JOIN US TOMORROW!

WHAT: “Screenagers”
A viewing and discussion
Thursday, January 23
from 5:30-7:30pm
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.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!
**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

**WHAT:** 2nd Grade Music Concert  
“Lift Every Voice”  
**WHERE:** Kenny Gym  
**WHEN:** Monday, February 10 at 8:15am

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**READING HELP NEEDED!**

Ms. Megan Hardesty’s 2nd grade class is looking for volunteers to read with them in the morning.  
**8:35am—10am, Monday through Friday**  
Please contact Susie Friederich at susan.friederich@mpls.k12.mn.us or (612) 668-3365 if interested!

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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) 668-3365 if interested and/or available*

**Students will be given their showtime assignments this 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
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 consent form 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 or can be accessed via the Kenny website HERE or https://kenny.mpls.k12.mn.us/weekend_food_program.html**

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

On Friday, February 7, Kenny students will have the opportunity to put their taste buds to the test once again.

**WHEN: Friday, February 7, 2020 during lunch times**

Our upcoming winter True Food Taste Test will feature our new French Herb Potato Salad made with Farm to School Huckleberry gold potatoes and a homemade vinaigrette.

**LUNCH TIMES:**

K-1st Grade: 10:40-11am (11-11:20am recess)

2nd Grade: 11-11:20am (11:20-11:40am recess)

3rd Grade: 11:20-11:40am (11:40am-Noon)

4th Grade: 11:40am-Noon (Noon-12:20pm)

5th Grade: Noon-12:20pm (12:20-12:40pm recess)

Please reach out to Susie Friederich if you’re available: susan.friederich@mpls.k12.mn.us or (612) 668-3365
Phillips Eye Institute Vision Screening

When: Thursday, February 13, 2020

Who: Kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, and 5th Grades

Kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, and 5th graders will be having their vision screened at school on February 13 by the Phillips Eye Institute Foundation. 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 Rebecca Richardson, School Nurse with questions: rebecca.richardson@mpls.k12.mn.us

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

Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for a few extra sets of hands to help during the Phillips Eye Institute Vision Screening on:
Thursday, February 13, 2020
from 8:30am—2pm

Who: Kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, and 5th Grades

Please reach out to Community Resource Liaison Susie Friederich if available: susan.friederich@mpls.k12.mn.us or (612) 668-3365
Kenny Parent Foundation Presents

March Magic 2020
-A fundraiser benefitting Kenny School-

Go Old School with us
Come dressed from your favorite decade

March 21, 2020
7 to 11pm

Richfield Legion
6501 Portland Ave

Food - Drinks - Raffle
Dancing - Great Gatherings

For more info & to get tickets, go to thekpf.org/march-magic
March Magic Committee in need of Great Gathering hosts and Raffle Prizes!

Save the Date for March Magic!
Saturday, March 21 at 7 PM at the Richfield American Legion. Look for an invitation in Wednesday folders in early February!

What is March Magic?
March Magic is an annual Fundraiser for the Kenny Parent Foundation. It is a fun adults-only evening for Kenny parents, friends and staff to socialize, enjoy food and beverages, dance, enter for a chance to win exciting raffle items, and sign up for some fabulous Great Gatherings.

What is a Great Gathering?
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. 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 so we are looking for new hosts and new ideas! Please do some brainstorming, maybe recruit a few families to help, and offer up your best ideas!

Are you willing to host a Great Gathering?
Contact Kelly Kozicky with questions or your offer to host! If you are short on ideas but willing to host or co-host, below are some examples of past events or feel free to contact Kelly and she'll help you brainstorm something new!

Kelly Kozicky - kkozicky@mac.com or 612-616-9738

Examples of past events:
- Game night
- Cocktail Party
- Dinner Party
- Group Fitness
- Pancake Breakfast
- Tap Room / Distillery Tour
- Nerf Battle
- Slime Party
- Cooking / Baking Class

Raffle Donations:
We are also looking for donations to our raffle table. By donating to our raffle, businesses receive exposure to hundreds of current and potential customers in the Kenny community. Past donations from parents and businesses have included everything from gift certificates for summer camps and birthday parties to use of vacation properties. If you would be willing to donate or ask for a donation from a business you regularly patronize as a contribution to our raffle table, please contact Laura Evensen with your ideas, thoughts, or questions!

Laura Evensen - lauramac85@gmail.com or (952) 232-9933
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

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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**

Thank you, friends of the Arts!

Mrs. Cynthia McGovern, Kenny Art Teacher
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
# 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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<td>Citywide Student Government</td>
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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

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 wind chill 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](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**

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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

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/kennypsta

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