LAST CHANCE to Order a Kenny Variety Show DVD!

ORDERS DUE BY NEXT TUESDAY!!
DON’T MISS OUT!

For only $10 you will have memories for years to come!

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 Larie.Hanzal@mpls.k12.mm.us

Child’s Name ____________________ Room # ______
Number of DVDs ____ x $10 = $_______ enclosed

X__________________________ _________
Parent signature Phone number

RETURN order forms to the Kenny office.

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
Online Resources Students Can Access at Home

Thanks to a grant from the Kenny Foundation last year, our students have access to two wonderful online resources, specifically created for elementary school students. **PebbleGo** has four different databases (Animals, Biographies, Science and Social Studies) and is geared toward students in kindergarten through third grade (although older students still enjoy it). **PebbleGoNext** currently has two different databases (Native Americans and States) and is geared toward students in third through fifth grade.

All grade levels can use this resource for research projects they create in collaboration with their classroom teachers. **Foundation has granted our request for Kindergarten through 5th grade subscription!**

You will need a username and password, which your students have been given. It cannot be posted online but if your child has forgotten the username and password, please email me and I would be happy to provide that for you.

Students also have access to other online resources made available by the school district. Tumblebooks is one such resource and the kids really enjoy using it. The link to those resources can be found [here](#). You must access Tumblebooks through the MPS Student Learning Resources page or it will ask you for a username and password. I have also created a Google site for the **Kenny Media Center**. This is something all students use as part of Media class and has some helpful links and resources arranged by grade level.

If you have any questions about any of these resources, please feel free to contact me: Dianne Kersteter  dianne.kersteter@mpls.k12.mn.us

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**SPRING TESTING. . .**

It’s that time of year again. If you click here or go to the Kenny Website you will see the link: [MPS is MCA Ready](#). Here you will find tips for students, parents and other information to make your student as successful as possible.

At Kenny, third grade students will start MCA testing the week of 4/11. Fourth and Fifth graders will start the week of 4/18. In May, the second graders will take the MAP tests and first graders will take the MPG tests.

The schedule is posted on the website. This schedule is tentative, please communicate with your child’s teacher for the most current test schedule.
Thank you for attending March Magic! Your support helps us raise money for the Kenny Foundation, which supports our students, the staff, and Kenny school!

There are still a few Great Gatherings spots available! For a full list and of events to purchase a spot through Eventbrite, visit the Eventbrite page: [www.kennymarchmagic.org/great-gatherings](http://www.kennymarchmagic.org/great-gatherings).

Planning and organizing March Magic is a great way to meet other Kenny parents and to be involved in the success of the Kenny Foundation, our students, staff, and school. It’s hard work but it’s a lot of fun! The March Magic committee meets about once a month from September to March; meetings are generally on weeknights and are 2-3 hours in length. If you would like to join our Committee, have feedback about this year’s event, or would like to host a Great Gathering, donate a raffle item, or be a sponsor next year, please email Dani Sartori at daniimsartori@gmail.com.

Thank You for an incredible evening!

Thank you from the March Magic Committee:
Allison Marshall
Charlie Wolfe
Dani Sartori
Heather Paciotti
Janet Bomar
Jen Knutson
Kristen Walker
Sarah Kuhn
Sarah Walter
Shannon Gunaca

[www.kennymarchmagic.org](http://www.kennymarchmagic.org)
Way to go, Kenny Kangaroos!

Congratulations to our 2016 Physical Fitness Poster

Congratulations to our 2016 Rope Power Team on your

Thanks for all of your hard work! Mrs. Johnson
Oh, the places you'll go when you... read-a-thon in progress!

Dear Amazing Kenny Students & Families,

It is once again that time of year when we, the staff at Kenny school, challenge YOU to read 500,000 minutes!

You have until Friday, April 8 to get your minutes turned in!

Please return completed sheets to your classroom teacher!

Remember when Mr. Gibbs dressed up like a gorilla and had his office on the roof of the school? Or when he kissed a pig on the lips??? Or when he sat in the dunk tank at the Kenny carnival? If you achieve the goal this year (and we know you can), Mr. Gibbs will do some other crazy, wacky thing!

Some details:

- D.E.A.R. every Friday from now until March 25th from 9:15-9:45
- Tracking sheets will go home in Wednesday folders
- For the younger grades, the minutes your parents read to you count!

Please contact Mrs. Kersteter if you have any questions:

dianne.kersteter@mpls.k12.mn.us
Spring Music Sharing Concerts!

Grades 3-5 will be sharing a few things they've worked on this year at their Music Sharing Concert. It is a chance for students to demonstrate skills and concepts learned throughout the year in a fun and informal setting.

