Hello Kenny Families,

Wow, we made it! Friday is the last day of school. There was a lot of learning that took place, academically, socially, and emotionally. We have an amazing team at Kenny who does amazing work.

There are some changes to our team for next year. Laurie Hanzal is retiring after 35 years of service to Minneapolis Public Schools (the celebration is Saturday). Thank you, Laurie! Colleen Schinee had her baby, Elliot David, Friday night at 9:13 and will be on maternity leave next year. Christine Broder’s baby is due in July and she will be doing a job share next year. Kate Ditter, our ELL teacher is classified as an itinerant teacher and will be assigned different sites next year. Special education teachers Pam Taylor and Asha Osman have taken different jobs within MPS jobs next year.

We have hired some outstanding teachers to fill those positions for next year. Kristina Lallas will be teaching third grade. Kristina comes to us from Hale School where she is currently a Literacy and Instructional Specialist. Jill Gress will be teaching first grade. Jill comes to us from Folwell School, where she was a reading teacher on special assignment. Kathryn Veryser will be a 0.5 Kenny dedicated ELL teacher. Annie Sparks will be job sharing with Christine Broder. Annie currently teaches first grade at Pratt school. Along with these changes, Megan Hardesty will move up and teach second grade.

I hope to see many of you at the Carnival tonight. The Kenny PTO does a great job of setting up events to bring families together at Kenny. The last couple of years the PTO has struggled to get volunteers to keep the carnival going. All of our family engagement activities are coordinated and run by volunteers. You can volunteer for as little as 30 minutes; all of those little blocks of time add up to an amazing event. You get to have fun and meet lots of people too. Please consider volunteering or stepping in to help tonight.

Report cards are going home with 5th graders today. All other grades will be sending home report cards and any assessment information on Friday. I will pass out year-long perfect attendance awards at student of the month on Friday. What a great way to celebrate a year of learning!

Lastly, I need to thank the entire Kenny community for their support of me this year. It has been a rough year but being an elementary school Principal is probably the best job ever to get one through the loss of a child. The families, students, and staff are truly amazing at Kenny Community School.

Thank you for all you do,

Bill Gibbs, Principal

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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

**WHAT:** Kenny Spring Carnival

**WHERE:** Kenny Park

**WHEN:** TOMORROW…Thursday, June 7

5:30pm until 7:30pm

Please join us as we kick off our celebration into summer!

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

Come connect with other Kenny families!

**LOST AND FOUND!**

All items in the lost and found bins will be on tables at the Spring Carnival.

This will be your **LAST CHANCE** to claim any missing items, so take a look!
• Odds and ends of old jewelry
• Salt cylinders
• Ribbon/trims
• Cardboard container cylinders-small size- 15-Oz (bread crumbs, coffee, oatmeal, grits....) PLEASE DO NOT SEND TOILET PAPER ROLLS!
• Chopsticks (unused)
• Yarns- all amounts and types.
• Paint stir sticks
• Wood pieces for art work bases (approximate size 4" x 6").
• Ice cream buckets
• Shoe boxes—PLEASE SAVE A SHOE BOX AT HOME FOR YOUR CHILD’S CLAY ARTWORK. Please DO NOT SEND TO SCHOOL. The art room cannot store 400 shoe boxes. A note will go home when the box is needed to transport fragile clay art.

Dear Parents and Friends of the Arts,
Thank you for your generous contributions and wishes this school year. I look forward to seeing you and yours for another great Kenny Art School Year.

Mrs. McGovern
Kenny Art Teacher
More Garden Day Thanks...

Thank you to everyone who donated a Bachman’s gift card for the Kenny gardens! The money was used to refresh and renew the plantings around the front Kenny sign. The Serviceberries (which had been destroyed by a horde of angry local rabbits) were replaced with six new Chokeberry shrubs. Eight new perennials were also purchased to replace those in front of the Kenny sign that did not survive the winter.

A big SHOUT OUT to **Diamond Lake Hardware** for donating the paint for our little footbridge in the garden. The bridge was repainted by the Vogt/Meyer and Gilg/Woll families and it looks amazing!

**THANK YOU!**
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
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!

You’re Invited!

Kenny Minneapolis Kids Presents...

SCHOOL HOUSE ROCK LIVE! JR.

A student performance!

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

Cookies and Juice to follow!

Hope to see you there!
Summer is a great time to go on adventures, be curious, and read about what sparks your interest!

Or, summer is a great time to relax, kick back, and read for pleasure!

Below are links to several reading programs and resources to help your child(ren) dive into summer reading.

**Minnesota Youth Reading Awards:** [CLICK HERE](http://www.myrahome.org/mhl-nominees-2018-19.html) or visit:

**Hennepin County Library Summer Learning:** [CLICK HERE](https://www.hclib.org/programs/summer-learning) or visit:

- Book clubs, arts and crafts, science, games, book lists and drawings for free tickets to events for children and teens

**Barnes and Noble Summer Reading Journal:** [CLICK HERE](https://dispatch.barnesandnoble.com/content/dam/ccr/pdf/2018/summer-reading/bn-summer-reading-journal.pdf?x=y) ...Read eight (8) books and get a free book from Barnes and Noble!

**Wild Rumpus Summer Reading Bingo:** [CLICK HERE](https://www.wildrumpusbooks.com/bingo) ...Fill in the squares with books that you read over the summer, then bring them back to Wild Rumpus by Labor Day to receive a prize!

**OTHER SITES:**

**Birth—Preschool:** [CLICK HERE](http://www.ala.org/alsc/sites/ala.org.alsc/files/content/compubs/booklists/summer(ALSC_summerlist_Birth_Preschool_2018_interactive.pdf)

**Kindergarten—Grade 2:** [CLICK HERE](http://www.ala.org/alsc/sites/ala.org.alsc/files/content/compubs/booklists/summer(ALSC_summerlist_K_2_2018_interactive.pdf)

**Grade 3—5:** [CLICK HERE](http://www.ala.org/alsc/sites/ala.org.alsc/files/content/compubs/booklists/summer(ALSC_summerlist_3_5_2018_interactive.pdf)

**Grade 6—8:** [CLICK HERE](http://www.ala.org/alsc/sites/ala.org.alsc/files/content/compubs/booklists/summer/6_8_summerlists.pdf)
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!

YOU'RE INVITED!

Hello, Kenny families!

GET READY FOR THE SPRING CARNIVAL!

WHEN: THURSDAY, JUNE 7 from 5:30pm—7:30pm

The end of the school year is here and this is a final push for volunteers at the Kenny Carnival! Please help make the event a success!

The ticket table, the popcorn table, the jousting ring, bounce house and more need your attention!

• Remember...This carnival is always a great experience for kids and parents alike, but it is POWERED by our amazing Kenny PARENTS! Time slots are in 30 minute blocks so you don’t have to spend ALL of your time managing a booth! Give what you can and the kiddos will thank you for it!

The list of classroom games/activities and volunteer sign up can be found HERE or visit: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054cacaoa22a2f58-kenny

Donations of 2 liter bottles of pop are needed for the Pop Toss and contributions toward your classroom’s raffle basket are still needed! Both can be dropped off in the classrooms, no later than Tuesday, June 5 please! THANK YOU for your generosity!

Lastly, the final 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
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.
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)
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

WEATHER
The temperature keeps rising, so please make sure your students are dressed for the warmer-than-normal weather! Students are also encouraged to bring water bottles.

We use the Weatherbug weather app with Calvin Christian School as the selected site to determine our current conditions.

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