There is **NO SCHOOL** on:

- **Monday, January 21**
- **Thursday, January 24**
- **Friday, January 25**

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### A Note From The Music Department...

Ms. Totzke is putting together rhythm kits and is in need of BUCKETS!

Do you have any gallon-sized ice cream buckets at home? If so, please drop them off in the music room!

*Many thanks in advance!*

### SAVE THE DATE!

**Family Reading Night**

* Activities * Flashlight Reading * Visit from Washburn Library *

**Volunteers needed!** Contact Peggy McGrane if interested: peggymcgrane@gmail.com

### 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)
Phillips Eye Institute
Vision Screening
When: Thursday, February 7, 2019
Who: Kindergarten, 1st, 3rd and 5th Grades

Kindergarten, 1st, 3rd and 5th graders will be having their vision screened at school on February 7th by the Phillips Eye Institute. While this screening is designed to identify issues with your child’s vision, it is **not** considered a full eye exam.

Parents/guardians will be notified if a child does not pass the screening test. At that time, your child should be seen by an eye care professional to further evaluate their vision.

The Early Youth Eyecare (E.Y.E.) Community Initiative, an outreach program of the Phillips Eye Institute, part of Allina Health, provides the screening and coordinates follow-up to ensure students receive timely access to eye care. The follow-up includes providing interpreter service, transportation, and financial assistance with eye exams and glasses, as necessary. The E.Y.E. Community Initiative is designed to help remove vision issues as a barrier to learning.

Please contact Ann Lumbar, School Nurse with questions:
ann.lumbar@mpls.k12.mn.us

Music Share Concert Series:

**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!**
Get Ready To Read!

Kenny School will be launching our 2nd annual Read-A-Thon this February!

Our goal is for each student to read 17+ hours outside of school.

More information will be sent home soon, so stay tuned!

Mark Your Calendar!

What: Book Fair and Glee Club Performance
When: Wednesday, February 27, 2019
Where: Wild Rumpus (2720 W. 43rd St, Minneapolis)
Noon—8pm (Glee performance time TBD)

Kenny will receive 10-20% of all purchases in the form of books or cash!

Keep Clipping Your Box Tops!

The funds the Kenny Parent Foundation (KPF) receives from our box tops are spent on books for the Reading is FUNdamental book giveaway and other things to support Kenny kids.

Box Tops can be turned into the front office
ART ADVENTURE STARTS THIS WEEK!

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 Kenny parent volunteers, generous funding from the Kenny Parent Foundation (KPF), and the welcome of classroom teachers, students at every level will have a chance to look closely at reproductions from Mia’s collection and discuss what they see, learn and think about the art.

Each classroom will receive three visits by the parent volunteer in January-February (scheduled by the teacher). Later this spring, most classrooms will visit Mia to experience the art up close.

This year’s theme is: Dressed for the Occasion

For a preview of some of the art work, CLICK HERE or visit: https://new.artsmia.org/programs/teachers-and-students/art-adventure/

Hey Kenny families! We’re looking for someone to co-chair the Science Fair on Thursday, April 25.

Come work with other Kenny parents to help support our budding scientists!

Contact Susie Friederich if interested: susan.friederich@mpls.k12.mn.us or (612) 668-3365

Come support our GEMS and GISE teams as they represent Kenny School in the 2019 Robotics FIRST Lego League Challenge: INTO ORBIT

When: Saturday, January 26, 2019
Where: Anishinabe-Sullivan School (3100 E. 28th St)

Kenny GEMS and GISE teams will identify a physical or social problem faced by humans during a long duration in space exploration with our Sun’s solar system and then find a solution to that problem. Join us at 3pm to cheer on our teams!

Let’s Go Team Kenny!
You’ve Got The Cutest Little Baby Face...

Hey, 5th Grade families!

We need a baby or toddler picture of your student for an end of the year project!

Please email a digital copy to your teacher, with your student’s name in 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.

Janee Rivard-Johnson: janee.rivard-johnson@mpls.k12.mn.us
Bruce Iverson: bruce.iverson@mpls.k12.mn.us
Todd Feely: todd.feely@mpls.k12.mn.us

Variety Show Volunteers Needed!

When: Thursday, February 14
12:30pm and 6:30pm

Please contact Rachel Wixson (Rachel.wixson@mpls.k12.mn.us) or Rebecca Totzke (Rebecca.totzke@mpls.k12.mn.us) if interested!

