A Letter from the Principal...

Hello Kenny Families,

Things continue to roll along at Kenny school. We have finished all of our state testing at grades 3-5 and grades K-2 are finishing up their required district testing. The children have a number of field trips coming up and they are very excited for field day tomorrow.

Our preliminary results on the state Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA) tests show we again made gains on all three subjects tested. Our math scores went from 81.8% proficient to 83.4%. Our reading score went from 72.9% proficient to 76.9% and our 5th graders hit 90% proficient! Our science scores increased dramatically going from 63.6% proficient to 82.5%. These numbers are based on all of the children who tested at Kenny. The state will give us our official numbers this summer as they make adjustments based on things like our October 1 enrollment.

Another interesting item that has come into our school are cool things called fidget spinners. While they are cool, they have also become a distraction at school. We are going to treat them like they are toys and are asking you to make sure the children do not bring them to school. So starting Thursday, they will only be allowed for children with 504 plans (when required for medical concerns such as ADHD) or IEPs (when required for special education needs). We thank you for your assistance with this.

Keep watching the Kenny webpage and newsletter as there are so many activities that are taking place the next four weeks. We do not want you to miss out on any of the excitement.

As always, thanks for all you do to make Kenny such an amazing community school.

Bill Gibbs
**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 on the field for a final event and Popsicles!

**Field Day Reminders:**
Please send your student to school with a water bottle, warm clothing for the cool weather, and dress for muddy day!

Jenniferl.johnson@mpls.k12.mn.us
Jennifer Johnson, Physical Education Specialist

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**Summer School Information**

**K-5 Summer School Enrollment**

- Registrations are still being accepted.
- Contact your student’s teacher if interested
- Summer school for K-4 will be at Lake Harriet Lower.
- Summer school for 5th graders will be at Ramsey.
- The program will be Monday-Thursday June 26-August 3.

Call Linda in the Kenny office at 612-668-3340 if you have any questions about this program.

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**IMPORTANT MEDIA CENTER NEWS!**
The last week for book check out is **May 15 - 19** and all books are due back to the media center by May 26. Overdue notices will be sent home. Thank you!

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**Kenny Spring Concert**

Beginning and Concert Bands

**Thursday, May 25 at 8:15 am in the gym**

*Band students should wear a white shirt with black or navy pants.*
Kenny PTA

VOLUNTEER SPOTS

Thank You so much to everyone who has stepped forward. We are almost there with spot filling! Here is a list of our spots that need filling:

- PTA Treasurer
- Family Reading Night
- Science Fair
- Kenny Directory
- Turkey Bingo

We still have a need for someone to look after the Family Reading Night & Turkey Bingo. These are fantastic events that our kids love. Please consider donating your time towards keeping them going.
Contact Viv vwhitfield@outlook.com or Lisa lisakguyott@gmail.com for more details.

Final PTA Meeting: June 6th 7pm

Refreshments & Child Care will be provided. Please join us for our final meeting of the year where we will be discussing what worked, what didn't work and what actions we can take to improve going forward.

We want to hear from you, our fabulous Kenny parents. come be part of the discussion!

A night of Shopping at PRANA Thursday May, 18

15% off regular-priced merchandise with 15% donated back to Kenny!
No need to bring a flyer. Fun and free kids yoga class from 6-7! Wine and snacks available to shoppers

Store Location: 3926 50th St W, Edina, Minnesota, MN 55424

IT’S KENNY’S CARNIVAL TIME!

