Hello Kenny Families,

Can you believe it is school choice time already? Over 50 families have already toured our school this winter. The families have given us great reviews. We would like to remind all of our families that the MPS School Showcase will take place at the Minneapolis Convention Center on February 6th. School requests are due by March 5th, for children entering kindergarten, middle school, or high school. If you have friends or neighbors who have preschoolers, please have them contact the Kenny office to set up a visit as soon as possible. We want everyone to see for themselves how Kenny Community School is an awesome place to learn!

This week, we have been interviewing candidates for the Associate Educator position. This is the funding that Mr. Ron Wagner, our Associate Superintendent, was able to lobby for as we are currently overenrolled. The position will work primarily with 4th grade and provide assistance for lunch and recess.

Moving forward, we will also be recruiting a new family liaison. All funds that were allocated for this position will remain attached to that position.

You will find district report cards in today’s Wednesday folder. Please let your child’s teacher know if you have any questions or concerns. We will also provide the data sheets indicating your child’s latest reading level and any scores from standardized tests the week of February 8. Conferences will be offered at that time. Please contact your child’s teacher to schedule a time. Students will not have school Friday, February 12th.

As always, thanks for all you do to make Kenny the amazing community school it is!

Bill Gibbs, Principal

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A Note from the Principal...

**Dates to Remember**

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Link to Kenny School Website: http://kenny.mpls.k12.mn.us

Reward School
Minnesota Department of Education
Kenny School Diaper Drive

Last Day for Diaper Drive is this Friday Jan 29!!!
Let's bring as many diapers as we can for People Serving People!
Caring, caring, that's what we do!
Thanks for helping our community!

Did You Know?

Kenny cafeteria now has a salad bar!

Kenny cafeteria now has a salad bar! The district food service team delivered it late last fall and it's now up and running. Children can enjoy anything from the salad along with their hot lunch purchase; there is no extra charge. Every day the salad bar has 3 vegetables, 2 fruits and a mixed salad. New items rotate in and out for variety, such as Tropical Bean Salad and Ginger Apple Delight this month.

The salad bar has been a hit with the kids! Kids have been sharing stories about healthy eating and the new fruits and vegetables they have tried! Ask them about radishes that will be starting next week. We even have students taking salad as an entrée item and then getting additional salad from the salad bar. Way to go healthy Kenny Kids!

Reference the school lunch menu called "K-8 satellite with Salad Bar" to see what's for lunch:

http://nutritionservices.mpls.k12.mn.us/current_menus
ALL MUSIC FOR THE VARIETY SHOW NEEDS TO BE EMAILED OR GIVEN TO MRS. HANZAL BY FEBRUARY 1ST.
THANK YOU!

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11 AT 12:30 AND 6:30

Keep clipping for Kenny!!

The 2015
Kenny Variety Show

it's hip to clip!
It’s that time of year – time to buy your March Magic ticket! Your attendance at March Magic supports the Foundation’s goal to support the school community with projects that cannot be funded by the PTA due to national PTA guidelines or the district due to financial constraints. In short, it’s money raised by our community that can be spent as we wish to support our kids in our community school.

This year alone, we’ve been able to support the school community with almost $19,000 in project funding. And the year is only half over.

Ways we have supported include: supplemental art supplies, Chromebooks and charging carts, PebbleGo research databases, replacement mats for physical education, SRA Reading Kit for teachers, and Sheridan Story (weekend food program).

In prior years the Foundation has contributed to hallway and office upgrades, lobby upgrades, installing a door from the cafeteria directly to the playground, Lego league program fees, art supplies, and more!

Help support Kenny Community School by purchasing your ticket to March Magic today!

KENNY SCIENCE EXPO 2016

Science Expo welcomes all Kenny Scientists!

Event Date: Thursday, April 14th, 6:00–7:30

Look for the Science Expo Entry forms in next week’s Wednesday Folder

Entry deadline is Monday, Feb 29

Kenny students, we need you to enter the Science Expo. Partner up with a friend or work on your own to put together a science project. Let your curiosity and imaginations guide you. Remember — just about everything fits under the heading of “science” and can be explored in many different ways. Find inspiration, project ideas, resources, and the Entry Form to Science Expo coming home soon in next week’s Wednesday Folder.

