Hello Kenny Families,

May is a great month at Kenny School. Last week we had fantastic weather for Field Day and as usual, Jennifer Johnson did a great job getting the children ready. It was a great day!

Another one of my favorite yearly events takes place next week. We take the entire school to the Ordway. Taking 470 children on a field trip takes some planning, but Linda Halverson always has us ready. It is going to be a wonderful show.

We hired two new teachers last week. Kristina Lallas will be teaching third grade next year. Kristina comes to us from Hale School where she is currently a Literacy and Instructional Specialist. Jill Gress will be teaching first grade next year. Jill comes to us from Folwell, where she was a reading teacher on special assignment. These positions became available because of Mrs. Hanzal’s retirement and Mrs. Schinneer’s maternity leave.

This week we hired Thad Hinnenkamp as a new special education assistant (SEA). Thad will take the place of Brett Thaden, who just finished law school this spring. We wish Brett the best of luck as he moves into his new career.

The next couple of weeks will go quickly. Please watch the weather and have your children dress for the heat and send them to school with water bottles. We work hard to keep the children comfortable on these hot days.

Next week the school will be thanking all the amazing volunteers we have. We literally could not do everything we do without them! Take a minute to read the posters in the lobby and if you’ve volunteered in any way this past school year, stop by Linda’s desk to pick up a special thank you.

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

Bill Gibbs, Principal

Reminder: There is **NO SCHOOL** on **MONDAY, MAY 28**

**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**

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| Fri June 8  | N/A    | Last Day of School Grades K-5  
Report Cards Sent Home |
|             | 8:15am | Student of the Month |
| Sat June 9  | 12:00pm | Retirement Celebration for Laurie Hanzal at Kenny Park |
Attention 1st Grade Families...It’s time for the 1st Grade Music Share!

Room 105: Thursday, May 24
Room 104: Friday, May 25
1:00-1:30pm in the Music Room

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE, 1st Grade Families!

THANK YOU Volunteers

Here’s to all our volunteers, those dedicated people who give selflessly of their time, talent and treasures.

THANK YOU for making Kenny School a better place!

To anyone who has volunteered in any capacity this school year, please stop by the office for a treat during the week of Tuesday, May 29—Friday, June 1!

WE APPRECIATE YOU!
CARNIVAL

SAVE THE DATE—It’s Carnival Time!

WHAT: Kenny Spring Carnival
WHERE: Kenny Park
WHEN: Thursday, June 7 from 5:30pm-7:30pm

Games...Bounce House...Dunk Tank...Jousting Ring and more!

Please CLICK HERE to view the volunteer signup by classroom

We need YOUR help in making this year’s carnival a success!

Raffle Baskets: Each grade assembles a different theme-based basket to be raffled off at the carnival. Your grade’s theme is listed below. Please consider donating an item toward your grade’s basket. Please drop your donation in the classroom before the end of the day on Friday, June 1st

- Kindergarten: “The Culinary Arts”
- 1st Grade: “The Book Nook”
- 2nd Grade: “Beachside Picnic”
- 3rd Grade: “A Summer of Wilderness”
- 4th Grade: “Man Cave”
- 5th Grade: “Spa Day”

Donations of 2 liter bottles of pop are needed for the Pop Toss!

Please drop off in the office!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

Please contact Gretchen Spear with any Spring Carnival questions:

gkornely@yahoo.com
A big THANK YOU to all who helped make our Field Day event a success! Hats off to Phys. Ed. Instructor Ms. Jennifer Johnson for coordinating another challenging, well-run, fun-filled day for everyone!

Thank you to all who were able to lend a hand with the EIGHT different activity stations and for donating the cool, refreshing popsicles. And finally, thank you to all the spectators who tirelessly cheered for our students at each activity.

What a fun day!
Keep Clipping Your Box Tops!

Kenny School earns about $300 every six months just from donated Box Tops! That can fund things such as the Reading Is FUN-damental event where every student receives a free book!

**MO’ BOX TOPS = MO’ MONEY**

**BOX TOPS CAN BE TURNED INTO THE FRONT OFFICE!**

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You’re Invited!

Kenny Minneapolis Kids Presents...

**SCHOOL HOUSE ROCK LIVE! JR.**

A student performance!

**WHEN:** Wednesday, June 6 at 4:30pm in the gym

Cookies and Juice to follow!

Hope to see you there!
End of Year Medication Procedure as of May 2018

ALL student medications **MUST** go home with them at the end of the school year!

- With parent or guardian permission, students can bring home asthma inhalers and epinephrine auto-injectors (i.e.—EpiPen®, Auvi-Q®) on the last day of school. **If your child has an inhaler or EpiPen that you would like sent home with them, please contact the Health Office at (612) 668-3346.**

- Parents or Guardians MUST pick up all other medications in the school health office.

- Medications not picked up by the last day of school will be destroyed.

- Parents / Guardians are responsible for delivering medication to summer school if their student will attend a summer program (i.e. GEMS/GISE, ESY Special Education programming, etc).

This update aligns with the District Regulation 6692A Responsibilities for Student Medication. The same procedures will be followed at the end of all summer programs.

Please contact Ann Lumbar Bendson, School Nurse with any questions:

(612) 668-3346
Hello, Kenny families! The school year coming to a close, but we still have a lot of fun events and ways to get involved, including the Kenny Spring Carnival! But first...

- The **Spring Carnival** is just around the corner! The date is set for **THURSDAY, JUNE 7 from 5:30pm—7:30pm**. The list of classroom games/activities and volunteer sign up can be found [HERE](#).
  - Be on the lookout from your classroom’s room parent explaining the **volunteer shifts and donations for your grade’s raffle basket and 2 liters of pop**!

And finally...
- The last PTO meeting of the school year is on **Tuesday, June 5 at 5pm**. Please come to join the conversation!

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 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
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.