In December, Brix Real Estate and Kenny parent Jessica Brunsell invited Kenny School to participate in their DRAW YOUR CITY drawing competition. Brix Real Estate pledged $5.00 for every submission and $460.00 was donated to MPS towards school supplies!

**GRAND PRIZE** winners were Molly and Lily from Mr. Iverson’s 5th grade class. Lucy from Ms. Johnson’s 5th grade class took second place and Joe from Mr. Feely’s 5th grade class scored third place.

Great job everyone!
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!
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

Kenny School Celebrates

AFRICAN AMERICAN FAMILY INVOLVEMENT DAY

on Monday, February 11, 2019

Kenny families are invited to join us in the gym at 8:15am on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11 for the 3rd—5th grade Student of the Month assembly and enjoy the 3rd grade music concert. Have some refreshments, visit your child’s classroom, have lunch and even stay for recess!

The lunch schedule is as follows:

- K-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!
African-American Family Involvement Day

We Invite you to

The Roller Garden Skating Rink
Located at 5622 W. Lake Street in Saint Louis Park, MN

Monday, February 11, 2019
6:30 p.m.

"we exist to awaken the greatness within Black Males in MPS to have them determined to believe and achieve success as defined by their own values and dreams."

An MPS Family Event

Fun and Free
It’s Time To Read!

Kenny School’s 2nd annual Read-A-Thon launched on February 1st!

Our goal is for each student to read 17+ hours outside of school.

Your first reading sheet is due THIS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH!

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: 6:30pm)

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.

The next submission next week!

Box Tops can be turned into the front office
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

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**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 barbecues 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
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

JOIN US FOR COOKING NIGHT OFF!

20% of your pre-tax bill will go back to Kenny School!

Just mention “Kenny School” when ordering

Good on dine-in and take out only (No credit for delivery)

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

WHEN: Tuesday, February 12 from 4pm-8pm
WHERE: 6345 Penn Ave S, Richfield

Meet the newest addition to our MINNESOTA READING CORPS TEAM!

Hi, Kenny School! My name is Alyssa Morrison. I recently graduated from the University of Minnesota—Twin Cities, and this is my first year with the Minnesota Reading Corps.

I’m excited to have my first year here at Kenny!

In my spare time, I enjoy being with my friends and family, traveling, reading, and walking my dog, Penny.

I’m very excited to start, and I am looking forward to getting to know the school and community throughout the remainder of the school year!
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
  • 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

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**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.
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:
kennyschool.pto@gmail.com
By 5pm on Friday