You’re Invited!

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

Peaceful Parenting: Using Mindfulness, Movement and Social Emotional Learning Strategies Sun-Up to Sun-Down

Are you interested in learning some fun techniques to create peace in your home? During this interactive presentation, participants will explore parenting strategies and experience the benefits of using mindful movement and relaxation techniques, along with specific instruction on how and when to use them throughout the day.

Discover practical tips/routines so you can enjoy spending time together and shift chaos to calm.

We hope to see you there!

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

There is NO SCHOOL on:
Thursday, January 24 or Friday, January 25

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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 11 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.

Packets are being sent home this week in the Wednesday folder!

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
**The March Magic Committee Needs Your Help!**

**Great Gatherings** are themed events for kids, families or parents that are planned and hosted by Kenny families! Hosts develop a description, maximum number of attendees, date and time for an event. **The March Magic Committee sets the donation amount for guests to attend the event.** March Magic is the first opportunity for people to sign up for the events. They are great community builders that have brought in about $15,000 each year for Kenny over the past three years. A few of our big events in the past few years have been hosted by families whose children have moved on to Anthony this year so we are looking for new hosts and new ideas! Please do some brainstorming, maybe recruit a few families to help host, and offer up your best ideas!

Contact Katie Elden or Heather Paciotti with questions or your offer to host! If you are short on ideas but willing to host or co-host, below are examples of past events and other ideas but feel free to contact us to help you brainstorm something new!

**Inspiration:**
- Backyard barbecue or themed dinners
- Moms Margarita night
- Dads Backyard games night
- Group fitness / obstacle course event
- Pancake breakfast
- Distillery tour
- Tours for kids or families (ex: State Capitol, Police Station, Historical sites)

Katie kscottelden@gmail.com or 612-801-8325
Heather hpaciotti@gmail.com or 612-940-3662

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Family Reading Night**

**Thursday, February 21**

**From 6:00pm-7:30pm**

Join us for an evening of flashlight reading, activities, a visit from Washburn Library staff and refreshments!

Local author and Kenny Parent Stephanie Watson will read from her newest book, “Best Friends in the Universe”

Bring a book and find a cozy spot in the gym! Stay tuned for more details!

**Volunteers needed!**

Contact Peggy McGrane if interested at:

peggymcgrane@gmail.com
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

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**KENNY SCHOOL ART DEPARTMENT WISH LIST:**

- Paint stir sticks
- Cardboard oatmeal containers – small (grits, Trader Joe’s coffee, cornmeal 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

Thank you, friends of the arts,

*Mrs. Cynthia McGovern,* Kenny Art Teacher
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
All-Female
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
  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

CLICK HERE to register or visit: https://osfce.wufoo.com/forms/wukm25c10m8iuu/
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

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
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.

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:

kennyschool.pto@gmail.com

By 5pm on Friday