Hello Kenny Families,

Report cards were sent home last Wednesday along with summer school invitations. If you have questions about summer school or report cards, please contact your child’s teacher directly. This summer the K-4 will be held at Lake Harriet Lower and 5th grade will attend at Ramsey.

The Science Fair is this Thursday, April 20th. There are over 100 student exhibitors and a number of other science related exhibits. The Foundation will also be selling a pizza dinner in the lunchroom. This is always a great family night at Kenny School and one more way we celebrate learning. You will find more details about this event on page 2 of this newsletter.

State testing has started at Kenny this week. We work really hard to make the test stress free for the children. We encourage students to bring a water bottle and we provide snacks and peppermints. Nearly all of the tests this year are taken on the computer. The most stress we will put on your child will be reminding them to take their time. Your child’s teacher should be sending home the dates and times your child will be testing. For more information on testing at Kenny, please see pages 21 and 22 of the Kenny Handbook/Calendar.

You can help us by making sure the children are exercising, eating well, and getting plenty of sleep the next few weeks.

As always, thank you for your support and efforts to make Kenny the amazing community school it is.

Bill Gibbs

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Attendance: 612-668-3346 Minneapolis Kids: 612-668-3344
Link to Kenny School Website: http://kenny.mpls.k12.mn.us

Dates to Remember

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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

SPRING TESTING.

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

At Kenny, third and fourth grade students will start MCA testing the week of 4/17. Fifth grade students will start the week of 4/24. In May, kindergarten, first and second grade will take the FAST 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. If you have further questions, feel free to contact Shari Wiggins, our Test Coordinator at Shari.Wiggins@mpls.k12.mn.us
Purchases help support our school’s February book giveaway.

Join us for a Glee Club performance at 6:30 pm. This is a great time to shop for Mother’s Day & Father’s Day gifts as well as summer reading for your family.

Book Fair flyers will come home in Wednesday folders on the 26th.

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.

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
Game Entries Due THIS FRIDAY!
Drop your entry off in the Physical Education Office

Contact Ms. Johnson with any questions at JenniferL.Johnson@mpls.k12.mn.us
Jennifer Johnson & Mandy Littlefield, Physical Education Specialists

LAST CALL FOR YEARBOOKS!
Online ordering deadline: Friday, April 21st
ybpay.lifetouch.com (Kenny Yearbook ID code: 2330317)
$17.50 per book. Please consider donating to our yearbook donation program!
Please contact Community Resource Liaison Susie Friederich with questions at: susan.friederich@mpls.k12.mn.us or (612) 668-3365

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.

JenniferL.Johnson@mpls.k12.mn.us
Jennifer Johnson
Physical Education Specialist

Fitness/Health Game Contest Reminder:

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!
Upcoming Speaker Event

"How do I speak to my kids about disabilities?"

Tuesday, May 2 7-8pm in the Media Center

An evening of discussion with our guest panel of moms as they discuss the things Special Needs and Autism Parents Wish You Knew? Child Care will be provided.

Please RSVP to Susan.Friederich@mpls.k12.mn.us

Volunteer Spots

Be our PTA Treasurer for next year...it just makes cents! Not up for treasurer, how about conjuring up mystical dragons as our wizard of Family Reading Night?

Your PTA needs you! Here is a list of our spots that need filling:

Treasurer, Family Reading Night, Science Fair, Kenny Directory.

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

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
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.
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.

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

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

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/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.
- 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.