Hello Kenny families,

Last night was a very special evening at Kenny School. We held our new family registration event. The success we’ve achieved and the reputation of Kenny led to over 150 families requesting Kenny as their first or second choice. The district has assigned 84 kindergarteners to Kenny at this point and we still have out of area sibling kindergarteners on our waiting list. I will continue to work with the placement office to help those families.

As our school continues to grow, we are adding another 5th grade classroom next year. We have hired Bruce Iverson to be our new 5th grade teacher next year. Bruce currently teaches 4th grade at Keewaydin School. We are also expanding our music program and Rebecca Totzke will be joining Mrs. Wixson on the music team. With Penny Sandberg retiring at the end of the year, we have hired Pamela Taylor to fill her position. Pamela is returning from a Leave of Absence and worked as a special education teacher at Hale before her leave. We are happy to have them joining our team.

The 3rd-5th graders will finish up state (MCA) reading and math tests this week. Thank you for all your help preparing the children for school on testing days. We work really hard to make the testing a stress free situation. The preliminary results look similar to the strong scores we had last spring.

Remember, Friday is academic spirit wear day. Wear your favorite Kenny or college gear to school that day.

As always, thanks for all you do to make Kenny the amazing community school it is.

Bill Gibbs, Principal

Contact Kenny School:
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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**

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SUMMER SESSION REGISTRATION DUE NOW!

Summer school for K-4 will be at Burroughs and Kenny 5th graders will be at Ramsey.

The program will be Monday-Thursday June 13-July 21.

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

Please return the registration form this week.

GEMS/GUISE SUMMER PROGRAM:

GEMS & GISE Summer STEM Academy is inviting all Minneapolis Public School students currently in grades K-7 to attend this summer program. This link will take you to the information page http://alc.mpls.k12.mn.us/summer_school.

The application is available at the bottom of this page or in the Kenny Office.

Kenny Garden Day - Please Join Us!

April showers bring May flowers.... and Kenny PTA’s annual Garden Day on Saturday, May 14 from 8:30 - 11am

We invite you to join fellow Kenny families and students for a morning of light raking, weeding and mulching in our beautiful rain gardens.

RSVP or questions: chrisbreva@gmail.com or 612-701-3206.

We look forward to seeing you!

Kenny Garden Day Committee, Chris Breva, Lynn Meyer, Jess Wood
It's Time for Field Day Again!

Thursday, May 19th

(Rain date 20th)

8:30-10:00 3rd-5th grade
12:00-1:30 K-2nd grade

1:30-2:00 All students for Popsicles
and final Teacher vs. Student event

Volunteer Update:

Morning: I still need 4-5 more volunteers
Afternoon: I just need a back-up/runner volunteer

Contact me JenniferL.Johnson@mpls.k12.mn.us
Thanks so much!!!!!
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

We are looking for someone to make copies of the Variety Show DVD. The master copy will be completed by next week.

If you have the skills to do this, please contact Laurie Hanzal at laurie.hanzal@mpls.k12.mn.us Thanks!

PS: If you ordered a DVD, you will receive it as soon as the copies are made. We're working on it!

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!

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
Anthony Color Run and Family Day

Thursday, May 19, 2016  3:30 - 7:30 pm

All families, friends, relatives, and neighbors are invited to Anthony Middle School’s 2nd Annual Family Day. It kicks off with a Color Run Fundraiser which is open to anyone who wants to participate. (Details are on our website.) Then we will have a free supper, a dunk tank, and performances from our students, as well as other fun activities like a Pizza Garden planting/plant sale and more. Let’s celebrate another successful year together!
WERC SPANISH SUMMER CAMP!

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!

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George Ochoa, Minnesota Reading Corps tutor

MinnesotaReadingCorps.org
Stay Informed

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

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.
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/kennypita
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.