Hello Kenny Families,

You should have received an email and phone call from MPS Superintendent Ed Graff with important Super Bowl information. If you haven’t had a chance to review them yet, I encourage you check them out as they include important information about what’s happening districtwide to prepare for this event and the impact it will have on our schools.

At Kenny School, we are keeping our focus on learning and working to ensure student safety while the Super Bowl is in town from Jan. 29 to Feb. 5. We invite you to be partners with us in this effort. At this link are some helpful tips to use as resources when talking with your student and traveling around town during this time. If you see something suspicious, say something. Together, we can make sure this exciting time remains safe for all.

We would also like to remind families our standard attendance policy applies during this time. In order to be counted as an excused absence, you must provide notification to the school either in writing or by calling the attendance line at 612.668.3346.

Please reach out with any questions or concerns you have. Thank you for all you do to make Kenny the amazing community school it is!

Bill Gibbs, Principal

REMINDER...NO SCHOOL on JANUARY 25-26

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
Hydro Dynamics!

Come support our GEMS and GISE teams!

The District’s First Lego League (FLL) Robotics tournament will be held this Saturday, January 27 at Anishinabe-Sullivan School (3100 East 28th St). This year’s theme is HYDRO DYNAMICS!

Kenny’s GEMS and GISE teams will be participating in the Exploring Engineering events throughout the day. Each team will be judged in three events:

*Robot Games * Research Project * Design on the Spot

Join us in the Auditorium at 3pm to cheer on our teams as they share their designs. Awards will be presented immediately afterward.

Questions? Contact Claudia Ryan at: claudia.ryan@mpls.k12.mn.us

Join Us!

FAMILY READING NIGHT

Thursday, February 8
from 6pm-7:30pm
Where: Kenny Gym, Music Room and Media Center

Local author Karlyn Coleman will read from her current book, “Where Are All The Minnesotans?”

*Author Reading* *Flashlight Reading* *Activities*
ARE YOU READY??

Kenny School 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 * Prizes *Guest Readers

Pledge packets will be sent home on Wednesday, January 31st

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
CALLING ALL 3rd GRADE FAMILIES!

Join us for the 3rd grade Music Sharing Concert!
“STAND UP AND SING”!
When: Thursday, February 1 at 8:15am
Where: Kenny Gym

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Join our KENNY GLEE CLUB on Monday, February 12 for the VIVA CITY PERFORMANCE NIGHT at the Guthrie Theater
818 South 2nd Street, Minneapolis 55415

This is the 23rd year for this district-wide event that showcases the extraordinary art programs within the Minneapolis Public Schools, our creative students and staff.

More details to come!

TRUE FOOD TASTE TEST!

During their lunch times on Friday, February 9, Kenny students will have the chance to put their taste buds to the test as they sample MOROCCAN FREEKAH.

Freekah is a young, green wheat that has been toasted and cracked. It is similar to bulgar wheat, wheat berries and other whole grains.

We are looking for extra sets of hands to help pass out samples during lunch, from 10:40am—12:15pm.

Please contact Susie Friederich if interested:
susan.friederich@mpls.k12.mn.us or (612) 668-33565
Come join MPS for a **FUN AND FREE** Family Event!

**Where:** Roller Garden

**When:** Monday, February 12 from 6-8pm

5622 W. Lake Street, St. Louis Park

Students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian

*Space is limited, so be sure to get there early!

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**Monday, February 12 is African American Family Involvement Day!**

Kenny families are invited to join us in the gym at **8:15am** for our Student of the Month assembly, visit your student’s classroom, have lunch and even stay for recess! Lunch schedule is as follows:

- **Kindergarten and 1st grade lunch:** 10:40-11am (recess 11-11:20am)
  - 2nd grade lunch: 11-11:20am (recess 11:20-11:40am)
  - 3rd grade lunch: 11:20-11:40am (recess 11:40-noon)
  - 4th grade lunch: 11:40-noon (recess noon-12:20pm)
  - 5th grade lunch: Noon-12:20pm (recess 12:20-12:40pm)

We would love to have you visit!
MORE MARCH MAGIC NEWS…

Last week, you should have received an invitation to March Magic 2018 (the bright orange envelope) in your student’s Wednesday folder.

Please join us for a fun parents night out benefitting the Kenny Community School Foundation! We will have a raffle, Great Gathering sign up, music and dancing, drinks, appetizers, PLINKO, fun and fundraising for the Kenny Foundation!

**TICKETS:** $40.00 per person (includes food and drinks)

Tickets may be purchased by returning your RSVP to school along with your payment (checks may be written out to Kenny Foundation) or by purchasing tickets online through our website at [www.kennymarchmagic.org](http://www.kennymarchmagic.org) There is a small administrative fee for online purchases.

For additional information, please visit the website at: [www.kennymarchmagic.org](http://www.kennymarchmagic.org) or contact our co-chairs Janet Bomar (janetkbomar@yahoo.com) or Ally Marshal (allisonmarshall@hotmail.com)
A Note From the PTO...

The PTO (formerly PTA) has some great volunteer openings for those interested. Please reach out to the PTO with any questions!

- **PTO Co-chair:** It only **SEEMS** like a lot of work, but you really just get to hang out with a lot of awesome people.
- **GARDEN DAY** (two volunteers): Green thumbs need apply!
- **COOKING NIGHT OFF:** Food is delicious and getting local restaurants to help out is a lot of fun!

Contact Dylan Thompson for more information or if interested!

dylanthompson_inc@yahoo.com

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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 finished 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

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**Phillips Eye Screening Day!**

**When: Tuesday, February 13**

Kindergarten, 1st, 3rd and 5th Grades

Please be sure your student wears their glasses that day!

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