Thank you for joining us at the Barnes & Noble Bookfair!

It was a great turnout with the Kenny Glee Club kicking off the evening with a WONDERFUL performance!

**COULDN'T MAKE IT TO THE BOOKFAIR?**

Visit [BN.COM/bookfairs](http://BN.COM/bookfairs) to support us online until 04/25/2018 by entering Bookfair ID 12349684 at checkout!

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**2nd Grade**

**Music Sharing Concert!**

When: Thursday, April 26
8:15am in the gym
Hope you can join us!

MAKE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE LOST AND FOUND TABLE OUTSIDE THE GYM!

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Kenny School Yearbooks!

On Sale Now!

$7.00 per book

Extra order forms are available in the front office!

Contact Susie Friederich with questions:
susan.friederich@mpls.k12.mn.us or
(612) 668-3365

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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

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Get Ready For Garden Day!

When: Saturday, May 12 from 8:30—11:00am in the Kenny front gardens

We invite ALL families to join us for a morning of light raking, weeding, planting and mulching in our beautiful rain gardens.

CLICK HERE to sign up: Volunteer helpers, snacks, use of wheelbarrows or carts (or visit: http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e48acad2da7f58-garden)

Please contact Lynn Meyer with questions:
lmeyermn@comcast.net
The Bachman’s Gift Card Fundraiser was a success!

Through your purchases, Kenny families and community raised $765.00 for Kenny School and $150.00 was donated to our Kenny gardens! THANK YOU!

Gift card pick up will be Friday, May 4 from 2pm-3pm in the foyer and at the Garden Day event on Saturday, May 12 from 8:30-11am

YOU CAN MAKE THEIR FUTURE BRIGHTER!

Commit to serving with Minnesota Reading Corps and join us in helping our children become more successful readers!

As a Reading Corps tutor, you’ll receive all the training you need to deliver literacy strategies proven to help build the reading skills of children in need. You’ll work in small groups or one-on-one at Kenny School during the school day.

Kenny School is looking for TWO tutors for the 2018-19 school year. One full time tutor to work with the Kindergarten Focus interventions and one 3/4 time or part time tutor to work with grades 1-3.

Please contact join@servtogrow.org or call (866) 859-2825 with questions

A big THANK YOU to all who helped make this year’s Science Expo a huge success: Padma Wudali, Blaise and Jenny Porter, Kenny staff, students and parents, the Bakken Museum and the SW Robotics Team.

#scienceiscool
Calling All 4th Grade Families!

The Beginning Band registration form will be sent home in today’s Wednesday folders! This will be for NEXT YEAR’S 5th grade band program. This is an OPTIONAL program in 5th grade and is one I hope many will take advantage of!

We will be trying and assigning instruments this spring in preparation for a short beginning band camp before school begins in August.

Details are in the registration form!

LET’S GO BAND!

Rachel Wixson
Rachel.wixson@mpls.k12.mn.us

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!

Jennifer.l.johnson@mpls.k12.mn.us

3rd—5th Grade: 8:30am to 10:00am
Kindergarten—2nd Grade: Noon to 1:30pm
Final Event and Popsicles: 1:30pm to 2:00pm
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Do you love to meet new people and share your love of Kenny School?

Come join us on Tuesday, May 1 from 3:30-5:30pm as we welcome new families to our school! Help supervise the new students, answer questions a new parent might have, share your experiences and pass on any tips!

Please contact Susie Friederich if you’re able to lend a hand!

Susan.friederich@mpls.k12.mn.us or (612) 668-3365

A Note From The PTO…

Hello, Kenny Parents! Spring is finally here and we have some great successes and fun events to share with you!

- The Bachman’s Gift Card Fundraiser was a huge success! Kenny families and community raised $765.00 for the school!
- The Spring Carnival is “ON”! We currently have two parents that are getting the ball rolling, but we could really use a third! Is that person YOU?
- IF YOU ORDERED A TREE: The trees have arrived! The PTO will be in touch directly with the parents/guardians regarding distribution.

And finally…

- The PTO invites you to an end-of-the-year “Wrap Up” celebration, to be held after the final PTO meeting on Tuesday, June 5 (Snacks and drinks provided)

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

dylanthompson_inc@yahoo.com
REMINDER!

NEXT WEEK is the LAST week of ALC and Community Education classes!

Tuesday, May 1st and Thursday, May 3rd are the last days!

THANK YOU!

A big THANK YOU goes out to Jason and Kelly Barbes for catering such a wonderful meal for our Kenny community!

THANK YOU to our Kenny families for coming out and supporting the Kenny Foundation!

DON’T FORGET TO CHECK THE LOST AND FOUND TABLES LOCATED OUTSIDE OF THE GYM!

All items will be donated on Wednesday, May 2!
SPRING TESTING
Minneapolis Comprehensive Assessments (MCA)
Has begun!

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, 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
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 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
- CLICK HERE for K-5 application or visit 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
- 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.
Stay Informed

Bookmark the Kenny Website
for quick access to the Staff Directory, the school schedule, meeting times, and new information.

http://kenny.mpls.k12.mn.us/

Join us on Facebook & keep up with all the latest Kenny news
http://www.facebook.com/kennypta

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.