WISE ACRE
COMMUNITY NIGHT With Kenny Community School
MARCH 27TH FROM 5PM - 8PM

JOIN US MONDAY, MARCH 27TH FOR OUR WEEKLY COMMUNITY NIGHT. THIS WEEK WE ARE SUPPORTING KENNY COMMUNITY SCHOOL. 10% OF ALL SALES THIS EVENING WILL BE DONATED BACK TO KENNY. THIS INCLUDES ALL MEALS, FROZEN AND PRESERVED ITEMS, MERCHANDISE, AND GIFT CERTIFICATES.

YOU CAN RESERVE A TABLE FOR THIS EVENT ON OUR WEBSITE www.wiseacreeatery.com OR CALL (612) 354-2577.

ON BEHALF OF KENNY COMMUNITY SCHOOL AND WISE ACRE EATERY, WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Contact Kenny School:
5720 Emerson Avenue S, Minneapolis, MN 55419
Bill Gibbs, Principal
Main Office: 612-668-3340
Attendance: 612-668-3346
Link to Kenny School Website: http://kenny.mpls.k12.mn.us

William.Gibbs@mpls.k12.mn.us
Fax: 612-668-3350
Minneapolis Kids: 612-668-3344

Dates to Remember

Thursday, March 16
Science Museum Assemblies
Grades K-1 9:00
Grade 2 10:00
Grades 3-5 1:00

Thursday, March 16
ALC & Community Ed classes meet

Friday, March 17
Variety Show DVD Orders Due

Monday, March 27
Sinfonia visit
Classroom visits 8:30
Concert 9:00

Monday, March 27
WisE ACRE Fundraiser
5-8pm

Friday, March 31
NO SCHOOL
Recordkeeping Day

April 3-7
NO SCHOOL
Spring Break

Tuesday, April 11
5:30 Foundation Meeting
6:30 PTA Meeting
7:00 PTA Speaker

Thursday, April 20
Kenny Science Expo
6-7:30pm

Friday, April 21
Fitness Game entries Due

Saturday, May 6
Kenny Garden Day
8:30-11:30am
Calling all Kenny Gardeners!

The first day of spring is right around the corner, so watch your child's backpack and the Kenny newsletter for information on our annual Bachman's Gift Card Fundraiser, starting soon! Your gift card purchases are good for all the plants, tools, and supplies you'll need this season and they support our Kenny School PTA. They also make a great Mother's Day gift! Stay tuned for more details here soon and order forms in backpacks.

Speaking of gardening - remember that we are also partnering with Tangletown Gardens & Wise Acre Eatery this spring to offer a Kenny PTA fundraiser featuring seasonal farm shares of delicious foods, hanging baskets for your home or gift certificates. Order online at https://www.tangletowngardens.com/online-shoppe/ and enter the promo code WeSupportKCS to direct a percentage of your total purchase to Kenny School PTA. And join Kenny families at Wise Acre Eatery on Monday, March 27, 5-8 p.m. for a Cooking Night Off, too!

Finally, please mark your calendar for Kenny PTA's annual Garden Day on Saturday, May 6 from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. We invite you to join us - children welcome! - for a morning of light raking, weeding, planting and mulching in our beautiful rain gardens. More details will be published here as the ground warms and flowers start blooming...we look forward to seeing you!

Kenny Garden Day Committee - Lynn Meyer, Jess Wood, Chris Breva

Don't forget to order your yearbook!

$17.50 per book . . . Please consider donating to our yearbook donation program!

Make payments to: Kenny Community School
or order online: ybpay.lifetouch.com
(Yearbook ID code: 2330317)

Order Deadline: Friday, March 31, 2017

Please contact Community Resource Liaison Susie Friederich with questions at: susan.friederich@mpls.k12.mn.us or (612) 668-3365

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MUSIC ROOM UPDATES

Spring Music Sharing Concerts
Mark Your Calendar!

3rd/4th Grade - Thursday, April 27th, 8:15 in the gym

K/1 - Informances in class:

THURSDAY, MARCH 23rd
KB - Ms. Williams...Noon to 12:35pm
Room 107 - Ms. Holbrook...12:55pm - 1:35pm
FRIDAY, MARCH 24th
KA - Ms. Mishler...Noon to 12:35pm
Room 105 - Ms. Hardesty...12:55 to 1:35pm
MONDAY, MARCH 27th
Room 101 - Ms. Lamberty...Noon to 12:35pm
Room 108 - Ms. Horner...12:55pm to 1:35pm

VIVA CITY AT THE GUTHRIE THEATER MARCH 27th

Kenny has been invited to be a part of the Viva City Celebration of the Arts for the Minneapolis Public Schools! 5th grade students and Kenny Glee members will have the opportunity to participate in this amazing event. Your participation and permission slip form is due THIS FRIDAY, MARCH 17th to Mrs. Wixson! We need final numbers on Friday so no late forms can be accepted (extra forms in my box in the office). WE NEED PARENT CHAPERONES to help monitor the bus ride, tech rehearsal, and dinner. Contact Mrs. Wixson if you are interested or with further questions.

rachel.wixson@mpls.k12.mn.us

NEW WEBSITE!

