2018 Reading Olympics
February 1 through February 28

Kenny School Foundation is pleased to announce the return of the Read-A-Thon for Kenny students! Our hope is that this Read-A-Thon supports our goal for all Kenny kids to share a love of reading, as well as raising money for the Kenny Foundation—without you or your child having to sell anything!

Students collect pledges and donations, READ...READ...READ, turn in weekly reading log sheets and earn prizes just for participating!

*PACKETS WILL BE SENT HOME ON WEDNESDAY!*

For more information and to donate, please [CLICK HERE](http://www.kennyreads.com), visit the KENNY FOUNDATION page on the Kenny School website or visit [www.kennyreads.com](http://www.kennyreads.com)

Thank you so much for your support! Please contact Sarah Walters (swalter@hrii.com) or Tracy Babler (tracysbabler@gmail.com) with questions!

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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

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Congratulations, Kenny GEMS and GISE teams! We are so proud of you!

This week’s Super Bowl activities will likely have an impact on transportation, sometimes causing delays. The district has planned for this city-wide event and hopefully the delays will be minimal.

The District’s Communications Department, Transportation and IT have developed a plan to let families know when buses are delayed 20 minutes or more. When transportation services is aware of delays, the Communications Department will send families messages via robocalls, texts and emails to first notify and then to update if further delays occur.

*If you have any transportation related concerns, please contact Kenny School at (612) 668-3340 or Transportation Services at (612) 668-2300
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?”

We will also have a visit from the
Washburn Library staff, activities
and refreshments!

Don’t forget to bring a book
and a flashlight and find a
cozy spot to read in the gym!

Get a library card!

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!
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!

JOIN US!

Parent Committee Meetings
Monday, February 5 in the Kenny Media Center

- 5:00pm-6:00pm: Site Council...Let’s Talk About the Budget!
- 6:00pm-7:00pm: Kenny Foundation
  - 7:00pm-8:00pm: PTO
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!
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)
Hello, Kenny families! There are a lot of fun activities coming up for you to get involved with, both in the classroom and outdoors with a bit of fresh air!

- Join us for the next PTO meeting on **MONDAY February 5th from 7pm-8pm** in the Media Center. Come lend your voice to the cause!
- Speaking of PTO (no, not Paid Time Off), we’re still looking for a new co-chair to rally alongside Dylan Thompson. Reach out if you have questions or come to see what it’s all about!
- Earth Day is April 22nd and we’re going to need a few volunteers to help distribute pine tree saplings to every Kenny student. More details to come!

**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
Moving MPS Forward:  
A Community Discussion

Let’s talk about:

- Why Minneapolis Public Schools recommended changes based on budget reductions for the 2018-2019 school year.
- How this may affect your school next year.
- Your ideas for ways MPS can make any changes easier.

Join us at any of these three meetings:

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Light refreshments, beverages, childcare and interpretation will be available.

If accommodations or transportation is needed, please contact Shantel Shorter, 612.668.0128 or shantel.shorter@mpls.k12.mn.us at least 24 hours before the meeting.

Meetings will not be rescheduled if there is bad weather.

Minneapolis Public Schools Parent Advisory Councils and CityWide Student Leadership Board are also talking about budgets in their January and February meetings:

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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.