When: Thursday, June 8 from 5:30-7:30pm
Where: Kenny Playground

Come and join us as we kick off our celebration into Summer, have fun, run around, laugh, win prizes and connect with other Kenny Families.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

If you are interested in helping with the carnival, please contact Shannon Gunaca at sigunaca@hotmail.com
IT'S KENNY’S CARNIVAL TIME!
Hello Kenny Families! Mark your calendar...
It’s Spring Carnival time!
When: Thursday June 8 from 5:30pm-7:30pm
Where: Kenny Park

Raffle Baskets: Each classroom assembles a different theme-based basket to be raffled off at the carnival. Your classroom’s theme is listed below. Please consider donating at least one item toward your classroom’s basket. Thank you so much for your generosity!
Please drop your donation in the classroom before the end of the day on Friday, June 2nd.
ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARD THE PTA

Classroom/Teacher Theme Possible Ideas:
KA/Ms. Mishler: Mom’s Day/Night Out Gift cards for dining out, movies or play, spa treatment, free babysitting pass
KB/Ms. Williams: Health, Beauty and Spa Spa treatments, bath bombs, essential oils
101/Ms. Lambery: The Booker’s Nook Gift Cards (B&N, Half Price Books), reading
105/Ms. Hardesty: Explore the Outdoors Hiking, camping, or fishing gear, sunscreen, bug repellant, filtered water bottles, hiking backpack
107/Ms. Holbrook: The Sports Junkie Event tickets, sport balls, racquets, waterbottles, general apparel, gift cards
108/Ms. Horner: Think Globally Cycle Locally. Cycling gear for the family; helmets, high visibility clothing, water bottles, repair kit
103/Ms. Yau: Indian Cuisine Recipes and ingredients for Biryani, Momos and Idli, Chapatti rolling pin and griddle
104/Ms. Broder: Chef’s Kitchen Unique kitchen gadgets, cookbook, cookware
106/Ms. Hanzal: English Garden Lavender, lilac, wine, tea, tea pot
117/Ms. Ryan: To the Beach! Beach towels or blankets, water toys, sunscreen, water bottles, flip flops
118/Ms. Tsao: Picnic in the Park Picnic basket, blanket, utensils and outdoor dishes, food storage containers
120/Ms. Schinneer: Rainy Dayz Art + Play Indoor games Art supplies, science kits, brain teaser/puzzles
115/Ms. Peterson: Gardeners Delight Seeds, gardening tools and gloves, watering can or sprinkler
116/Ms. Baier: Winer and Diner Wine, gourmet recipes w/ingredients, gift cards
119/Mr. Mastel: Cash Value, Big Money! $5, $10 or $20 bills, scratch offs and gift cards
112/Mr. Iverson: The Grill Master Grilling accessories, spices/rubs, sauces and marinades
113/Mr. Feely: Man Cave Days Beverages, sports memorabilia, beef jerky, cooler, neon sign
114/Ms. Johnson: Happy Father’s Day The Variety Pack…Add what you like!

Pop Toss Game: How much pop could a Kenny Kid pop if a Kenny Kid could pop pop? Let’s find out!

We’re looking for donations of 2 liter soda pop for the very popular Pop Toss game at the Spring Carnival! Please bring your donation to the main office.
Please contact Shannon Gunaca with questions: slgunaca@hotmail.com

Pet Shop: Kenny Carnival Pet Shop Seeking . . . Cute & Fuzzy Stuffed Animals!

Our popular Kenny Carnival Pet Shop returns this year, offering an opportunity for kids to take home a new-to-them, low-maintenance stuffed animal pet for the summer. Your donations of gently used or new stuffed animals will help fill our pet shop shelves! Have an extra teddy bear? An outgrown dinosaur? One plush pink kitten too many? All will go to great new homes, guaranteed!

Please send or drop off clean, gently used or new stuffed animals - in a bag, please - at the Kenny office by Friday, June 2. For more information or to arrange pick-up for large donations, please contact Chris at chrisbreva@gmail.com or text/vmail 612-701-3206. Thank you!
Parents of students who receive special education services or accommodations are invited to join the Kenny Special Education Parents Group on Facebook. You will find the group on Facebook through this link: https://www.facebook.com/groups/kennySPEDparents/ or email the admin, Sheree Speer, for a direct invite: shereespeer@outlook.com

Kenny Gardens Welcome Families, Neighbors...and Wildlife!
Over 50 Kenny students, families and friends pitched in on Garden Day this year to weed, rake and prune plants and to repair the rock streams that flow through each garden area.