**Students were given their showtime assignments**

Those participating in the night show **MUST** have permission.
Please sign the form and return to school ASAP
Girls-Only
CHECK IT OUT
CHESS TOURNAMENT

Saturday, February 9th, 2019
8:30 AM to 4:00 PM
(Check-in from 8:30am – 9:00am)

Folwell Performing Arts Magnet
3611 20th Ave S Minneapolis, 55417
ENTER DOOR 4 off 20th Ave

Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS) invites you to attend the first GIRLS-ONLY Check It Out chess tournament. This new opportunity has been added to promote female participation in STEM related activities. Come and enjoy friendly competition between youth across the MPS district!

The Check It Out Tournament is FREE and open to all MPS K-12 students. This fun and casual chess tournament is for players of all levels and includes a lite breakfast and lunch for participants and families. Students do NOT need to be participating on a team to register. Individuals will automatically represent their school team.

Individual and Team trophies for K-3, 4-6 and 7-12 sections!

TOURNAMENT AGENDA (times subject to change)
8:30am – 9:00am  Check-in for players and families
9:00am – 9:15am  Welcome and Announcements
9:15am – 12:15pm Chess matches begin
12:15pm – 1:00pm Lunch for players and families
1:00pm – 3:15pm Chess matches resume
3:15pm – 4:00pm Awards Ceremony

DAY OF THE TOURNAMENT:
• We will attempt to feed all those that attend but our priority are the players
  ○ Please plan accordingly in the case that we run out of food
• If you know you will arrive late or leave early, please let Janae know!
• We invite only positive, respectful attitudes from all attendees 😊

Information and Registration for Parents and Coaches at:
http://alc.mpls.k12.mn.us/chess_2

Questions? Call or email Janae Krantz-Ondenthal in Student Engagement
P: 612.668.1202 (Habla Español) E: janae.krantz-odenthal@mpls.k12.mn.us

CLICK HERE to register or visit: https://osfce.wufoo.com/forms/wukm25c10m8iuu/
Kenny Community School is proud to announce our continuing collaboration with 1000 Petals. Many of you might remember the six-week residency program we did two years ago at Kenny with Kathy Flaminio and her staff teaching Moving and Learning (often known as Yoga Calm). Due to the overwhelming positive feedback we received from students, parents and staff, we have decided to collaborate again with 1000 Petals for a refresher course.

Moving and Learning is a school-wide program that teaches students skills in developing self-regulation, how to manage strong emotions and build physical and emotional strength. It is used by thousands of educators, parents and therapists nationwide. Supported by the latest research in neuroscience and social/emotional learning, the curriculum assists us in strengthening our educational environment to improve children’s focus, behavior skills physical health and emotional stability.

You’re Invited!

Tuesday, February 5, 2019 from 6:30-7:30pm in the Kenny Media Center

Kathy Flaminio will join us in a discussion focused on mindfulness, and will demonstrate various exercises and breathing techniques that help increase concentration and self-regulation.

Ask your student about breathing with the Hoberman Sphere or listening for the silence of the chime. Have them demonstrate Volcano Breath and other stretching exercises to help them be grounded.

We hope to see you there!
**KENNY SCHOOL ART DEPARTMENT WISH LIST:**

- Paint stir sticks
- Cardboard oatmeal containers –small (grits, Trader Joe’s coffee, corn-meal size)
- Jello or Jello pudding size boxes, bar soap boxes or boxes about this small size
- Cotton balls
- Yarns-any color or amount
- Knitting needles- any size
- Crochet hooks-any size
- Ice cream buckets
- Plastic containers all sizes (Yogurt , cottage cheese, shredded cheese, feta, etc)

Thank you, friends of the arts,

*Mrs. Cynthia McGovern*
Kenny Art Teacher

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**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**
Help shape the future of Southwest Minneapolis Neighborhood Parks!

Attend any public workshop to see the initial concept designs for all 40+ Southwest neighborhood parks.

**Thursday, January 31, 6–8 pm**  
Lynnhurst Recreation Center  
1345 West Minnehaha Parkway

**Monday, February 4, 6–8 pm**  
Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Recreation Center  
4055 Nicollet Avenue South

**Thursday, February 7, 6–8 pm**  
Whittier Recreation Center  
425 West 26th Street

**Tuesday, February 12, 6–8 pm**  
Jones Harrison Residence  
Centrum Room  
3700 Cedar Lake Avenue

Light refreshments and a table with children’s activities will be at each workshop.

Language translation and other accommodations can be provided if requested ahead of time, contact canderson@minneapolisparks.org

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Sign up for emails and learn more!

View the concepts online (starting January 31) and leave your comments via online survey at [www.minneapolisparks.org/sw](http://www.minneapolisparks.org/sw)
**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 into the building at 7:50am. Please plan your drop off time accordingly!

Please be courteous of other drivers and **USE CAUTION** when pulling away from the curb!

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.
**Bookmark the Kenny Website**

for quick access to the Staff Directory, the school schedule, meeting times, and new information.

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

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