Hello Kenny Families,

Last week was an extremely fun week at Kenny School. We celebrated African American Parent Involvement Day on Monday and kicked it off with a Student of the Month celebration. We ended the week on Thursday with two different variety shows. Mrs. Hanzal has done a great job coordinating the event and Thursday was the 28th time she has done that! Mrs. Hanzal is retiring at the end of this year. At the day show, I was able to give her a service pin and a letter from Superintendent Graff recognizing her 35 years of service to the Minneapolis Public Schools.

Budget allocations for the 2018-19 school year are supposed to come out this Friday. At the end of this week’s newsletter, you will see a spreadsheet showing our current year’s budget and staffing. You will note we have a full time secretary, full time social worker, and cover the health office during the student day. We also have 5 Associate educators doing the following work:

- Intervention reading/recess
- Testing/transportation/Reading Corp coach/recess
- Media coordination
- Behavior support and intervention
- Parent liaison

This is work that must be done at the school and gives us two people to cover lunch and recess. Special Education and ESL budgets and allocations are made by the central office and are not controlled at the school level. Also, the Kenny Foundation paid for a 0.1 band teacher.

Please watch for a report from me in next week’s newsletter. There is very little flexibility in our budget as 99.5% is spent on staffing ($9,500 goes to copy machine leases and $8,000 for supplies).

I understand over 20 Kenny parents attended the district budget presentation at Southwest High School on February 7th. It is great to have so many families involved and interested in how our district operates. The next Kenny Site Council meeting is March 6th at 5:00pm and Minneapolis Board of Education Director Ira Jourdain is scheduled to join us.

Thank you for everything you do to make Kenny the great school it is!

Bill Gibbs, Principal
Kenny School Read-A-Thon

Hey Kenny Kids! Looking for something to read? Check out:

**Wild Rumpus Book for Young Readers...BOOK FAIR**

Saturday, February 25 from noon-5pm
2720 West 43rd Street, Minneapolis 55410

http://www.wildrumpusbooks.com/

10% of net proceeds will be donated to the Kenny Foundation (All day! Not just Kenny families!)

Remember...Our goal is to raise $5,000 to ensure each classroom has a magnetic whiteboard! Help your student reach out to sponsors! Check out our PayPal option for direct donations at: kennyreads.com

**The reading log raffle drawing for weeks 2 and 3 will take place on Friday, March 2. TWO students from each classroom will be winners!**

Read...Read...READ, Kenny Kids!

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Mark Your Calendars for the Spring Music Sharing Concerts!

4th Grade Recorder Recital: Thursday, March 8th at 8:15am
2nd Grade Music Share: Thursday, April 26th at 8:15am
5th Grade Band and Dulcimer Concert: Thursday, May 31st at 8:15am

Hope to see you there!
**The mission of the Foundation is to enhance Kenny Community School and its programs in our long-standing tradition of excellence**

The success of our event is entirely up to you—our parents!

We look forward to seeing old friends and new faces. Please let us know if you have any questions about the event, raffle items, Great Gatherings, or anything else related to the Foundation.

Tickets may be purchased by returning your RSVP to school along with your payment (checks may be written out to Kenny Foundation) or by purchasing tickets online through our website at www.kennymarchmagic.org. There is a small administrative fee for online purchases.

Hope you can join us!

Please visit our website at: www.kennymarchmagic.org or contact our co-chairs Janet Bomar (janetkbomar@yahoo.com) or Ally Marshal (allisonmarshall@hotmail.com) with any questions.

Register your child with the 2018, 10u-11u Millers traveling baseball program.

They will learn the game of baseball, develop good sportsmanship and appreciate the importance of teamwork all while making memories to last a lifetime!

Click HERE for more details or visit: https://www.myba.us/tryouts
KENNY SCIENCE EXPO
Welcoming all budding scientists, engineers and question askers!

Thursday, April 19
6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
(Dinner 5:30–6:30 p.m.)

ONE WEEK LEFT to determine your project and turn in your form!
Entry deadline is next week: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

Kenny students, it’s time to fill out the entry form and hand it in to your teacher or the school office. Partner up with a friend or work on your own to put together a science project. Here are some ideas to get you started:

- **Animals** (habitats, physical structure)
- **Plants** (seeds, growth needs)
- **Chemistry** (pollution, dissolving)
- **Electricity** (electric circuits, doorbells, solar power)
- **Simple Machines** (levers, ramps, pulleys)
- **Technology** (cameras, computers)
- **Astronomy** (planets, stars)
- **Geology** (volcanoes, earthquakes)
- **Meteorology** (clouds, tornadoes, tides)
- **Ecology** (recycling, making paper)
- **Cycles** (water cycle, food chains, seasons)
- **Anthropology** (life in ancient Greece)
- **Architecture** (pyramids, skyscrapers)
- **Mathematics** (Mysterious ways numbers work or shapes work)
- **Arts and Music** (Explore your favorite activity and connect the dots to how things work, is there any science hiding behind the art or music?)

