According to the Entertainment Software Rating Board:

“*Fortnite* is an action game in which players build forts, gather resources, craft weapons, and battle hordes of monsters in frenetic combat. Players compete in two multiplayer game modes: Save the World and Battle Royale. From a third-person perspective, players use guns, swords, and grenades to fight skeleton-like monsters (husks) in ranged and melee-style combat. Players can also defeat enemies by using various traps (e.g., electric, spikes, poisonous gas). Battles are highlighted by frequent gunfire, explosions, and cries of pain. In Battle Royale mode, players compete in "last-man-standing"-style shootouts with other players on an island with diminishing borders.”

For that reason, the game is rated TEEN by the Entertainment Software Rating Board meaning the content is generally suitable for ages 13 and up and may contain violence, suggestive themes, crude humor, minimal blood, simulated gambling and/or infrequent use of strong language. Common Sense Media also recommends *Fortnite* for teens 13 and up, primarily because of the open chat and action violence.

Even if you think your 10-year-old is very mature, the experts believe her or his brain and emotional makeup may not be developmentally ready for such an intense experience that can be in the company of a kid and adult strangers. We ask that you seriously consider the above information before allowing your child to play *Fortnite*, especially since all of the students at Kenny are under the recommended age. The more we investigate aggressive behaviors at school, the more we are learning about the number of our students who are being exposed to aggressive and violent videos. Therefore, we ask for your assistance in refraining from having your children play such games.

Thank You!

Kenny Community School Behavior Team
Join us!

**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 a flashlight and grab a cozy spot in the gym to read!**

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**Parent Math Night**

Need to get the 4-1-1 on the math strategies being taught in the classrooms?

Join us for an information night!

**Thursday, March 7**

5:45pm—6:30pm: Grade level presentations (Rooms 112 and 114)

6:30-7:00pm: Mathnasium presentation in the Media Center

7:00-7:45pm: Repeat grade level presentations (Rooms 112 and 114)

Child care provided in the lunchroom along with various activities courtesy of Mathnasium.

**Hope to see you there!**
Read-A-Thon

Thanks to everyone who turned in Week 2 Read-A-Thon sheets! If you forgot, you can still turn your sheet in to be collected next week!

Week 3 reading sheets will be due on Friday, February 22
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!

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!

WILD RUMPUS
MARCH MAGIC IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

We raise money for a good cause—The Kenny Parent Foundation, which benefits Kenny Community School. This parent event is fun and is a great way to build community!

New this year—We’ve hired a PROFESSIONAL DJ and PHOTOBOOTH, so the evening promises to be a blast! We will have Great Gatherings sign-ups, a raffle and Plinko—Back by popular demand! We hope you can join us!

To purchase tickets and more information: www.kennymarchmagic.org

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Calling all budding scientists, engineers and question askers!

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Thursday, April 25 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

(Dinner 5:30–6:30 p.m.)

**Entry deadline is Friday, March 1**

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 that was sent home in last week’s Wednesday Folder. (Extra forms available in the office or CLICK HERE.)

**Volunteers Needed!** Kenny parents, interested in helping out during Science Expo 2019? 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, email kenny.sci.expo@gmail.com.

**Music Share Concert Series:**

4th Grade: March 14 at 8:15am

5th Grade Band: April 25 at 8:15am

Kenny Gym
The Viva City Fine Arts Festival is a celebration of the outstanding fine arts education offered in the Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS). In its 23rd year, this district-wide events highlights the high-quality arts program and the extraordinary work of MPS students, art educators and families.

A big CONGRATULATIONS to all of our students whose works were honored and are now on display at the Davis Center.

A special THANK YOU goes out to Ms. Cynthia McGovern who helps to enrich our student’s lives every day.
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)

Questions? Contact Katie: kscottelden@gmail.com / (612) 801-8325 or Heather: hpaciotti@gmail.com / (612) 940-3662

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The Cowles Center for Dance & the Performing Arts

**February 25-28, Grades 1 and 2**

The Cowles Center for Dance & the Performing Arts is honored to provide the First Moves dance residency to Kenny 1st and 2nd grade students for a third year in a row. This program works exclusively within the Physical Education classes to offer every first and second grade student the opportunity to grow as a creative thinker and mover in a four day dance residency. We are so excited to have them back!
CELEBRATE BLACK LIFE HISTORY & CULTURE

BPAC Black Parent Advisory Council and OBMSA Office of Black Male Student Achievement CORDIALLY INVITE all MPS parents of African American students to our family event celebrating Black History Month.

Unveiling the pledge to our youth
Thursday Feb., 28, 6pm-8pm
Franklin Middle School, 1501 Aldrich Ave. N., Mpls.

Maya Angelou poem ‘A Pledge to Reclaim Our Youth’ confirms that our youth are the best we have and all we have to make the dream and the hopes come true...

Featuring keynote speaker
Mauri Freistleben, Lucy Laney Principal

Childcare · Transportation · Light meal · Student performances

Please contact Charisma Smith at: charisma.smith@mpls.k12.mn.us or 612.668.2093
Call for transportation
The 2019-2020 MPS Budget Information Sessions

Come and learn about:

- An overview of the district budget.
- Factors that will influence your school’s budget.

Join us at either of these meetings:

**Tuesday**  
February 19  
6:30-8 p.m.  
Davis Center  
1250 W. Broadway

**Thursday**  
February 21  
6:30-8 p.m.  
Wilder Building Auditorium  
3320 Elliot Ave.  
(Parking in MPS lot at 34th & Chicago)

Light snacks, childcare and interpretation will be available.

Meetings will not be rescheduled for bad weather.

MPS Parent Advisory Councils are also talking about budgets in their February and March meetings.

**Click here for district calendar dates.**
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.
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/

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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