**COMPREHENSIVE DISTRICT DESIGN**
2019-2022

**CLICK HERE** for the current information regarding all five models being taken into consideration in this decision or visit:

https://v3.boardbook.org/Public/PublicItemDownload.aspx?ik=45845786

**TAKE THE SURVEY** - What do you value for students in Minneapolis Public Schools? What do you want Minneapolis Public Schools to look like?

MPS wants **YOUR** input!

There are no right or wrong answers and the entire survey should take about 10 minutes of your time. All answers will remain anonymous!

*The survey is offered in Español, Hmong, Somali, and English

*See the next page for Listening and Information Sessions

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<td><strong>Wednesday, January 29</strong></td>
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| **Tuesday, February 4** | 1:45pm - Anthony Middle School 8th Grade Choir  
6:00pm—Kenny Parent Foundation Meeting |
| **Monday, February 10** | National African American Parent Involvement Day (NAAPID)  
8:15am—2nd Grade Music Concert  
Student of the Month (Grades K—2nd) |
| **Thursday, February 13** | Vision Screening for Grades Kindergarten, 1, 3, and 5 |
| **Wednesday, February 5** | Kenny Book Bonanza |
| **Thursday, February 6** | Kenny Book Bonanza |
| **Friday, February 7** | Open Enrollment Deadline for prospective students |
| **Monday—Tuesday, February 17 and 18** | NO SCHOOL  
President's Day Holiday / Parent |

**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
## 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>Title VI American Indian Parent Advisory Council</td>
<td>Division of Indian Work 1001 E. Lake St.</td>
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<td>Citywide Student Government</td>
<td>South High School 3131 S. 19th Ave.</td>
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<td>Justice Page Middle School 1 W. 49th St.</td>
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<td>Bethune School partnership with Phyllis Wheatley 919 Emerson Ave. N.</td>
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<td>Latino Parent Advisory Council</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
bit.ly/MPSdesign
MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
WHAT: 2nd Grade Music Concert
“Lift Every Voice”
WHERE: Kenny Gym
WHEN: Monday, February 10 at 8:15am

MINNEAPOLIS YOUTH BASEBALL ASSOCIATION (MYBA)
Registration is now OPEN!
10u and 11u Tryouts for summer
Mini-Millers . Age 8-10
VISIT THE WEBSITE
Or
https://www.myba.us/page/show/215287-home-minneapolis-youth-baseball-association

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

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 to lend a hand: 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

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

We are looking for someone to video record both the day and evening 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!

None needed.
1,292 Consecutive Rope Jumps! Congratulations, Evie!

Congratulations, GEMS and GISE!

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5th Grade Dulcimers
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
CALLING ALL 5TH GRADE FAMILIES!

LAST CHANCE...

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2020

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

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 TOILET PAPER OR 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
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 windchill 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 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

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We use WEATHERBUG weather app with Seward Montessori School as the selected site to best determine our condition


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Loaves & fishes

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

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

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