Interested in helping out during Science Expo 2016? Reach out to one of us listed below. Help needed with the following:

- Display board labeling and distribution on Wed March 9 (pm)
- Display board labeling and distribution on Thurs Mar 10 (am)
- Planning layout of tables, signage for Apr 14th
- Helping put up tables and signage after school hours on Apr 14th
- Helping with science presentations by volunteers in the Music Room or Media Room

If you have questions, contact parent volunteers Osha Roopnarine (eliastar@gmail.com), Padma Wudali (Padma.wudali@gmail.com) or ask any Kenny School teachers.
2016-2017 School Request Information
The Online school request site is open. Requests due by March 5th!

For the 2016-17 school year, please use the school request site to request:

- A school for an incoming kindergartner. Please pass this information on to any family or friends with children who will be 5 by September 1st.
- A new school for a current K-11th grade student
- A middle school (only if your 5th grader wants to request a school other than the middle school pathway which is Anthony for the Kenny students)
- A high school for all incoming 9th graders

For elementary and middle school requests [http://schoolrequest.mpls.k12.mn.us](http://schoolrequest.mpls.k12.mn.us)

And for high school requests please visit [http://highschoolrequest.mpls.k12.mn.us](http://highschoolrequest.mpls.k12.mn.us)

The site is easy to use and requires your address with zip code to learn more about your school options. There is also the District School Showcase in February.

**MPS School Showcase**
Saturday, February 6th, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Minneapolis Convention Center
[http://studentplacement.mpls.k12.mn.us](http://studentplacement.mpls.k12.mn.us)

One-stop opportunity to meet school principals, staff and parents to help inform your school search. Free parking and child care available. Spanish, Somali, Hmong & Oromo interpreters on-site to assist families.

Questions? Contact the Kenny School Office at 612.668.3340 or the Minneapolis District Placement Office at 612.668.1840 or 612.668.3700.
NELSON completes Green Apple Day of Service for Kenny Community School

On Friday, January 15, 2016, NELSON, an architecture, interior design, engineering and branding firm, completed their Green Apple Day of Service benefiting Kenny. Green Apple is a community outreach program through the USGBC (United States Green Building Council) that focuses on enhancing learning environments along with sustainability and safety. NELSON was able to work with their vendors to get all materials donated for this project.

Scope Items included:

- Painting the music room (paint donated by Sherwin Williams; labor by the NELSON Green Apple Committee)
- Filming the window to the kiln room (material and labor donated by Art Partners Group)
- Install a large Interface carpet tile area rug in the music room. The carpet is made out of recycled fish nets (carpet donated by Interface, shipment and delivery by St. Paul Linoleum & Carpet, installation by NELSON Green Apple Committee)
- Acrylic shelving for the art display case to eliminate the use of the heavy glass shelves (donated by Crown Plastic)
- Gate to close off the Kiln Room (by Todd Knutson)

NELSON Green Apple Committee Members:
Roslyn zumBrunnen, Maren Idso, Amanda St. Jacque, Ashley Wittenberg, Todd Knutson (Kenny Parent), Deanne Erpelding (Kenny Parent).

A huge THANK YOU to all the volunteers who helped get the room ready for this project and then put back together:
Sarah Kuhn, Dave Adams, Peggy Kirkpatrick, Kristine Becker, Molly Abeln, Janet Bomar, Kelly Barbes, Heather Garnett, Rebecca Lee, Erik Wood, Sharon Porter, LaToya Peterson, Kenny school engineers
Join us at the next PTA Meeting
All parents, guardians, teachers and staff are welcome to attend.
Tuesday, February 2, 2016
7:00 p.m.
Kenny School Media Center (enter through the front door)
*Child care will be provided

The meeting agenda will include:
1) PTA business
2) Presentation on "Advanced Learner Identification" by Janee Rivard Johnson (Kenny 5th grade teacher)
3) School budget overview by Principal Gibbs

The PTA has a Spring Carnival Chair/Co-chair opening for the June 2 event.

