Hello Kenny Families,

March was quite a month at Kenny School. We had astonishing turn outs for parent meetings around budget, music performances, Rope Power events and the Kenny Foundation’s “March Magic” event. Tomorrow is the last day of school before spring break. This also marks the end of the 3rd quarter and there is a Student of the Month assembly in the morning.

The March Magic event was fantastic! The event was at a new venue this year -the Richfield American Legion. There was a great turn out and fantastic prizes. Everyone had a great time and word on the street is they made a record amount of money. Hats off to the coordinators Ally Marshall and Janet Bomar.

We did submit our budget and staffing on March 16. We did not have to eliminate any positions but a number of positions had their hours reduced. The district did provide $50K to maintain our Multi-tiered systems of support (MTSS) for students after the site council made it clear they expected the 5th grade programming to stay in place. The Foundation continues to support the band program by paying for building supplies and copy machine leases. It turns out we will be hiring a first grade teacher, third grade teacher and half time ELL teacher for next year. Mrs. Hanzal is retiring and Mrs. Schinneer is taking a year Leave of Absence.

On March 12, I did dress up as a hot dog to pass out hot dogs on school lunch hot dog day. It was a fun way to celebrate all the work the children did for the Read-A-Thon. It is so great to see how much the Kenny children love to read. Let’s keep up those great reading habits over spring break.

It has been a great year. Thanks to all of you who help support the great family involvement at Kenny. As always, thanks for all you do to make Kenny the amazing community school it is!

Bill Gibbs, Principal
The 5th Grade Council invites you to join in the fight against blood cancers and helping the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) fund research and care for cancer patients.

**All coin donations are due on Friday!**

There are 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!

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**Reminder: Spring Break is almost here!**

**NO SCHOOL March 30—April 8th**

**Classes resume on Monday, April 9th**

ALC and Community Ed classes begin on Tuesday, April

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**A Note From The Read-A-Thon Team…**

Thank you to Kenny students, families, teachers and staff for making the 2018 Read-A-Thon a success!

Kenny students recorded 423,592 reading minutes in February and raised $12,450 for our school!

Winners of Read-A-Thon swag will be announced on Thursday morning during the Student of the Month assembly.

**GREAT JOB, KENNY KIDS!**
The Kenny Foundation’s Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

WHEN: Tuesday, April 24 from 5pm—7:30pm
WHERE: Richfield United Methodist Church
5835 Lyndale Ave S. Minneapolis 55419

Cost: $10 per plate
Dinner includes: Spaghetti with sauce, bread, salad, cookie, and a drink
Catered by: Kenny parent Jason Barbes’ Redplate Catering Company

Check your student’s backpack for the flyer on Wednesday!

CLICK HERE to RSVP or visit:
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/kenny-school-spaghetti-dinner-tickets-44607657705

5th Grade Math Squad Competition

Come Support Our Kenny Math Squad!

WHEN: Saturday, April 28
WHERE: North High School
1500 James Ave N, Minneapolis 55411

Please CLICK HERE for event details or visit:
http://alc.mpls.k12.mn.us/math_competitions_2

FIELD DAY IS THURSDAY, MAY 17!
(Rain Day is Friday, May 18)

Volunteers are needed for the following:

**Run a station (8:30am-10am)

**Run a station (Noon—1:30pm)

**Water station set up (8:00am)

**Popsicle hand out (1:45pm-2:00pm)

**Equipment take down and delivery to the PE office (2:00pm)

Contact Jennifer Johnson, PE Specialist if you are able to help!

Jenniferl.johnson@mpls.k12.mn.us
Volunteer for the
Kenny Science Expo!
Thursday, April 19 in the Kenny Gym
6:00pm - 7:30 p.m.
(Dinner 5:30–6:30 p.m.)

The Science Expo is one month away and Kenny parents, we need your help!

Click here to sign up to volunteer for one hour, the whole night, or somewhere in between. We need help with the following:

- Hosting activity stations
- Judging student projects
- Set up/tear down
- Greeting guests

If you have questions, email kenny.sci.expo@gmail.com.

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WARM WEATHER AND SUNSHINE ARE ON THE WAY!

This is a perfect time to think about our annual Bachman’s Gift Card Fundraiser. Your gift card purchases are good for all plants, tools and supplies you’ll need this season and they make a great Mother’s Day gift!

Check your student’s backpack on Wednesday for the flyer!

Questions? Contact Kelly Suzan at (651) 792-6196 or stur0065@umn.edu
SPRING TESTING

Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA)

Begins the week of April 16th

Some of the best things you can do to help your student be prepared and comfortable include:

- A good night’s sleep
- A healthy breakfast
- Make sure your student is in school and on time
- Send a water bottle with your student if possible

If you have questions as to when your student is testing, please contact your student’s teacher.

NEW THIS YEAR: In addition to cell phones NOT being allowed in the testing room, any wearable devices are not allowed, so PLEASE LEAVE THEM AT HOME. Any wearable device that is able to send and receive messages are NOT allowed.

