Kenny Spring Concert

Beginning and Concert Bands
This Thursday!
May 25 at 8:15 am in the gym

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

IT’S KENNY CARNIVAL TIME!
Thursday, June 8 from 5:30-7:30pm on the 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!
See page 4 for ways you can help make this year’s Carnival a blast for Kenny Kids!
Registrations are still being accepted. Contact your student’s teacher if interested.

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

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

IMPORTANT MEDIA CENTER NEWS!

All books are due back to the media center by May 26.
Overdue notices will be sent home. Thank you!

Host an Amity Intern! Anthony Middle School is currently searching for willing host families for the 2017-2018 school year. By hosting an intern, you are helping the children in the Kenny/Anthony community become international citizens.

Requirements:
- Commit to hosting an intern for one semester (late August to late January, or late January to mid-June)
- Provide 3 meals per day for the intern – however during school days they are provided with a school lunch.
- Provide a private bedroom for the intern.
- You do not need to have students attend Anthony to serve as a host family.

Contact Liz Miller, the Anthony French teacher for more information. ElizabethA.Miller@mpls.k12.mn.us

Thank you to our neighborhood Kowalski’s on Lyndale for donating all the popsicles for Kenny Field Day last week!
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If you are interested in helping with the carnival, please contact Shannon Gunaca at slgunaca@hotmail.com

See next page for other ways you can help make this year’s Kenny Carnival a blast! . . .
**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. Lambert: 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, water bottles, 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?

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!
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.

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
MN Sinfonia's Jay Fishman Invited to Carnegie Hall

Music educators from across the country gather at NYC Link Up conference

MN Sinfonia Artistic Director and Conductor Jay Fishman, who has brought the Music in the Schools program to Kenny School for many years, has been invited to be part of this exciting program.

Here is more information from the MN Sinfonia about these programs.

More than 27 years ago, Minnesota's own Jay Fishman came up with a program for teachers to engage students in learning core academics through linking math, science, history and literature to music. On May 24, at the invitation of Carnegie Hall’s Link Up program, he will travel to New York City to meet with music educators from around the country and participate in discussions about how to use professional orchestras in school education.

Fishman is the Executive and Artistic Director of the Minnesota Sinfonia, a professional chamber music orchestra based in Minneapolis. Education is a key component of the nonprofit orchestra's mission. Over the past twenty-seven years, the Sinfonia's Music in the Schools has reached more than 150,000 Minneapolis and St. Paul inner-city school children. Each year, the program focuses on a different core academic subject, with the curricula all based on Minnesota State Educational Standards.

Hillarie O'Toole, Manager, Learning & Engagement Programs of Carnegie Hall, heard about the MN Sinfonia program and invited Fishman to participate in Carnegie Hall's Link Up. Fishman, who is the only Minnesota Artistic Director/Conductor to be invited, said he is honored to be a part of Carnegie Hall's Link Up Conference. "I’m excited to exchange ideas about educational programming with other conductors and professionals," said Fishman. "Using orchestras to enhance music education with young children is an extraordinary concept that I hope will be replicated around the country."

Remarking on the importance of arts education in furthering academic achievement, Fishman said, "In a time where music education programs are consistently being cut in public schools, we as orchestra leaders have a unique opportunity to encourage school administrators to re-think their funding priorities, and recognize the importance and value that music education has for their students and the community as a whole."

"Study after study have shown how music education improves students’ learning and understanding of their core academics," said Fishman. "We've seen it first hand in our program, such as the girl who was inspired to create a science fair project comparing sound waves in different instruments."

This year's Sinfonia program was science-based, "Water: Our Most Precious Resource." Fishman said the students get very creative in their approach to this program. "We were really pleased at all of the projects the students undertook, including at a couple of schools, building their own [models of] water filtration systems."

This school year, the Sinfonia worked with nearly 10,000 students taking MIS to 20 elementary and middle schools, including Minneapolis' Hale, Burroughs, Barton, Pillsbury, Jenny Lind, Kenny, Green Central Park, Lyndale, Waite Park, Anishinabe Academy, Olson, Franklin, and Sullivan; and St. Paul's Bridge View, Farnsworth Aerospace Lower and Upper, John S Johnson, Frost Lake, Academia Cesar Chavez, and Wellstone.

For more information about the Minnesota Sinfonia's upcoming summer concerts and programs, go to www.mnsinfonia.org.

Congratulations from Kenny Community School!
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

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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.