Volunteers Needed!
Kenny parents, interested in helping out during Science Expo 2018? 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, please email kenny.sci.expo@gmail.com.
The Cowles Center for Dance & the Performing Arts is honored to provide the First Moves dance residency to Kenny1st grade students for a second year in a row!

This program works exclusively with our very own Physical Education Specialist, Ms. Jennifer Johnson to offer every 1st grader the opportunity to grow as a creative thinker and mover in a four day dance residency.

We look forward to working with our amazing team from Cowles from February 26—March 1st. This year, we welcome Blake Nellis, Teaching Artist from the Performing Arts Center

Please contact Ms. Jennifer Johnson with any questions: jenniferl.johnson@mpls.k12.mn.us

**An emailed message was sent to all families earlier today!**

**After School Community Education Enrichment**

**SPRING Class Registration Is NOW OPEN!**

After school SPRING session begins on **Tuesday, March 13**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 1st**

[CLICK HERE](https://minneapolis.thatscommunityed.com/search/Kenny)

If you need a scholarship, you MUST call the Community Education office at **(612) 668-3363** to discuss options or your student will NOT be registered! Scholarships are available, but forms turned in without payment will not be processed until you have spoken with Michelle Rukavina about your request for a scholarship!

Confirmation letters will be sent home once your student is officially enrolled in activities. Please DO NOT send your student to activities unless he/she has received a confirmation.

**CLASSES ARE FIRST COME FIRST SERVE, SO GET THOSE REGISTRATIONS IN QUICKLY!**

*ALC / GEMS / GISE will continue to meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays! Students do NOT need to re-register!*

*To request a paper copy of the registration form, please contact Community Education Coordinator Michelle Rukavina at: michelle.rukavina@mpls.k12.mn.us*
Kenny Spirit Wear Is Here!

Order forms available in the office, click HERE or visit:

www.etsy.com/Shop/DypwickCustomApparel

**Order online or form until: Monday, February 26**

Delivery time is 3-4 weeks and will be delivered directly to student’s classroom.

Questions? Contact Nikki Dypwick: mrsdypwick@yahoo.com or (612) 865-9679

**10% of profit goes back to Kenny PTO **ALL SALES FINAL**

The MN Sinfonia presents family friendly concerts featuring award-winning pianist Loren Fishman.

“Keyboard Kaleidoscope” Concerts

March 2, 3 and 4

**All concerts are FREE, general admission and children are welcome to attend**

To learn more about Mr. Fishman, and the concerts including detailed program information, please visit www.mnsinfonia.org or call (612) 871-1701
Hello Kenny families! There are plenty of ways to get involved at Kenny School!

- Have you checked in with your student’s teacher or Room Parent? There might be some good opportunities to help out in the classroom.
- The PTO is still looking for a Co-chair to share the wacky good times alongside Dylan Thompson.
  
  Please reach out for more details or questions: dylanthompson_inc@yahoo.com

Parent Committee Meetings...JOIN US! (Child care provided, transportation available)

**Tuesday, March 6 in the Media Center**

5pm-6pm: Site Council (Minneapolis Board of Education Director Ira Jourdain is scheduled to join us!)
6pm-7pm: Kenny Foundation
7pm-8pm: PTO

*Child care provided! *Transportation available (contact Susie Friederich to arrange:
susan.friederich@mpls.k12.mn.us or (612) 668-3365
Hello Kenny Families,

One of our goals at Kenny School is to keep your child well and attending school. Here are some very simple steps that parents can take to help prevent the spread of illness (National Association of School Nurses, 2007, American Academy of Pediatrics):

**Vaccinate:** It is not too late to for your child to get a flu shot. Call your health care provider to make an appointment or Hennepin County Public Health Department at (612) 348-2884 for their shot clinic dates and times. If you have internet access, the Minnesota Department of Health has excellent information available including how to locate a nearby flu shot clinic at: [http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/diseases/flu/index.html](http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/diseases/flu/index.html)

**Good Hygiene, Nutrition and Adequate Sleep:** Teach your child to wash their hands often. They should count to 20 while washing and wash with friction. It is important that your child eat nutritional meals and snacks and get plenty of sleep each night to prevent illness.

**Know when to keep your child home from school:** If your child has a fever over 101 degrees, vomiting or has a sore throat that has persisted over several days, keep your child home from school.

**Cover your cough:** Teach your children to cover their mouth with their arm or a tissue when they cough. Model to your children how you cover their cough and practice with them how to do it.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Health Office at 612-668-3346.

Ann Lumbar Bendson, RN Licensed School Nurse
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: Please be courteous of other drivers and use caution when pulling away from the curb!

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

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.
- 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.
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:
kennyPTA33721@gmail.com
By 5pm on Friday

WINTER WEATHER

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!

Indoor recess is based on a temperature and/or wind chill of –5° below zero and overall weather conditions.

We use the Weatherbug weather app with Calvin Christian School as the selected site to determine our current conditions.
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