Hello Kenny Families,

February is always a really fun month at Kenny School. We kicked off African American History Month with an amazing 3rd grade music performance. The musical was based on books the children had read about the Civil Rights movement. It was great! Next Monday, we will start African American Parent Involvement Day with a Student of the Month assembly. Parents are invited to visit classrooms this day and/or join their children for lunch and recess.

Monday of this week we had Site Council, Foundation and PTO meetings. In addition to the regular business at those meetings, I gave overviews of our current year staffing as we are moving into budget season. Last spring, our budget was cut $105K from the previous year’s staffing levels. We run a very lean program at Kenny and any further cuts are going to affect our core programming. This is a concern as the Superintendent projects the district to have a $33 million dollar short fall next year. Budget allocations are scheduled to be released to schools February 23.

In today’s Wednesday folders, you will find progress reports for your children. Next Friday is a parent-teacher conference day. If you have concerns about the progress your child is making, please reach out to your child’s teacher to set up a conference. FAST test results (standardized tests for reading and math) will be sent home next Wednesday.

February is also “I Love to Read month”. We kicked off our first annual Read-A-Thon with an assembly January 31st. I entered the gym in athletic wear and carried an amazing torch through the crowd of children. Mrs. Hanzal explained the directions and I shared past rewards children have earned for reaching their reading goals. The children are deciding what they want for their reward this year. Be sure to ask them their ideas. Also, Family Reading Night takes place tomorrow night, February 8th. This is another great night celebrating learning at Kenny School.

To top everything off, two separate Variety Shows will take place Thursday February 15th. This is always a family favorite and I expect great things this year.

As always, thank you for helping make Kenny the amazing community school it is.

Bill Gibbs, Principal
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 meetings:

**Zone 3—Southwest HS**  
Wednesday, Feb. 7  
6-8pm  
3414 W. 47th St.

**Zone 1—Davis Center**  
Thursday, Feb 8  
6-8pm  
1250 W. Broadway

**Zone 2—Wilder Complex**  
Thursday, Feb 15 and Tuesday Feb 20  
6-8pm  
3345 Chicago Ave.

Light refreshments, beverages, childcare and interpretation will be available. If accommodations or transportation is needed, please contact Shantel Shorter at shantel.shorter@mpls.k12.mn.us or (612) 668-0128 at least 24 hours before the meeting. *Meetings will be rescheduled if there is bad weather

For more information, please [CLICK HERE](#)

**GET INFORMED...GET INVOLVED!**
FAMILY READING NIGHT
*This Thursday, February 8*
6pm-7:30pm in the Kenny Gym, Music Room and Media Center

6:00pm—6:30pm:
*Flashlight Reading
*Activities
*Word Wall
*Shel Silverstein / Couplet Activity
*Read with Washburn Library Staff
*Get a library card

6:30pm—7pm:
Local author Karlyn Coleman will read from her current book, “Where Are All The Minnesotans?”

*Light refreshments in the lunchroom at 7pm

It's time to hit the music! It's time to light the lights! It's time to get things started for the...

KENNY VARIETY SHOW!

ARE YOU READY??

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!

Don’t forget to bring a book and a flashlight!

Get your EXTRA entry for Read-A-Thon prizes!

Where Are All The Minnesotans?

Written by Karlyn Coleman
Illustrated by Carla Jefferson

Where Are All The Minnesotans?
African American Family Involvement Day

is Monday, February 12, 2018

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 / 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!

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!

TRUE FOOD TASTE TEST!

During their lunch times on Friday, February 9, Kenny students will have the chance to put their taste buds to the test as they sample MOROCCAN FREEKAH.

Freekah is a young, green wheat that has been toasted and cracked. It is similar to bulgur wheat, wheat berries and other whole grains.

We are looking for volunteers to help pass out samples during lunch from 10:40am—12:15pm.

Please contact Susie Friederich if interested:
susan.friederich@mpls.k12.mn.us or (612) 668-33565
SAVE THE DATE
KENNY SCIENCE EXPO!
Calling all budding scientists, engineers and question askers!

Thursday, April 19
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
(Dinner 5:30–6:30 p.m.)