New this year, Kenny alumnus (now at Southwest High School) Patrick Barrett designed and supervised an Eagle Scout project with Boy Scout Troop 46 to certify Kenny’s gardens with the National Wildlife Federation as an Urban Wildlife Habitat. Patrick surveyed and mapped the gardens to ensure that they provide native food and water sources and shelter and nesting areas, then with help from fellow troop members created two small pools to collect rainwater, repaired the rock rivers that filter rainwater and created a new sheltering area for birds and small animals.

Garden Day is made possible by generous donations of time and supplies - this year, special thanks go out to:

- Boy Scout Troop 46
- Girl Scout Troop 17808
- Settergren’s Ace Hardware
- Lunds & Byerlys
- The Bagelry
- Kenny PTA & Bachman’s Gift Card Donors

Take a few minutes to walk through and appreciate the hard work of Kenny’s Garden Volunteers next time you visit school! With appreciation - Lynn Meyer, Jess Wood & Chris Breva-Erickson

Beginning Band Rehearsals Parent Information:
Final afterschool rehearsal is:
- Tuesday, May 23 from 2:30-3:15pm
- Either Pick-up or MPLS Kids after rehearsal.
- THERE WILL BE NO TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE!!

SPECIAL EDUCATION
Parents of students who receive special education services or accommodations are invited to join the Kenny Special Education Parents Group on Facebook.

You will find the group on Facebook through this link: https://www.facebook.com/groups/kennySPEDparents/ or email the admin, Sheree Speer, for a direct invite: shereespeer@outlook.com
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

MISSING SOMETHING?

Please check the Lost and Found table in the front lobby area!
There is a wide array of hoodies, light jackets and long-sleeved shirts waiting to be claimed!

The table will be set up until Friday, June 9th. Please take a look!

Outreach for 2017-2018 Minnesota Reading Corps Tutors

Do something dynamic!
Experience life-changing growth as a Minnesota Reading Corps tutor

Apply now to be a tutor to K-3rd grade students who struggle with reading by serving as a Minnesota Reading Corps tutor at Kenny! Whether you want to explore a career in education, re-enter the workforce, or give back to your community, you can make a difference as a tutor. Last year, Minnesota Reading Corps provided direct services to more than 30,000 children in more than 700 schools across the state.

As a tutor, you’ll see a student’s progress – in their test scores, in their other school work and in their eyes as they light up with the satisfaction of knowing they can learn. No child wants to stand out because they can’t learn as quickly as other kids. We’re helping more kids catch up and soar on their own. And you can be part of it.

Tutors receive extensive training and support from onsite coaches. Tutors are paid a living allowance, given federal student loan forbearance, and are eligible for an education award of up to $5,815 at the end of their service. Tutors 55 or older may gift the award to a child or grandchild.

Learn how you can get involved by visiting MinnesotaReadingCorps.org. You can also help by telling a friend or family member (grandparents make great tutors, too!) about openings at our school and statewide! Positions start in August for the 2017-18 school year, and applications can be submitted here. Send questions to Nicholas.abraham@servetogrow.org or call 612-567-9583.
MPS Family Wellness Event
Hosted by Minneapolis Public Schools Student Engagement and Pros of the Rope

May 20th, 2017 @ Anwatin
256 Upton Ave S, Minneapolis, 55405
10:00am – 12:30pm (Check-in begins at 9:30am)

- Enjoy FUN activities for the whole family led by professional coaches. Everyone is encouraged to participate!
- Healthy Snack
- Button Making
- Community Building

PLEASE REGISTER!
1. Online: http://alc.mpls.k12.mn.us/double_dutch_2
2. Email: jakra002@mpls.k12.mn.us
3. Phone: 612-290-9265 (se habla Español)
   (Please leave a voicemail or text!)

Questions? Contact Janae
P: 612-668-1202 or E: jakra002@mpls.k12.mn.us

BE HAPPY, BE WELL!
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.

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.

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/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.
- 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.