Hello Kenny Families,

What a crazy month we are having… I know you have been feeling it too. Luckily, it is “I Love to Read Month” and the children tell me they have been reading a lot at home. The 3rd grade students are participating in a reading program call “Read to the Final Four”. It is sponsored by the NCAA and our school is leading in their bracket at this time!

Monday was National African American Parent Involvement Day. We started the day with the 3rd grade musical share-along with the rescheduled Student of the Month celebration. We had a number of families visit classrooms and/or join their children for lunch. It was a nice way to come back from an extended weekend.

Tomorrow is another exciting day as we have two different variety shows taking place. Mrs. Wixson and Mrs. Totzke are doing a great job coordinating the programs. Mrs. Hanzal has set the bar high in past years, but we are very lucky to have two outstanding music teachers step in following her retirement.

Budget allocations are supposed to come out next Friday. I am hopeful our allocation will support our current level of programming. The last two years we had to deal with significant and painful cuts. Last year our parents came through for us in several ways. One group of parents met with district leadership to share their concerns. In addition, the Kenny Parent Foundation has contributed $20,000 to support the school for the current school year. I know people get tired of fundraisers, but the families really make a big difference at Kenny. There is information about past budgets on our school website and I will share the information and make sure you know how we spend every dollar in upcoming newsletters.

There is important information about student drop off and pick up at the end of the newsletter. We have had issues all year, but the snow and ice are compounding these issues. Please do NOT park in drop off areas or drop off in the bus lane. 58th street can be very busy and buses have limited areas to drop off down there. One parent emailed me last week with a concern that one car dropping off was driving down the wrong side of the street. We all need to work together for the safety of our children. An “accident” would be devastating.

We have an amazing community school at Kenny. The families do a great job supporting our incredible staff who care deeply about your children. As always, thanks for all your do to make Kenny the amazing school it is.

Bill Gibbs, Principal

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Dates to Remember

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Contact Kenny School:

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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
There is no class on

**Friday, February 15 or Monday, February 18**
due to parent conferences and the President’s Day Holiday

**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
Thanks to everyone who turned in Week 1 Read-A-Thon sheets! If you forgot, you can still turn your sheet in to be collected next week!

Week 2 reading sheets will be due on **Tuesday, February 19** after the Presidents Day holiday

Look for information in your Wednesday folders about how to sign up your student for **Book Pro**, the software being used to fundraise for the Read-A-Thon. Our goal is to raise $15,000.00 this year!

Read...Read...Read

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**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!*
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

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“It’s Time To Play The Music…
It’s Time To Light The Lights…
It’s Time To Get Things Started…”

For The

KENNY SCHOOL VARIETY SHOW!

**Thursday, February 14**

12:30pm—2:15pm Day Show
(Performers in their seats, ready to go by 12:15pm)

6:30pm—8:00pm Evening Show
(Performers in their seats, ready to go by 6:15am)

Don’t Miss It!

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Music Share Concert Series:

4th Grade: March 14 at 8:15am
5th Grade Band: April 25 at 8:15am

Kenny Gym

Hope to see you there!
VARIETY SHOW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We could still use some help to make this year’s Variety Show run smoothly!

We’re looking for a couple extra sets of hands backstage to help with props and que each act

Day Show—12:30pm       Evening Show—6:30pm

Please contact Music Teacher Rebecca Totzke if you’re able to lend a hand!
rebecca.totzke@mpls.k12.mn.us

CONGRATULATIONS to Alyssa, who won FIRST PLACE in the individual K-3 division at the MPS All-Girls Check It Out chess tournament last weekend.

Alyssa was UNDEFEATED, winning seven out of seven games!

AMAZING JOB!
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

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
Keeping Our Students Safe

Just a couple of friendly reminders as we work to keep our students safe...

Student Pick Up and Drop Off

• Please do NOT park in the bus lane when dropping your student(s) off in the morning or picking your student up in the afternoon!
  • That means NO morning drop off on 58th street (see diagram below) and NO afternoon pick up on Emerson Avenue going south

![Diagram showing safe school drop off plan]

Pets

Per Minneapolis city ordinance, all pets must be on a leash at all times. We ask that the owner remain attentive and in control of their pet. Please keep pets away from the entry and sidewalks while waiting for dismissal.

This is for the safety of both the students and your pets!

THANK YOU!
Love SW Minneapolis Parks? Proposed plans online now!

minneapolisparks.org/sw

Community Workshops
Jan. 31; Feb. 4, 7, 12.

The Minneapolis Park Board wants YOUR insight and feedback on the proposed updates at Kenny Park. What is the best use of our funds? More sand? Dirt? Equipment? CLICK HERE to take a quick survey!

Project Timeline

May 2018
Project Engagement Start

May – Sep 2018
Outreach & Visioning

Sep 2018 – Jan 2019
Develop Initial Concept Plans

Jan – Apr 2019
Outreach & Refine Plans

Apr – Jun 2019
Create Draft Document

Summer 2019
45-Day Public Comment Period

Spring 2020
Public Feedback

Summer 2019
Final adoption vote by MPRB

CAOs #6-8 dates TBD,
Feedback & Final Recommendations on Preferred Concepts

Draft Document released for public review

Board Review and Public Hearing

Summer 2019
Final adoption vote by MPRB

Southwest Service Area Master Plan | 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.

From the Office
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