Look for the Science Expo entry forms in this week’s Wednesday Folder.

Entry deadline is Monday, February 26

Kenny students, we can’t wait for 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 imagination 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 the Science Expo coming home in this week’s Wednesday Folder.

Kenny parents, interested in helping out during Science Expo 2018? Click here to sign up to volunteer! We will need help with the following:

- Supporting guests who are hosting activity stations
- Judging student projects
- Set up/tear down
- Greeting guests

If you have questions, please email kenny.sci.expo@gmail.com
Kenny School Read-A-Thon!

Hopefully your families have their noses buried in their own favorite stories, but please take a few moments to do the following:

- **Attend Family Reading Night on Thursday, February 8 from 6pm-7:30pm.**
- **Return Week 1 Weekly Reading Log Sheet this Friday, February 9. ALL students who return their log sheet will receive an entry into the Read-A-Thon weekly prize drawing.**
- **Help your child identify and contact sponsors! Check out our PayPal option for donations at:** kennyreads.com. Remember, our goal is to raise $5,000 to ensure each classroom has a magnetic whiteboard.

And of course, encourage children to read and record the minutes they spend reading at home and in school! An online version of the Read-A-Thon packet can be found at kennyreads.com

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**KENNY SCHOOL**

**ART DEPARTMENT WISH LIST:**

**Top Request item:** SMALL (Grits/Oats,Coffee) and SMALLER (Salt) cardboard cylinders, 16-18oz (SUCH AS: pancake mix, grits, oat meal, salt)

PLASTIC CONTAINERS 5oz (SUCH AS: sour cream, salsa and shredded cheese)

YARNS of all kinds and amounts

ICE CREAM PLASTIC BUCKETS

WOOD PIECES FOR SCULPTURE BASES (About 6"x3"

PAPER TOWEL CARDBOARD ROLLS (NOT tp)

THANK YOU FRIENDS OF THE ARTS.

Mrs. Cynthia McGovern, Art Teacher, Kenny School
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)
MARK YOUR CALENDAR!
Join our KENNY GLEE CLUB on Monday, February 12
for the VIVA CITY PERFORMANCE NIGHT
at the Guthrie Theater from 6pm-9pm
(younger students perform earlier)
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.

Phillips Eye Screening Day!
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

A Note From the PTO...
Hello Kenny families! We are still looking the following:

- A new Co-chair for the PTO! It’s a tough job that involves family dinner meetings, emails and the possible use of a gavel at future PTO meetings (still to be voted on). Reach out to Vivienne Whitfield (vwhitfield@outlook.com) or Dylan Thompson (dylanthompson_inc@yahoo.com) for more information
- Earth Day is on April 22nd and we’re for a few volunteers to help distribute white pine saplings to the students. More information to come!
Minnesota ReadingCorps (MRC) News!

We are beyond thrilled to welcome back Anna Adams and Mary Schumann! In addition to being Kenny parents themselves, Anna and Mary both have previous tutoring experience at Kenny School. This has allowed them to come in and hit the ground running as they are familiar with the MRC program, our staff and students. You can read more on Anna and Mary below.

Our MRC tutors; Joe McLean, Kelli Thompson, Anna Adams and Mary Schumann will be able to service many Kenny kids from Kindergarten through 3rd grade—Helping them to become even better readers!

Anna Adams - Anna has rejoined Kenny School for her third year as a Minnesota ReadingCorps Kindergarten Focus tutor.

She is still studying Music Therapy at Augsburg University and has two children at Kenny School and two at Anthony Middle School.

Anna loves film, music, books and of course, reading with Kenny kids!

Mary Schumann: I was a ReadingCorps tutor at Kenny School last year and decided to come back to tutor again for the last half of this school year. I love watching the change that happens with the kids over the course of the year—they are amazing!

My hobbies are teaching college political science courses part-time, reading—I love political history, memoirs, and cookbooks, which inspire me when I’m pursuing another hobby—cooking.

We have only lived in Minneapolis for two years and my favorite things about it so far are the embrace of winter and outdoor sports, as well as access to so many biking and hiking trails. I love being outdoors! I’m looking forward to a fun few months working with 1-3rd graders!
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.

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.