CONGRATULATIONS  5th Grade Math Squad!

CONGRATULATIONS to Nick, who placed THIRD out of 240 students in the Fact Drill!  AMAZING!

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

Dates to Remember

Thursday  May 10  9:15am—5th Grade Visit to Anthony Middle School
4:00pm—Eagle Bluff Information Meeting

Saturday  May 12  8:30am—Garden Day

Tuesday  May 15  8:15am—4th Grade Living History Museum

Wednesday  May 16  8:15—Student of the Month Assembly

Field Day:
Thursday  May 17  8:30am 3rd—5th Grade
Noon  Kindergarten—2nd Grade

Monday  May 28  NO SCHOOL—Memorial Day

Wednesday  May 30  11:15am—All-School Field Trip to the Ordway

Thursday  May 31  8:15am—5th Grade Music Sharing and Band Concert

Tuesday  June  5  5:00pm—PTO
6:00—Foundation

Thursday  June  7  5th Grade Recognition
5:30pm—Spring Carnival

Friday  June  8  Last Day of School
Grades K-5
Report Cards Sent Home
Empowering People to Care for the Earth and Each Other

CALLING ALL CURRENT 3rd AND 4th GRADE PARENTS
AND GUARDIANS!

Eagle Bluff
Environmental Learning Center

Every other year, Kenny 4th and 5th graders have the exciting opportunity to visit Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center in Lanesboro, MN. This is a three day, two night excursion and is scheduled for December, 2018.

There will be an information meeting for CURRENT 3rd and 4th grade parents and guardians. Please join us!

WHAT: Current 3rd and 4th Grade Parent/Guardian Eagle Bluff Information Meeting

WHEN: Thursday, May 10 at 4pm

WHERE: Kenny Media Center

Contact Susie Friederich with questions: susan.friederich@mpls.k12.mn.us or (612) 668-3365
The Bachman’s gift card pick up will be:

- **Friday, May 4 from 2pm-3pm in the foyer**
- **Garden Day event on Saturday, May 12 from 8:30-11am**
- Please contact Kelly Suzan with questions: stur0065@umn.edu

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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](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e48acad2da7f58-garden) 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

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**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!

Jenniferl.johnson@mpls.k12.mn.us

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**FIELD DAY**

**LET THE GAMES BEGIN!**

3rd—5th Grade: 8:30am to 10:00am

Kindergarten—2nd Grade: Noon to 1:30pm

Final Event and Popsicles: 1:30pm to 2:00pm
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.

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

All items will be donated on Wednesday, May 2!!
A Note From The PTO…

Hello, Kenny families! May is going to be a busy month with a lot of great ways to get involved! Please keep an eye on the Kenny calendar and watch for updates in the newsletter!

- The Spring Carnival is GO! The date is set for THURSDAY, JUNE 7th from 5:30pm—7:30pm. A big THANK YOU goes out to Gretchen Spear and Jeremy Johnston for stepping up to lead the event. Please watch for the volunteer sign up and ways you can help make this event a success!

- Garden Day is right around the corner on SATURDAY, MAY 12th from 8:30am—11am. Hope you can join us!

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

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You're Invited!

After 35 years of teaching in Minneapolis Public Schools, 2nd grade teacher Ms. Laurie Hanzal is moving on! Never one to let the dust settle beneath her feet, she has many new adventures to begin!

Please come celebrate the wonderful work she did at North Star and Kenny School!

Saturday, June 9 from Noon-3pm at Kenny Park

In addition to the playground and the wading pool at the park, there will be music and yard games!

In lieu of gifts, please make a donation to Kenny Community School!

CLICK HERE to lend a hand or bring something to share!
HUNGER DOESN'T TAKE A SUMMER VACATION!

Summer Eats Minnesota serves free healthy and delicious meals during the summer. It’s open to children up to age 18. Best of all, it’s simple and easy to participate!

Check out the three ways to locate free meals:

- Download the FREE “Summer Eats Minnesota” app from your smartphone’s app store and find the serving sites near you!

- Visit [www.fns.usda.gov/summerfoodrocks](http://www.fns.usda.gov/summerfoodrocks) for more information!

- Text “summer meals” to 97779. Have your address ready and find the serving sites near you!

There are free serving sites across the state at parks, recreation centers, community centers, libraries, and schools.

For more information, visit [www.summereatsmn.org](http://www.summereatsmn.org)
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
  - Contact Melinda Stapley with questions: melinda.stapely@mpls.k12.mn.us

**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
From the Office

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.
2018-2019 School Year Calendar

June
8 Last day for Pre-K-11
11 Graduation**
13 Record-Keeping Day
13-14 Possible Snow Days

July
4 Independence Day

August
21-24 Teacher Prep/PD Days*
27 First Day of School (1-12)
29 First Day of School (Pre-K/K)

September
3 Labor Day

October
17 Parent-Teacher Conferences
18 State Fall Conference Day
19 Conference Conversion Day
31 First Quarter Ends

November
1 Teacher Prep/PD Day*
2 Teacher Record-Keeping Day
5 Second Quarter Begins
21 Teachers Do Not Report
22-23 Thanksgiving Holiday

December
24 Winter Recess Begins
Ends January 4
Teachers Do Not Report

January
1-4 Winter Recess
7 Back to school
21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
23 Second Quarter Ends
24 Teacher Record-Keeping Day
25 Teacher Prep/PD Day*
28 Third Quarter Begins

February
15 Parent-Teacher Conference Day
18 President’s Day

March
28 Third Quarter Ends
29 Teacher Record-Keeping Day

April
1-5 Spring Break
8 Fourth Quarter Begins

May
27 Memorial Day

June
10 Last day for Pre-K-11
11 Graduation**
12 Record-Keeping Day
12-13 Possible Snow Days

July
4 Independence Day

* Students not in School
* Teacher attendance at district professional development (PD) will be differentiated based on content, grade level and school.
** Official Graduation Date. Ceremony dates vary by high school.

Student Instructional days: 176 • By Semester: First=88 days, Second=88 days • By Quarter: First: 44 days, Second=44 days, Third=41 days, Fourth=47 days