Hello Kenny Families,

It is hard to believe we are finishing the third quarter of another great school year. Where has the time gone? Don’t forget that there is NO SCHOOL this Friday, March 25th as the teachers have a record keeping day. Spring break starts this Saturday for the children. Tomorrow at 1:45pm, we get to celebrate the children who are the March ‘Students of the Month’. Student of the Month assemblies are always fantastic events.

We owe the Foundation a great big THANK YOU for pulling off another amazing March Magic event. It was fantastic to see the parents having a great time while raising money to support our school. We even had several district office staff supporting our school, including Associate Superintendent- Lucilla Davila and Deputy Chief of Schools - Dr. Steven Flisk. They were impressed with the parent involvement and appreciative of the work the Foundation has done around Kenny school.

Remember, the children can log a lot of minutes over break for our Read-a-thon. Please watch for the reading logs in their Wednesday folders and log their minutes. I’m sure it will not be long before the children will have me doing some sort of crazy thing to celebrate their success. The children can also access ST Math at home during break. To access ST math, go to http://web.stmath.com/. The children should know how to log in with their password.

As always, thanks for all you do to support our amazing school.

Bill Gibbs, Principal

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**Dates to Remember**

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**Reward School**

Minnesota Department of Education 2015
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.

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
March Magic Results:

The Kenny Foundation is proud to announce that 2016 March Magic net proceeds to the Foundation were just over $19,500!

Thank you Kenny families and staff for your generosity! This is a truly amazing result of a very fun night.

Whether you attended or not, you can help us push it over $20,000 with the purchase of the last remaining spots in select Great Gatherings. Great Gatherings are parties hosted by Kenny families. Your ticket is a direct, tax-deductible donation to the Foundation. It's fun and a great way to socialize with other Kenny folks. There are adult events, family events and kid events.

Buy tickets for a great cause:

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
Order your Kenny School Yearbook online!

Go to: https://ybpay.lifetouch.com/

Enter Yearbook ID Code: 2330316

Order Deadline April 6, 2016

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BACHMAN’S GIFT CARD SALE!

Wednesday, 4/6: Order forms go home in Wednesday folders

Thursday, 4/28: Orders are due back to school

Friday, 5/13: Orders are available for pick up

SAVE THE DATE!

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April 29 - May 15, 2016

Sideways Stories from Wayside School

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
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
Three Kenny students were honored for their excellent art work at the Davis Center Gallery Viva City Art Exhibition on March 15, 2016.

Their art, along with a selection of district student artwork, will be on display through April 29. The gallery is open to the public.

Many thanks, Cynthia McGovern, Kenny Art Teacher

Chitra Wudali, Fifth Grade  
Value Silhouette Painting

Annabel Briggs, Third grade  
Loon Sunset Painting

Paul Diamond, Fourth Grade  
Chalk Cat Portrait
Join us at the next PTA Meeting!

Tuesday, April 5 at 7:00 pm

Kenny School Media Center (enter through the front door)

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!

The PTA is also looking for a volunteer to update the information on the Kenny sign on 58th Street. Please consider lending a hand.

Also, Peggy and Terri’s two-year term as Co-Chairs of the PTA is coming to an end this spring. Therefore, the PTA is seeking either two new Co-Chairs or a single Chair beginning in the 2016-17 school year.

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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Kenny Foundation

Foundation News:

We have two meetings remaining this year:

**Tuesday, April 5 and**

**Tuesday, May 3**

6:00 pm in the Media Center

Please come check out what we do and consider being a board member or leader for the 2016-17 school year.
Science Expo 2016 is coming up after spring break!

208 students will be showing 108 exciting science exhibits the night of the Science Expo.
-Students can set up displays from 4 pm on in the pre-designated row of tables in the Gym.
-Display board format suggestions and examples are on the following page; students do not have to have all parts populated they can select things they understand at their grade level. Parents, please do not stress out- enjoy the activity, learning and presenting information whichever way your student wants to do it.
-The intention is for students to explore, experiment and report on a Science/Math Topic.
-If you are bringing extra materials to show your work, please remember to cleanup your station after. All projects and supplies brought must return home the same night.
-Please list your project ID, your grade and name of team members prominently on the top of you board (left, right or center panel, anywhere is fine.). Project IDs should be visible on the label stuck at the back of your board.

Example label:
ID - 1625
Topic - Making Bubbles
Team - Student 1, Student 2 etc
Grade - KG and 2nd Grade
Optional - Room #, Teacher Name

Judges will be reviewing displayed projects so students are requested to be available:
KB, 1st and 2nd graders - 6:15-6:45pm
3-5th graders - 6:45-7:15pm

The following presenters will be at the Expo in the Music Room and the Media Center: The Audubon Chapter of Minneapolis will have a display about birding, 3M Visiting Wizards will have a Crime Lab set up for children to explore, along wit U of MN Forrestry, and the Bees Demo from Pollinate MN.
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 volunteers in the Music Room or Media Room
Photos to upload to Kenny’s facebook page
A little help with tear down
Display Board Format Suggestions and Examples:

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Parents, please do not stress out - enjoy the activity, learning and presenting information whichever way your student wants to do it.
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
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George Ochoa, Minnesota Reading Corps tutor

MinnesotaReadingCorps.org  
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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/kennyppta
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.