Hello Kenny Families,

Things are still rocking at Kenny School! Yesterday, the Anthony 8th grade honor choir and the jazz band performed at Kenny. It was great to see former Kenny kids growing up. Our teachers have been practicing for their performance at the Variety Show, so get ready to be wowed!

There has been a twist in the summer construction projects. All the bids came in over budget. Given the upcoming Comprehensive District Design (CDD) decisions, it was decided to not add the additional dollars to the project at this time. This is an excerpt from our project manager:

I would like an opportunity to provide you an overview of the project scope. Following is a brief overview:

Revised scope of work for this summer – upgrade classroom, media center, gymnasium, and exterior lighting. (Corridor lighting not part of this phase)
New ceiling panels in the gymnasium.
Replace exterior storefront doors and new main exterior entrance doors.

We are adding the gymnasium ceiling, but exterior doors and the lighting were included as alternates in the original bid opening.

After the Board votes on the CDD, we will examine phase II of Kenny which includes kitchen/cafeteria and corridor ceilings/loads.

I will keep you updated on all construction decisions.

Budget allocations are supposed to come out next Friday. I am hopeful our allocation will support our current level of programming. The last several years we have had to deal with significant and painful cuts. Last year our parents came through for us in a huge way. The Kenny Parent Foundation has contributed over $20,000 for supplies and copy machine leases. They also added additional hours to our family liaison position. I know people get tired of fundraisers, but the families really make a big difference at Kenny. I will keep you updated with budget decisions in the newsletter and on the website. I will make sure you know how we spend every dollar.

It is very important to be reviewing the information about the Minneapolis Public School Comprehensive District Design reports. Major parts of the plan would work to reduce transportation costs, centralize magnet schools, and push all buildings toward full capacity. As the project stands right now, the Kenny enrollment is projected to go from the current 467 to 286 students.

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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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

**Wednesday, Feb 5 @ 6:30-8:00pm**—Districtwide focus—Bethune School partnership with Phyllis Wheatley (919 Emerson Avenue N.)

**Thursday, Feb 6 @ 6:30-8pm**—Special Education Parent Advisory Council—Davis Center (1250 W. Broadway Avenue)

**Monday, Feb. 10 @ 6:00-8:00pm**—Black Parent Advisory Council—Davis Center (1250 W. Broadway Avenue)

**Wed, February 12 @ 6:00-8:00pm**—Latino Parent Advisory Council—Davis Center (1250 W. Broadway Avenue)

**Wednesday, Feb 19 @ 5:30-7:30pm**—Hmong Parent Advisory Council—Davis Center (1250 W. Broadway Avenue)

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

CLICK HERE for the updated FAQs

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Kenny School celebrates

AFRICAN AMERICAN FAMILY INVOLVEMENT DAY

On Monday, February 10, 2020

Kenny families are invited to join us for the Kindergarten—2nd Grade Student of the Month assembly and the 2nd Grade Music Concert. Have some refreshments, visit your student’s classroom, even stay for lunch and recess!

The lunch schedule is as follows:

- K-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!

Ms. Jennifer Johnson is looking for a few sets of hands to help staple tags onto the ribbons that are used for Field Day and other Physical Education activities.

Please reach out to Susie Friederich if you are available: susan.friederich@mpls.k12.mn.us or (612) 668-3365

MISSING SOMETHING?

All items in the lost and found are now on tables at the front of the school, near the gym.

Hoodies, lunchboxes, water bottles, and MANY single mittens and gloves...Please remind your student to check!
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.

HERE’S THE RECIPE!

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

JOIN US
KENNY PARENT FOUNDATION MEETING
Tuesday, February 11 at 6pm
In the Media Center
We will have a shortened business portion of the KPF meeting and Principal Gibbs will use the remaining time to speak about the CDD and answer questions to the best of his ability.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!
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
Save the date for Family Reading Night!
WHEN: Thursday, February 27
6pm - 7:30pm
WHERE: Kenny Community School
Featuring Erin Downing, Author of:

Moon Shadow  //  The Quirks  //  Puppy Pirates  //  And many more...

Other activities will include:

Fun with the Washburn Library
Black History Month read-alouds
Book swap (bring a book, take a book - adults, too!)
Flashlight reading
Light Snack
HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE!
Contact Susie Friederich to arrange:
Susan.friederich@mpls.k12.mn.us

Kenny Book Bonanza!

To kick off February’s I Love To Read month, all students will be able to choose a brand new book to keep!

WHEN: Wednesday, February 5 and Thursday, February 6

Big thanks go out to Kenny Parent Kathy Cook, her team of volunteers, and the proceeds from your purchases at our Barnes & Noble Bookfairs for making this event possible! Over 500 books were purchased for our students!
Please join the Cowles Center in congratulating PE Teachers Jennifer Johnson and Daniel Polland on being awarded a First Moves residency.

First Moves is a four session creative movement residency that brings a Cowles Center Teaching Artist directly into our 1st and 2nd grade PE classes.

The core mission of First Moves is to:

- Infuse the school's learning culture with creativity
- Engage students in new ways of thinking and learning
- Spark curiosity about dance and the performing arts
  - Increase body and spatial awareness
  - Empower creative choices

Ask your student to share what they’ve learned!

Hey, Kenny families! Did you know the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra offers FREE family music concerts? First grade is studying the music and story of Peter and the Wolf this month in their music class, so the SPCO is offering two FREE Peter and the Wolf concerts on Saturday, February 22.

Follow the link to request your FREE tickets!

https://content.thespco.org/events/family-concert-peter-and-wolf/

Hope to see you there!

Just a reminder that Apple watches (and similar devices) follow the same rules as cell phones!

If your student brings one to school, it must be turned into the teacher at the beginning of the day and will be returned to the student at the end of the day.

Thank you for your help with this!
A PEEK INTO WHAT’S HAPPENING THIS WEEK…

HUGE Congratulations goes to Alyssa, FIRST PLACE winner of all rounds in her division at the All Girl Check It Out Chess Tournament last week!

WAY TO GO!

CORRECTION:

4th Grade Recorders!

K-3rd Grade Check It Out Chess Champions! Congratulations!
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
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

2020 Youth Soccer Camp

WASHBURN HIGH SCHOOL’S SUMMER SOCCER CAMP REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

WHAT: Soccer Camp for boys and girls entering 6th, 7th, and 8th grade in Fall 2020
WHERE: Washburn High School Stadium
WHEN: June 16-18, 9:00am—11:00am
COST: $55.00 per player (includes camp registration and camp t-shirt)

WHAT: Soccer Camp for boys and girls in Kindergarten—5th grade: Skills and fun
WHEN: June 22-25, 9am-11am
WHERE: Washburn High School, run by Washburn Varsity soccer coaches and players (Girls and Boys)
Cost: $80.00 per player (includes camp, registration, camp t-shirt, and soccer ball)

REGISTER HERE or visit: https://washburnsoccer.com/camp/
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**

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


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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
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

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.

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
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