Hello Kenny Families,

Last week was amazing at Kenny School. Thursday there was two different variety show performances. The day show began with the Minnesota Elementary School Principals Association presenting Kenny with a School of Excellence award. Our former intern Jessica Peifer-Busse who is now an assistant principal at Anishinabe Academy was able to join us for the presentation. It was a treat to receive the award before a great show. Laurie Hanzal does an amazing job coordinating the shows. This was her 27th time doing this at Kenny.

Schools were supposed to receive their budget allocations for 2017-2018 on February 17. Superintendent Graff has pushed the date back to March 1. He shared he has a two year plan to improve the budgeting process for the district and wanted to meet with the board before making initial allocations. I am looking forward to the new process. I gave a lot of detailed information about our current budget and programming in the February 2 newsletter. The district has put together a presentation on how budgets are set at the district level. The presentation in about 13 minutes long and can be viewed at https://mpls.rev.vbrick.com/#/videos/e71f739e-72e3-4967-b915-159e3464d58e

I am hopeful the allocation given to Kenny allows us to continue our current level of programming.

Tonight we have another great event for families. Family Reading night is tonight and they have put together a really great program. I hope to see you there.

As always, thanks for all you do to make Kenny the amazing community school it is!

Bill Gibbs
GREAT JOB KENNY PERFORMERS!!

Thanks to all the families who helped make the Kenny Variety Show a huge success.

Start practicing for next year!

We have both shows recorded (thanks, Allison) and we need YOU!
Do you have the skills to create the DVDs of the show?

Please contact Laurie Hanzal at Laurie.Hanzal@mpls.k12.mn.us if it sounds like something you can do!

Thank you.

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After School Spring Session
March 14 - May 4

Registration for Minneapolis Community Education enrichment classes starts Wednesday, February 22. Registration fliers will be sent home with students on February 22. Online registration is also available at: www.mplscommunityed.com.

**ALC / GEMS / GISE students will continue to meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays** - spring registration is not required for these classes.

The registration deadline for spring session is March 3. Paper confirmations will be sent home on March 8.

Please contact Leah Robinson with questions at: 612-668-3363 or leah.robinson@mpls.k12.mn.us

*Remember the last day for Winter session ALC/GEMS/GISE & Community Ed classes is Thursday, March 2nd.*
Join us for:

* An author visit from Justice Alan Page as he reads from his book, “Alan and his Perfectly Pointy Impossibly Perpendicular Pinky”.

Justice Page will have copies of his book available for signing, (no sports memorabilia, please).

* A visit from the Washburn Library staff: story time, spin the prize wheel of trivia, and register for a library card.

* Playwright David Grant will read the 2017 Caldecott winner “Radiant Child”.

* Participate in a poetry workshop and hear winners of the Family Reading Night poetry contest read their entries.

* Bring a book and find a cozy spot to read in the gym! Check out the graffiti wall and other activities in the gym: make a book/bookmark, poetry wall, and vote for the Top 10 Books.

* Refreshments will be served in the cafeteria.

March Magic is less than 2 weeks away! There is still time to RSVP to attend the event. Check out information about buying tickets online through Eventbrite by visiting our website: kennymarchmagic.org

Our message every year is - wear whatever the heck you want! However, if you want to wear Hawaiian/island themed attire - then by all means go for it! We want everyone to feel welcome and comfortable. If you have any questions at all, please reach out to a March Magic committee member (see below)

We'll see you on March 4 at DanceLife Ballroom!

Committee co-chairs: Sarah Kuhn (2,5)/Dani Sartori (4,5)
Committee members: Janet Bomar (2,5), Ally Marshall (1,5), Sarah Walter (1), Shannon Gunaca(K, 2, 4, 5), Jennifer Knutson (5), Rebecca Lee (2, 4), Katie Elden (1), Lisa Moore (K), Heather Paciotti (1), Charlie Wolfe (4), Erica Onsrud (5) (committee members' kid grade levels noted)

As a side note, if you are interested in serving on the March Magic committee, feel free to let us know and learn how the event goes behind the scenes. We’d love to see some new faces and new ideas. Thanks!
**Kenny PTA**

**Coming Up…**

New PTA meeting time & place for March 7th:

*We will be meeting in the Media Center @ 6pm*

Come join us as we discuss how we can continue to focus on & enhance our Kenny Community. One of these is through our various Volunteer Chaired Events - we have some open spots for next year, now is the time to get involved. We would love to see you and as always, there will be free child care provided.

If you have any questions, or would like to find out more please reach out to Viv at: vwhitfield@outlook.com.

**MPS is committed to being a safe haven for everyone. We know that recent current events have raised questions for some immigrant and refugee families. We want to lend support wherever possible. Together with our community partners, we’re hosting two upcoming meetings to answer questions and connect families with resources both in our schools and in the community:**

- **Wednesday, March 1, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at South High School, 3131 S. 19th Ave., Minneapolis**
- **Saturday, March 4, from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at Davis Service Center, 1250 W. Broadway Ave., Minneapolis**

We are partnering with the Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota, the Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR MN), NAVIGATE and the Somali American Parent Association (SAPA) to provide information about changing policies, legal resources and social and emotional supports available. We will also have experts available to provide information on helping children cope with stress and anxiety.

If you have questions about the meetings, please feel free to contact our Office of Family and Community Engagement at 612.668.0198 or osfce@mpls.k12.mn.us.

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**2017 SCIENCE EXPO** Calling All Kenny Scientists!

**When: Thursday, April 20th from 6pm-7:30pm**
- Student Set-up time: 4pm-6pm
- Dinner in the Cafeteria: 5:30pm-6:30pm
- Judging and Rubric: 6pm-6:30pm
- Clean Up: 7:30pm-8pm

Science Expo Entry Forms will be sent home this week in the Wednesday folder **OR** [Click here](#) to visit the Kenny Science Expo website to enter and submit electronically.

**Entries due March 8th**
Be sure to sign-up for the Kenny Electronic Newsletter!

Printed newsletters are only sent home to families who specifically request a paper version.

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/

If you have information you would like to submit to the newsletter please send
email to: Allison Thiesing at kennynewsletter@hotmail.com
by 5pm on Fridays.

Email the Kenny School PTA and we will add you to our school's electronic communications:
kennyPTA33721@gmail.com

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STUDENT DROP OFF:

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.
- Students become more responsible and gain independence when allowed to walk to the classroom on their own.
- Children have morning work assignments that need to be completed before the morning meeting that starts at 8:10.

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.

Children will be admitted to the building at 7:50am.

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.

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.