If you’d like to have your student do Test Sample Items over break, here is the path to follow:

(Note: MCA Sample Items are for test practice only and are not a predictor of test performance).

1. CLICK HERE or visit: http://minnesota.pearsonaccessnext.com/item-samplers/
2. Scroll down; choose Reading MCA or Math MCA
3. Select grade
4. Use “Guest” as user name
5. Start the sample test
A note of thanks from the 2018 March Magic Co-Chairs Ally Marshall and Janet Bomar:

First, a **BIG SHOUT OUT** to the March Magic Committee Members for 2018: Sarah Walter, Heather Paciotti, Karen Jetson, Shannon Gunaca, Katie Elden, Angela Sherburne, Angie Kiese, Lisa Moore, Kristy Jeffcoat, Dani Sartori, Kelly Kozicky and Steph Adams!

And, now for the numbers...The most exciting part of March Magic! This year was a record year by nearly every measure! Through your contributions and participation, our net proceeds from the event total over **$33,000!!!**

Yes! You read that right! That’s a full $12,000+ more than 2017 which means we get to do even more for Kenny School! We thank you for coming out to support the Kenny Foundation and we hope you enjoyed the event. We can’t wait to beat this number next year with your support!

We would also like to thank the following for their support, donations and assistance which helped make the event a success:

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And, thanks to all of you—the wonderful Kenny parents and Staff of Kenny Community School!
A Note From The PTO…

Hello, Kenny Parents! We have some GREAT events in the works and we need YOUR help! (Please note the updated Arbor Day registration date!)

• **Spring Carnival**—This event has been run by a team of three parents in the past. We currently have one person interested, but could use two more to make things more manageable. If you’ve been to this event, you know how much the students and community LOVE IT!

• **PTO Co-Chair**—We’re still looking for someone to step up and help make Kenny the best it can be! It’s a two year commitment but the impact you can have on the school is well worth it! Contact PTO Co-Chair Dylan Thompson for more information! Dylanthompson_inc@yahoo.com

• **Arbor Day**—Thanks to the generosity of NEIGHBORHOOD FOREST Kenny School will be working with them to give away a red maple or birch tree (6-12 inches in size), but your student MUST REGISTER BY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4 in order to get a tree!
  - CLICK HERE to register online
  - Or visit: [http://www.neighborhoodforest.org/search-for-school/](http://www.neighborhoodforest.org/search-for-school/)

• **Popsicles in the Park**: Kindergarten and new student meet & greet (August)

• **Staff Appreciation Lunch**: Our staff is the most dedicated and caring around! (End of May—June)

• **School Tours**: Bring prospective families on a tour, showcasing what makes our school the gem that it is! (On-going)

Please reach out to PTO Co-chair Dylan Thompson with questions or if interested:

dylanthompson_inc@yahoo.com
GETTING READY FOR SUMMER...

Hoping to prevent the “summer slide”? Check out these options:

**CAHOOTS:** An engaging, self-paced correspondence program designed to keep math and language arts skills fresh and prevent the “summer slide”

- Select a workbook in Language Arts, Math or both. Students complete weekly lessons and mail in postcards that reflect their learning.
- Students are invited to an end-of-summer field trip if eight weekly reflections are completed
- **Register online at:** [mplscommunityed.com](http://mplscommunityed.com) or contact Heidi Ludeking at (612) 668-3809 or heidi.ludeking@mpls.k12.mn.us
  - Register by **Monday, May 7th** for a guaranteed spot
  - **Partial scholarships available**

**SUMMER SESSION PROGRAMS WITH MPS:** Kindergarten through 4th grade summer instruction is focused on accelerating student growth. This will be held at Lyndale Elementary School (312 W 34th St, Minneapolis 55408)

- All Summer Session students engage in reading, math, music, art, physical education and other classes. They also participate in on and off-site program field trips!
- **CLICK HERE** or visit: [http://summerschool.mpls.k12.mn.us/programs](http://summerschool.mpls.k12.mn.us/programs)
- **CLICK HERE** for K-5 application or visit [http://summerschool.mpls.k12.mn.us/ssapplications](http://summerschool.mpls.k12.mn.us/ssapplications)

**GEMS and GISE K-8 STEM Academy:** This program is focused on STEM learning in a project-based and problem-based curriculum. This will be held at Anderson United Community School (1098 Anderson Lane, Minneapolis 55407)

- **CLICK HERE** or visit: [http://summerschool.mpls.k12.mn.us/gems_gise_stem_3](http://summerschool.mpls.k12.mn.us/gems_gise_stem_3)
- **CLICK HERE** for application and submission options
- Contact Melinda Stapley with questions: melinda.stapely@mpls.k12.mn.us

**READING SKILLS AND SPEED READING PROGRAMS For Children and Adults:** Offered this summer in Chanhassen, Edina, Plymouth and on the U of M Campus

- Call 1-800-570-8936 for more information or to register
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.
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

WEATHER
The calendar might say it’s Spring, but the weather sometimes says otherwise! Please make sure your student has proper outdoor 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.