Your Calendars! March Magic is right around the corner!

The Kenny Foundation’s biggest fundraiser of the year is set for Saturday, March 17, 2018 at the Richfield Legion.

This party is the highlight of the year and is a chance for parents and staff to get together to raise funds for programming and improvements for the school.

Our theme this year is Irish / St. Patrick’s Day and we hope to have a great turnout! Last year, we raised over $20,000.

Here is some important information:

• We are still taking donations for raffle items
• We are looking for parents to host some Great Gathering parties
• Invitations will come home with your child sometime in January

Questions? Please contact March Magic co-chairs Janet Bomar at janetkbomar@gmail.com or Ally Marshall at allisonmarshall@hotmail.com
Moving MPS Forward:  
A Community Discussion

Let’s talk about:

- Why Minneapolis Public Schools recommended changes based on budget reductions for the 2018-2019 school year.
- How this may affect your school next year.
- Your ideas for ways MPS can make any changes easier.

Join us at any of these three meetings:

**Wednesday**  
February 7, 2018  
6-8 p.m.  
Southwest High School  
(Zone 3)  
3414 W. 47th St.

**Thursday**  
February 8, 2018  
6-8 p.m.  
Davis Center  
(Zone 1)  
1250 W. Broadway

**Thursday**  
February 15, 2018  
6-8 p.m.  
Transition Plus Wilder Complex  
(Zone 2)  
3320 Elliot Ave.

Light refreshments, beverages, childcare and interpretation will be available.

If accommodations or transportation is needed, please contact Shantel Shorter,  
612.668.0126 or shantel.shorter@mpls.k12.mn.us at least 24 hours before the meeting.

Meetings will not be rescheduled if there is bad weather.

Minneapolis Public Schools Parent Advisory Councils and CityWide Student Leadership Board are also talking about budgets in their January and February meetings:

**Wednesday, January 17**  
5:30-7:30 p.m.  
Hmong Parent Advisory Council meeting,  
1250 West Broadway Ave  
(Davis Center)

**Monday, January 22**  
6-8 p.m.  
District Parent Advisory Council meeting,  
1250 West Broadway Ave  
(Davis Center)

**Friday, January 26**  
6-8 p.m.  
Somali Parent Advisory Council meeting,  
1250 West Broadway Ave  
(Davis Center)

**Thursday, February 1**  
6:30-8:30 p.m.  
Special Education Parent Advisory Council,  
1250 Broadway Ave  
(Davis Center)

**Monday, February 5**  
5-8 p.m.  
CityWide Student Leadership Board meeting,  
1500 James Ave North  
(North High School)

**Monday, February 12**  
6-8 p.m.  
African American Parent Advisory Council meeting,  
1250 West Broadway Ave  
(Davis Center)

**Tuesday, February 13**  
6-8 p.m.  
Latino Parent Advisory Council meeting,  
1250 West Broadway Ave  
(Davis Center)
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
ATTENDANCE:

Call the Attendance line (612-668-3346) when your student will be absent.

Doctors or dentist’s 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 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.