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

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 latest CDD Digest Update

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (01/28/2020)

CLICK HERE for the updated FAQs

Contact Kenny School:
5720 Emerson Avenue S, Minneapolis, MN 55419
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
We are still 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

MISSING SOMETHING?
All items in the lost and found are now on tables at the front of the school, near the gym.
Winter coats, hoodies, lunchboxes, water bottles, and MANY single mittens and gloves...Please remind your student to check!

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

Allina Health
PHILLIPS EYE INSTITUTE
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!

CALLING ALL CURIOUS KENNY KIDS!

SAVE THE DATE

Kenny Science Expo

Thursday, April 23 from 5:30pm-7:30pm

All students are invited to pick a topic and create a project to display. Students may work alone or with partners. Let your interest and imagination guide you! Explore subjects you enjoy!

Entry forms and more details COMING SOON!

Questions?
Email kenny.sci.expo@gmail.com
KENNY PARENT FOUNDATION PRESENTS
MARCH MAGIC 2020
A FUNDRAISER BENEFITTING KENNY SCHOOL

GO OLD SCHOOL WITH US
COME DRESSED FROM YOUR FAVORITE DECADE
MARCH 21, 2020
7 TO 11PM
AMERICAN SWEDISH INSTITUTE
2600 PARK AVE, MINNEAPOLIS
FOOD - DRINKS - RAFFLE
DANCING - GREAT GATHERINGS

FOR MORE INFO & TO GET TICKETS, GO TO thekpf.org/march-magic
March Magic Committee needs Great Gathering hosts and Raffle Prizes!

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 middle school, 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
The Everyday Leaders group invites you to join in the fight against blood cancers and helping the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) fund research and care for cancer patients.

Kenny students will be given cardboard boxes to collect their pennies and coins throughout the month of February. There will be large containers in the office so the students can empty their containers in and will be able to see their progress!

CLICK HERE to donate directly!

Thank you for helping to save the lives of blood cancer patients not someday, but TODAY!

STUDENT COUNCIL SPIRIT DAY

Love and Kindness Day

Wear RED, PINK, or WHITE
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14
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.thеспco.org/events/family-concert-peter-and-wolf/

Hope to see you there!

REMINDER…

There are **NO** ALC or Community Education classes on **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18** or **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

Are you looking for more fun and lots of unique summer options? Community Education offers weekly and 8-week programs around the city, Pre-K-12, including: sports, arts, technology, and science. Class listings will be available on February 15 and registration opens on March 1, 2020.

Check out the CAHOOTS program, an academic summer slide workbook program. To find the closest location to you or for more information, please contact Jenny Delany: jenny.delany@mpls.k12.mn.us or (612) 668-3930

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!
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
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](https://mpls.k12.mn.us/school_closing) 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**

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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 entrance.

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

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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