Family Reading Night
Wednesday, February 22, 6-8pm

Join us for an author visit from Mr. Alan Page (former Minnesota Viking and retired State Supreme Court Justice) as he reads from his book, “Alan and his Perfectly Pointy Impossibly Perpendicular Pinky”.

We will also have a visit from the Washburn library staff, activities, and refreshments. Bring a book and find a cozy spot to read in the gym.

Stay tuned for more details.
PTA Updates:

Thank you so much to everyone who attended Tuesday night’s discussion, "Teachable Safety Skills Parent Workshop".

We had a great turnout and great discussion. If you missed it and would like to chat more please let us know - we would be happy to share some of the discussion points with you.

We have some great discussions coming up over the next few months that include a focus on Autism as well as Working with Police in our community. Keep checking the newsletter and website for updates on dates and times.

Interested in being on the PTA...we need you!

We have a need for a new treasurer and secretary. If you have any questions, or would like to find out more please reach out to Viv vwhitfield@outlook.com we would love to chat to you more about it.

Don’t forget to order your Kenny yearbook!

- $17.50 per book
- Please consider donating to our yearbook donation program!
- Make payments to: Kenny Community School
- Or order online: ybpay.lifetouch.com
  (Yearbook ID code: 2330317)
- Order Deadline: Friday, March 31, 2017

Questions? Please contact Community Resource Liaison
Susie Friederich: susan.friederich@mpls.k12.mn.us
KENNY VARIETY SHOW!

Thursday, February 16, 2017

**Day Show** - 12:30pm
(day show performers need to be in the gym, ready to go at 12:15)

**Night Show** - 6:30pm
(night show performers need to be in the gym, ready to go at 6:15)

We need your help!

Do you have the skills to be our videographer at both shows? We also need someone to make that footage into a DVD and have them copied for families to purchase. Does that sound like you? Contact Laurie Hanzal Laurie.Hanzal@mpls.k12.mn.us
March Magic is fast approaching!

Make sure to return your RSVPs to this fun, annual fund-raising event.

This year we have some great raffle items including: Twins tickets, Minnesota United FC soccer tickets, Bruno Mars concert tickets, Wicked tickets, a gaming chair, Amazon Echo, JBL Charge 3 wireless speaker, staycation at the downtown Courtyard Marriott, goMoji bean bag chairs, yoga classes, Yeti cooler and gift package, 2 $250 Sun Country vouchers, gift cards to Prima, George and the Dragon, and Wiseacre, 4 Disney World park hopper tickets, tickets to the Minnesota Zoo, MOA Crayola experience, Science Museum, Blizzard ski/snowboard school membership and 5th grade gift basket.

We also added a much anticipated limbo contest to go with our island theme. Start your training now!

Learn more about Kenny Foundation's biggest annual fundraiser at www.kennymarchmagic.org

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EAGLE BLUFF CLOTHING NEEDS:

The 4th and 5th grade field trip to Eagle Bluff is right around the corner! We are in need of SNOWPANTS, GLOVES and/or MITTENS! Size L, XL or men's AND women's small.

Donations can be dropped off in the front office. Please label "EAGLE BLUFF".

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FROM THE TRANSPORTATION DESK

Make sure you are on the corner, waiting for the bus, at least 5 minutes before the scheduled stop time.

This is one way you can help our drivers stay as close to on-time as possible. Watching/waiting for the bus from your house or car is taking a risk that your child will miss the bus. Students and parents waiting at future stops will appreciate your help.

If you have concerns about busses not showing up, or being late on a consistent basis, by all means let us know in the office (612-668-3340). We will follow up with transportation.
Dear Parents and Friends of the Arts,

Thank you for your generous contributions. May your New Year be healthy, happy, and filled with beautiful art.

Mrs. McGovern, Kenny Art Teacher, K, 1, 3, 4, 5
Mrs. Kris McComas, Kenny Art Teacher 2

- Telephone books (small and large)
- Odds and ends of old jewelry
- Fake flowers, fruit or veg
- Ribbon-bits and pieces too!
- Cardboard cylinders-small size around 15-Oz (bread crumbs, oats, grits) Please do not send TP cardboards

- Chopsticks
- Yarn — any amount
- Paint stir sticks
- Cardboard paper trays (fish and chips, fries)
- Egg cartons-cardboard only. Please do not send styro or plastic egg cartons
- Plastic containers with or without lids. 5oz—32oz. cottage cheese, sour cream, yogurt, Parmesan, feta, dips... all sizes

Art Adventure is underway!

Once again, Kenny is pleased to partner with the Minneapolis Institute of Art (Mia) to offer the Art Adventure program in every Kenny classroom. Thanks to a large group of parent volunteers (18 volunteers this year, the largest group ever!), generous funding from the PTA, and the welcome of classroom teachers, students at every level will have a chance to look closely at reproductions from Mia’s collection and to discuss what they see, learn, and think about the art.

This fall, volunteers trained for the program at Mia. These volunteers will be visiting classrooms in January and February (schedules vary by classroom). Then, later this spring, most classrooms will visit Mia to see the art up close. This year’s theme is American Art. You can view the artwork for this theme online at http://new.artsmia.org/discover/art-adventure/american-art-sampler/. (And you can go see the art in person at Mia -- admission is free!)

Art Adventure builds visual literacy and critical thinking skills, and creates a connection between Kenny kids and one of our great local cultural resources. Be sure to ask your kids about their Art Adventure!
Hello Kenny Families,

One of our goals at Kenny 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 D. Lumbar Bendson, RN LSN
Minneapolis Public Schools
Kenny Elementary, DeLaSalle High School, and homeschool students
Be sure to sign-up for the Kenny Electronic Newsletter!

*Printed newsletters are only sent home to families who specifically request a paper version.*

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/

If you have information you would like to submit to the newsletter please send email to: AllisonThiesing@kennynewsletter@hotmail.com by 5pm on Fridays.

Email the Kenny School PTA and we will add you to our school's electronic communications:

kennyPTA33721@gmail.com

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**STUDENT DROP OFF:**

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.
- Students become more responsible and gain independence when allowed to walk to the classroom on their own.
- Children have morning work assignments that need to be completed before the morning meeting that starts at 8:10.

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.

Children will be admitted to the building at 7:50am.

**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.

**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.