COMPREHENSIVE DISTRICT DESIGN

MPS WANTS TO KNOW…

What do you value for students in Minneapolis Public Schools? What do you want Minneapolis Public Schools to look like?

TAKE THE SURVEY NOW or visit:

https://mpls.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_aXFnxuSz4L9Xx41

There are no right or wrong answers and the survey will take 5-10 minute of your time. All answers will remain anonymous.

*The survey is offered in Español, Hmong, Somali, and English

**See the next page for Listening and Info Sessions
# Listening and Info Sessions about the proposed Comprehensive District Design

The Comprehensive District Design (CDD) examines how Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS) educates students, how they are placed in and transported to our schools, and how we fund this important work.

## Share your thoughts about the model.

### January 2020

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Light refreshments, school-aged childcare and interpretation will be available.
If accommodations are needed, contact Sharifa Urey, 612.668.0128 or sharifa.urey@mpls.k12.mn.us.

Check website for updated info meetings and additional opportunities to share your thoughts [bit.ly/MPSdesign](http://bit.ly/MPSdesign)
The Kenny Parent Foundation (KPF) is partnering with Cub Foods to help support our families who need assistance with food during the weekends. Every Friday, individual bags of canned and dry food will be discreetly placed in students’ backpacks. As always, your family’s information will be kept confidential.

If your family needs assistance with food, please complete the permission slip that has been sent home or contact Susie Friederich, Community Resource Liaison at susan.friederich@mpls.k12.mn.us or (612) 668-3365.

**Extra forms are available in the office**

*Providing consistent healthy meals is one way we can help all children reach their potential*

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We are looking for someone to video record both the day and evening Variety Show on **Thursday, February 20**

**SHOWTIMES:** 12:30pm-2pm and 6:30pm-8pm

Please contact Community Resource Liaison Susie Friederich if interested: susan.friederich@mpls.k12.mn.us or (612) 668-3365
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, 55410)

15% of all food sales will be donated back to Kenny School!

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**Variety Show Volunteers Needed!**

**WHEN:** Thursday, February 20 12:30pm and 6:30pm

We are looking for volunteers to help cue acts and help backstage with props.

Please contact Community Resource Liaison Susie Friederich:  
susan.friederich@mpls.k12.mn.us or (612) 668-33654 if interested and/or available*

**Students will be given their showtime assignments next week**

Those participating in the night show MUST have permission. Please reach out to Susie Friederich ASAP if you haven’t already given your permission.

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**Calling All Student Artists!**

Win the chance to see your art on a billboard.

Submit your original artwork to Mint Orthodontics by 3/1/2020.

One winner will have their art photographed and displayed on a billboard in the Linden Hills neighborhood.

**Theme for the artwork: Spring has Sprung**

Rules and Notes: All artwork must be original. Artwork will not be returned to artists. By submitting artwork and attached form, parents/guardians agree to have child’s artwork, child’s first name and school name shared on @mintortho’s social media channels and one Linden Hills billboard.

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*Students will be given their showtime assignments next week*
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

ART ADVENTURE CLASSROOM VISITS HAVE STARTED!

Once again, Kenny School is pleased to partner with the Minneapolis Institute of Art (Mia) to offer the Art Adventure program in our classrooms.

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.

The third grade classes take part in a separate Mia program called Visual Thinking Strategies through the District and have already paid their visit to the Mia.

This year’s theme is: Cultural Reflections in Art. For a preview of some of the art work, CLICK HERE or visit: https://new.artsmia.org/programs/teachers-and-students/art-adventure/cultural-reflections-in-art/
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 year. It’s going to be a great 2020 at Kenny School!

We will be moving the Art room soon, as the present room will be torn down in preparation for the remodel. Space for extra supplies will be limited, so please send only the 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
All-Girls
CHECK IT OUT
CHESS TOURNAMENT
(For female, or those that identify as female, players only)

Saturday, February 1st, 2020
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 second all-female Check It Out chess tournament. This new opportunity has been added to promote female, or those that identify as 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
  o 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-Odendahl in Student Engagement
P| 612.668.1202 (Habla Español) E| janae.krantz-odendahl@mpls.k12.mn.us
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**

We use WEATHERBUG weather app with Seward Montessori School as the selected site to best determine our condition. https://www.weatherbug.com/weather-forecast/now/minneapolis-mn-55405?station=3:MNNOL

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
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

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.

From the Office
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