Hello Kenny Families,

The Kenny PTA Bachman’s Gift Card Fundraiser is going on now!

Please Support Kenny School by ordering Gift Cards by April 28 (order form page 6)

Use the order form sent home with students or in the newsletter to purchase Bachman’s gift cards in any $5 increment amount from $5 - $500 Gift cards will be available for pick up in the lobby after school from 2-4pm on Friday, May 13th

Redeem gift cards at any Bachman's Floral, Gift and Garden Centers throughout the Twin Cities area, as well as through Bachman’s call center and at bachmans.com. Use Gift cards to buy ANYTHING at Bachman’s, including fresh flowers, plants and shrubs, home décor, holiday gifts, garden items and more

KENNY will receive 15% of total gift card sales! More information on page 5...

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

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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. There is also 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: Jessica Peifer [Jessica.peifer@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:Jessica.peifer@mpls.k12.mn.us)
**KENNY SCIENCE EXPO 2016**

Thursday, April 14th, 6:00–7:30
Students can set up starting - 4 pm
Dinner 5:30–6:30 in the cafeteria
Judges walkaround - 6:15 pm to 7:15 pm
Demos in Music Room and Media Center - 6 pm to 7:30 pm
Tear down - 7:30 pm

The Science Expo 2016 is THIS THURSDAY NIGHT!!

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.
-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.

**Reminder to Exhibitors:**

No food items in gym during expo, no food hand outs either, food can be part of experiments or results

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

There will be 6 presenters at the Expo in the Music Room and the Media Center. In the Media room we will have exhibits/experiments on Birds (The Audubon Chapter of Minneapolis), on Bees (Pollinate MN), Flowers (WildOnes), Trees (UofMn Forestry Dept) how to get a free tree from Neighborhood Forest. In the music room the 3M Visiting Wizards will have a Crime Lab set up for children to explore.

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
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.

If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, please contact Peggy (pkkirkpatrick@usfamily.net) or Terri (diamondltd@comcast.net).

URGENT!!

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.

IF NO ONE STEPS FORWARD BY THE NEXT PTA MEETING ON TUESDAY, MAY 3, THERE WILL NOT BE A SPRING CARNIVAL THIS YEAR!

The Spring Carnival is currently scheduled for June 2. You do not have to do it alone; grab a friend (or two) and have fun planning it together!
Kenny PTA BACHMAN’S GIFT CARD SALE

Purchase Bachman’s Gift Cards by April 28 and Support Kenny School!

Here’s how it works:

Use the order form, in the newsletter or sent home with students on April 6th, to purchase Bachman’s gift cards in any $5 increment amount from $5-500

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Please note, the 15% rebate is not eligible on gift cards purchased at Bachman’s retail stores, so make sure to place your order through KENNY

*make checks payable to Kenny PTA

Questions? Contact Jessica McLawhorn, jimclawhorn@gmail.com or 651-261-0632

Gift Cards for the Gardens

While you’re working on your Bachman’s gift card order form, please consider donating $5, $10 or more in gift cards to be used for plants and other supplies for the Kenny gardens. Plans are in the works for adding new plants to the front Kenny sign bed and other areas and mulch is needed as well. Just designate “Kenny Gardens” as the Customer Name with the amount you’d like to give and we’ll use the money to help our gardens grow.

Hopefully we can plant some of these beauties on Garden Day – May 14th!
Gift Card Fundraising for **KENNY PTA**

Student Name________________________ Room#____________________

**Customer Order Form**

Bachman’s Gift Cards are available in $5.00 increments, from $5.00 to $500.00.

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Rachel Wixson, Kenny Music Teacher

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**Kenny School Book Fair at the Galleria**
**Thursday, April 21st 6:00-8:30pm**

**Events that night include:**

**6:30pm:** A reading and book signing with author Megan Maynor from her book 'Ella and Penguin Stick Together'.
Followed by a performance by the Kenny Glee Club.

**Join us for a fun evening while shopping for a good cause: Kenny School!**

Purchases help support our school's February book giveaway.

**Volunteers are needed. If you are interested, please contact:**
Chris Colston at avenston@comcast.net

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Volunteer needed for Kenny Spiritwear program for next year.
I have done it for several years and it is an ideal volunteer post for a parent who has a tough time volunteering during school hours. Current structure is easy to run with no experience, but there is also room to improve the program for someone with graphic design skills or more robust apparel experience.

Contact Sally Johnson, 612-715-8017 or sally_vardaman_johnson@yahoo.com

Kenny Gardens Spring Cleaning Coming Soon!
Kenny PTA’s annual Garden Day returns on Saturday, May 14 from 8:30 - 11 a.m.
We invite you to join fellow Kenny families - children welcome! - for a morning of light raking, weeding and mulching in our beautiful rain gardens. Watch backpacks and weekly newsletters for more information soon. We look forward to seeing you!

Kenny Garden Day Committee - Chris Breva, Lynn Meyer, Jess Wood

Third grade artists display their group collage in the Ordway Artwalk!
The Native American artist, George Morrison’s wood collages and prints inspired the student collage. Student artwork from around the city will be on display.

Come to downtown Saint Paul to see the ARTWALK, May 7–June 5

Diapers Needed
Kenny Families:
Any diapers your kids have outgrown are welcome to be donated in the ECFE room 138!
The diapers will be donated to families in need.
Thank you!
Dear Parents,

Our school is participating in the 7th Annual Neighborhood Forest program, whose aim is to provide free trees to kids to plant on Earth Day. We endorse this project and are excited to give kids a way to beautify and green our communities.

Fill out the following online registration form by April 14 and receive a free paper birch tree (6-12 inches in size) during Earth Week (April 18-22). Planting instructions and species information will be emailed a few days prior to the trees arriving.

Register (on a laptop, tablet or desktop computer) to receive a free paper birch tree for Earth Day to plant with your child:
http://www.neighborhoodforest.org/registration-school/

Thank you for your support and participation. For more information about this program, please visit www.neighborhoodforest.org.

Click the link to view a video about this program:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ma3lfsJb1Es

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
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
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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.

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- Get training and coaching in research-based literacy methods
- Motivate kids in your community to succeed in the classroom

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Contact recruitment@mnec.org or 866-859-2825 with questions.

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“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

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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/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.