Though still under construction, I have a new website I've been putting together. Included are video links for 4th Grade Recorder Students to play along with their songs (recorders coming this week after a bummer of a delay! Thanks for your patience!). Feel free to tour the site and give me any feedback!
rachel.wixson@mpls.k12.mn.us

http://musicatkenny.weebly.com/
Fitness/Health Game Contest

Do you have a creative game related to health or fitness? Turn it in to the physical education office by Friday, April 21st for your chance to ride in a limousine! 10 winners will be announced the following week.

Rules/Directions:

* Your game must relate to fitness, exercise or health.
* Your game could be: a board game, card game, dice game, ball game, running/tag game or any action or movement activity. You could use extra cardboard from home or grab paper from the gym office if you choose to make a board game. Maybe make your own moving pieces! Think of equipment we could use from PE if you make your game action packed!
* Be creative and include rules, directions or instructions to your game.
* Give your game a name.
* Include your name and room #.
* Turn your project in to the physical education office on or before Friday, April 21st.

Good luck and have fun creating a healthier you!

Jennifer Johnson
Mandy Littlefield
Physical Education Specialists

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FITNESS/HEALTH GAME CONTEST
(Use this form as a key if you choose.)

Name: _______________________________Room #: ____________

Name of game: ________________________

How is your game related to health and fitness?
PTA Update:

**Calling all parent volunteers!**

We have open spots for next year that need fearless leaders to keep their momentum moving forward!

Some of the positions are the Staff Welcome Back Breakfast, Turkey Bingo, Family Reading Night, Science Fair, New Student Registration & Kenny Directory.

The positions offer bountiful rewards in kiddo smiles and squeals of excitement!

Please reach out to either Viv (vwhitfield@outlook.com) or Lisa (lisakguyott@gmail.com) for more information.

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We are happy to offer you a DVD of the Kenny Variety Show!

For only $15 you will have memories for years to come!

We will take orders until March 17th.

Order yours today! Please fill out this slip and put it with your payment into an envelope with Variety Show DVD on it.

Any questions – contact Laurie.Hanzal@mpls.k12.mn.us

Child’s Name ______________________ Room # ______

Number of DVDs ______ x $15 = $______ enclosed

[Signature] ______________ ______

Parent signature Phone number
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Because of this, **FOOD ITEMS ARE NOT ALLOWED FOR CELEBRATIONS AT SCHOOL**. You are welcome to bring in non-food items (stickers, pencils, etc.). We understand that this may be disappointing to families and students; however, the safety of the students must be the priority. Each year, we have had increasing numbers of students with severe or life-threatening food allergies and we need to take reasonable steps to ensure their safety by controlling the food products that are given to children in school.

Nurse Ann

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**KENNY SCHOOL ART DEPARTMENT WISH LIST:**

- SMALL CARDBOARD CYLINDERS 16-18 OZ APPROX (SUCH AS, PANCAKE MIX, GRITS, OAT MEAL, SALT…)
- TELEPHONE BOOKS-SMALL, MEDIUM AND LARGE
- PLASTIC CONTAINERS 5 OZ. (SUCH AS, SOUR CREAM, SALSA AND SHREDDED CHEESE…)
- YARNS OF ALL KINDS AND AMOUNTS
- ICE CREAM PLASTIC BUCKETS

THANK YOU FRIENDS OF THE ARTS. WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL TO YOU.
MRS. CYNTHIA MCGOVERN & MRS. MCCOMIS,
ART TEACHERS, KENNY SCHOOL

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

**When: Thursday, April 20\(^{th}\) 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 were due by March 15th. Please send any remaining forms in immediately. **Click here** to visit the Kenny Science Expo website to enter and submit electronically.

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**A Note from the Nurse...**

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Nurse Ann
Anthony Middle School presents the 2017 MUSICAL

*Annie* Jr.

_book by_ Thomas Meehan  _music by_ Charles Strouse  _lyrics by_ Martin Charnin

_Presented on Broadway by_ Mike Nichols

_Originally Produced by_

Irwin Meyer  Stephen R. Friedman  Lewis Allen

Alvin Nederlandler Associates, Inc.  The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts  Icarus Productiona

_Based on “Little Orphan Annie” by_ permission of The Tribune Content Agency, LLC

_Director_ Tinia Moulder  _Assistant Director_ Staci Owens  _Producer_ Julie Flaskamp  _Music Director_ Adam Baus

_Featuring a student cast and crew from_ Anthony Middle School

5757 Irving Avenue South, Minneapolis

**Wednesday, March 22 – 6:30pm** | **Thursday, March 23 – 6:30pm**

**Friday, March 24 – 7:00pm** | **Saturday, March 25 – 2:00pm**

**General admission seating at the door:**

$10 _adults_  $5 _children_

**Limited reserved seating online:**

$15.70 _all ages_

Stay Informed

Be sure to sign-up for the Kenny Electronic Newsletter!

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

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.

Bookmark the Kenny Website
for quick access to the Staff Directory, the school schedule, meeting times, and new information.

Email the Kenny School PTA and we will add you to our school's electronic communications:

kennyPTA33721@gmail.com

Join us on Facebook & keep up with all the latest Kenny news
http://www.facebook.com/kennypta
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.

Kenny Community School
Growing and Learning Together