2015-2016 PTA Officers:
Terri Diamond and Peggy Kirkpatrick, Co-presidents
Jan Tylko, Treasurer
Megan Schueth, Secretary

Questions? Contact us at: diamondLd@comcast.net or pkkirkpatrick@usfamily.net

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Kenny Foundation

Foundation Update

January Meeting
The Kenny School Foundation held its monthly meeting on Jan 5. At these meetings, the foundation board reviews and votes on funding proposals that have been submitted by staff, teachers, administration and parents. To learn more about the board members and funding proposal application, go to http://kenny.mpls.k12.mn.us/The_Kenny_School_Foundation.

Funding News
This meeting, funding for the Sheridan Story program ($1,558) was approved. This program provides food for students to take home for the weekend. For students that sign up, a pack of food is discretely placed in their locker on Friday. This provides food for the weekend, bridging the gap from school provided breakfast and lunch on school days.

If your family could benefit from this program, contact the Kenny School Office. There is no cost for families to participate.

Future Projects
Thanks to all who completed a playground survey last fall. A sub-committee of parents has reviewed all that information and shared it with the foundation board. We are in the process of figuring out the next steps, including what we can financially support.

March Magic
March Magic is the Kenny School Foundation's largest fundraiser. Please join us March 12 and support the Foundation!
High Priority: small cylinder containers from oatmeal or grits (approximately 18-24 oz size)

- egg cartons - paper only
- cottage cheese or yogurt plastic containers (16 or 24 oz)  Please ---not individual size.
- Trims- ribbon, lace, braid….any amount.

Please do not send TP rolls, milk containers, or glass jars.

Thank you for all your help in keeping the art department filled with inspiring materials!
Mrs. McGovern
Art Teacher
Room 123

Art Room Wish List:

Just Before Sleep
January 29 - February 24
Tickets: $7 to $15

Youth Performance Company at the Howard Conn Performing Arts Center
1900 Nicollet Avenue (at Franklin) in Minneapolis (free lot parking)
Box office: 612.623.9080 or (LINK): youthperformanceco.org

Just Before Sleep tells the story of homelessness through the lives of two young people. Compelling drama performed by area youth in Youth Performance Company production. Here in Minnesota, the most recent study of homelessness from Wilder Research counted 10,182 homeless people, and estimates that more than 14,000 Minnesotans are homeless on a given night, many of them children and young people.
Experience life-change growth: Our tutors are trained to change the future.

Sam dreams to read big books. You can make his dream come true.

Minnesota Reading Corps inspires community members to change the future of struggling students. As the nation’s largest state AmeriCorps program, we are recognized because our tutors are getting results with the students they serve and are helping to ensure that all children are successful readers by the end of third grade.

Become a tutor at Kenny

Literacy tutors commit to one year of AmeriCorps service. Tutors come from many backgrounds and include recent high school and college grads, career changers, stay-at-home parents, and retirees. Tutors are paid a living allowance, and are eligible for an education award of up to $5,730 and federal student loan forbearance. Tutors 55 or older may gift the award to a child or grandchild.

Benefits of serving include:
- Grow your career skills, network and resume
- Get training and coaching in research-based literacy methods
- Motivate kids in your community to succeed in the classroom

One year. This year. Join Minnesota Reading Corps

To apply or more information, visit www.MinnesotaReadingCorps.org Contact recruitment@mnec.org or 866-859-2825 with questions.

Why I Serve

“There is nothing greater than seeing a student who has no desire to read, develop into one of your best students and gain skills that will open doors for future success. By serving as an Elementary Literacy Tutor, I could be part of the change I wanted to see.”

George Ochoa, Minnesota Reading Corps tutor

MinnesotaReadingCorps.org

A strategic initiative of ServeMinnesota
Be sure to sign-up for the Kenny Electronic Newsletter!

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

Email the Kenny School PTA and we will add you to our school's electronic communications. If you know anyone who would like to be added to the list forward their email address:

kennyPTA33721@gmail.com

Bookmark the Kenny Website for quick access to the Staff Directory, the school schedule, meeting times, and new information.

Join us on Facebook & keep up with all the latest Kenny news

http://www.facebook.com/kennypta
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.
- 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.

All adults entering the building must sign in at the office.

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

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. You 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.