We hope you can join us in the Gymnasium:

Grade 4: Recorder Recital, Thursday, April 7th, 8:15am
Grade 3: Thursday, April 28th 8:15am

*Please note the calendar change for the 2nd Grade concert (the original was a little too close to my due date!)

Grade 2 and Grade 1 may have the opportunity to perform during their music class in late April or early May. Dates and details TBD - stay tuned!

Rachel Wixson, Kenny Music Teacher

Join us at the next PTA Meeting!

Tuesday, April 5 at 7:00 pm

Kenny School Media Center (enter through the front door)

*Child care will be provided

The agenda will include, among other topics, discussion about the upcoming Science Expo (April 14) and the Spring Carnival (June 2).

Important Note: The PTA still needs a Chair for the Spring Carnival! This is a wonderful Kenny tradition that kids and families love, but it will only happen if someone steps forward to help organize it. You do not have to do it alone; grab a friend (or two) and have fun planning it together!

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Please contact Peggy (pkkirkpatrick@usfamily.net) or Terri (diamondltd@comcast.net) if you have questions or are interested in these positions.

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Science Expo boards will go home this week!

There was an explosive response to the Science Expo! 145 students will be showing 96 exciting science exhibits and more students will be collaborating on 12 class projects from second graders, night of the Science Expo, Thursday, April 14th.

The boards are going home this week. Please plan ahead if your child will need help carrying it home. If your child is working with other students, the board will be given to the child who turned in the form.

Please take a minute to check the label attached to the back of the board. If you changed your mind about the topic it is ok. If you need electrical outlets or any special facilities please send an email (best to plan with materials that parent or student is able to bring and mind themselves, there are a few options but not enough for all projects) to Padma Wudali at padma.wudali@gmail.com.

Plan, get together with your partners and sponsors now and over spring break to complete your trifold presentation for the Kenny Science Expo!

Have fun working on your science projects!
WERC Spanish Summer Camp!

Come join WERC for our summer program! We offer different themes from 7:30 – 12:30 and enrichment activities from 12:30 – 5:30 from Monday through Thursday. You can find registration forms on our website or at WERC Windom. All instruction is in Spanish and it is a great opportunity to learn and practice Spanish during summer vacation while having fun!

Where: KENNY SCHOOL

When: Monday – Thursday from June 13 – July 14; Monday – Friday from August 22-26

Time: 7:30am – 5:30pm

Cost: $170 for camps; $85 for afternoon activities; $75 per day for August Camp

Registration Fee: $25.00

Registration deadline: March 24, 2016

For more information, please visit our website or contact us by email or phone!

Wercprogram.org

wercprogram@gmail.com

612-668-3384
Youth Performance Company at the Howard Conn Performing Arts Center
1900 Nicollet Avenue (at Franklin) in Minneapolis (free lot parking)
Tickets: Ask about our school day special rates!
Box office: 612.623.9080 or youthperformanceco.org

April 29 - May 15, 2016

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Experience life-change growth: Our tutors are trained to change the future.

Sam dreams to read big books. You can make his dream come true.

Minnesota Reading Corps inspires community members to change the future of struggling students. As the nation’s largest state AmeriCorps program, we are recognized because our tutors are getting results with the students they serve and are helping to ensure that all children are successful readers by the end of third grade.

Become a tutor at Kenny

Literacy tutors commit to one year of AmeriCorps service. Tutors come from many backgrounds and include recent high school and college grads, career changers, stay-at-home parents, and retirees. Tutors are paid a living allowance, and are eligible for an education award of up to $5,730 and federal student loan forbearance. Tutors 55 or older may gift the award to a child or grandchild.

Benefits of serving include:
- Grow your career skills, network and resume
- Get training and coaching in research-based literacy methods
- Motivate kids in your community to succeed in the classroom

After a single semester of tutoring, students tutored by Minnesota Reading Corps members achieved significantly higher literacy levels than students without such tutors.

One year. This year. Join Minnesota Reading Corps

To apply or more information, visit www.MinnesotaReadingCorps.org or Contact recruitment@mnec.org or 866-859-2825 with questions.

Why I Serve

“There is nothing greater than seeing a student who has no desire to read, develop into one of your best students and gain skills that will open doors for future success. By serving as an Elementary Literacy Tutor, I could be part of the change I wanted to see.”

George Ochoa, Minnesota Reading Corps tutor

MinnesotaReadingCorps.org A strategic initiative of ServeMinnesota
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.

Email the Kenny School PTA and we will add you to our school's electronic communications. If you know anyone who would like to be added to the list forward their email address:

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.
- 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.

All adults entering the building must sign in at the office.

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

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.