Hello Kenny Families,

I hope you all enjoyed spring break. This has been an amazing week as the students were very excited to return. The children are doing amazing work in their rooms.

Right before vacation, the Kenny Foundation decided to help make up for some of the cuts we received in our allocation. The Foundation dedicated $9700 each of the next two years to help cover copier and supply costs. That allowed us to use district allocated funds to provide band during the day. Next year we will be able to offer band to 5th graders during the day. Our current music teachers came up with the proposal to offer a quality music program at 0.1 teacher time vs. the 0.2 we have this year.

There was also some major cleaning and organizing that took place over vacation. Jordan Block, Kathy Horner’s student teacher, belongs to the Education Minnesota student organization. That organization does a service project for a school each year and Kenny was chosen. The first Saturday of break, they had 50 volunteers along with Kenny Reading Corps members and several teachers. They completely cleaned, reorganized and inventoried the leveled book room off the lunchroom.

The interesting part was that Mrs. Horner came to me and said she would only need about 10 people for the book room work. She asked me if there was anything we could have 40 volunteers work on with minimal amounts of direction. 40 People! I said lets clean the ceramic tile walls. Linda ordered buckets, scrubbing sponges, and magic pads. They came in and scrubbed. It was so cool that the teachers started texting me pictures of the work as I was out of town.

Then to top it off, the engineers stripped and waxed the lunchroom. What a great way to come back to school.

We are back at it. Please watch the calendar closely as there are many school events taking place and we are moving into state spring assessments. We have an amazing school community here!

As always, thanks for all you do to make Kenny such an amazing community school!

Bill Gibbs
Kenny’s Science Expo 2017

Is next Thursday, April 20

We have 190 students signed up with 109 projects on display! Students can set up displays at 4:00pm in the pre-designated row of tables in the Gym. Judges from Anthony Middle School and Spark-Y will walk around and hand out rubric feedback, so be at your stations by 6:00pm.

Pizza dinner will be served in the cafeteria from 5:30pm to 6:30pm at $5.00 per person
(Thank you Kenny Foundation!)

SPARK-Y and The Works Museum will provide hands-on activities and fun in the Music Room and Media Center.

Even if you’re not exhibiting, you must see this wonderful and fun all-school event. Come support our brilliant and curious Kenny scientists!

Kenny Parents please consider pitching in:
- Helping with science presentations by volunteering in the Music Room or Media Center
- Assist with clean up (“tear down”)

THANK YOU to those who have already signed up to help!

We will see you next Thursday at 2:30 pm

Fitness/Health Game Contest Reminder:

Games must be turned in to the Physical Education Office on or before Friday, April 21!

Contact Ms. Johnson with any questions at JenniferL.Johnson@mpls.k12.mn.us

Jennifer Johnson & Mandy Littlefield, Physical Education Specialists
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/](https://www.tangletowngardens.com/online-shoppe/) and enter the **promo code WeSupportKCS** to direct a percentage of your total purchase to Kenny School PTA.

Finally, please mark your calendar for **Kenny PTA’s annual Garden Day on Saturday, May 6 from 8:30 - 11:30am** 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

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**Kenny Field Day is Thursday, May 18!**

(Rain day Friday, May 19)

**Schedule:**

8:30 - 10am  3rd-5th grade on the field
12 - 1:30pm  Kindergarten—2nd grade on the field
1:30pm  ALL students are on the field for a final event and Popsicles!

**Ms. Johnson is looking for volunteers to run stations for the fun day!**

Please contact her if you are interested in running a morning or afternoon station.

Jennifer.Johnson@mpls.k12.mn.us
Jennifer Johnson
Physical Education Specialist
MUSIC ROOM UPDATES

Spring Music Sharing Concerts
Mark Your Calendar!

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

Kenny PTA

Our Next PTA Meeting

Tuesday, May 2 at 7:00pm in the Media Center—speaker event*

Please join us as we continue to focus on building our Kenny School Community and topics that work towards this goal. Child care will be provided.

Also mark off your calendars for our next Speaker Event:

* "How do I speak to my kids about disabilities?" Tuesday, May 2 @ 7pm in the Media Center.

An evening of discussion with our guest panel of moms as they discuss the things Special Needs & Autism Parents Wish you Knew.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Parents of students who receive special education services or accommodations are invited to join the Kenny Special Education Parents Group on Facebook.

You can search the group on Facebook or email the admin, Sheree Speer, for a direct invite: shereespeer@outlook.com
Registration for the 2017 Youth Soccer Camp at Washburn High School is open!

What:
Soccer camp for kids in grades K-5: Skills and fun

When:
June 19 - 22, 9:00 - 11:00 am

Where:
Washburn High School, run by Washburn Varsity Soccer Coaches and Players, girls and boys

Cost: $80 per player (includes t-shirt and ball)

Here’s the link to register: https://washburnsoccer.com/camp

Kenny PTA needs your help!

We have openings for the following event chairs and unfortunately if we cannot find someone to fill them, the event will have to be cancelled.

Turkey Bingo
Family Reading Night

Kenny Directory
Volunteer Coordinator

Science Fair
New Student Registration

Anyone interested please reach out to Viv or Lisa to find out more!
vwhitfield@outlook.com or lisakguyott@gmail.com
In this “World Cafe” style conversation, you can participate in a fun, engaging, and casual discussion with your peers. The result will be a list of ways to make Kenny School even better for our kids that will be presented to the PTA, Site Council, and Foundation.

⇒ Light breakfast pastries, fruit, coffee, and juice will be provided.

Saturday, April 22nd
9-10 a.m.
Southdale Library
Ethel Berry Room

Please contact Jen Desrude with questions:
Jennifer.Desrude@gmail.com.
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.

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.

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.