Hello Kenny Families,

It is a great time of the year at Kenny! There are so many celebrations and fun events taking place in and around Kenny School.

Last week, our band students put on an amazing performance. Mr. Vander Huel did a great job with the students this year. It was the best elementary band performance I have ever attended. The advanced students will even perform with the Anthony band at their concert on May 26th.

Saturday was a great day, with a number of families helping at Garden Day. Because of their time and effort, the gardens look great. A special thanks to the parent coordinators, Chris Breva, Lynn Meyer, and Jess Wood. Our amazing secretary Linda even registered 5 new families that day. The new families were very impressed with all the parents volunteering that day.

Tomorrow is field day and the children are very excited. It is supposed to be a beautiful day. If you want to come watch, the 3rd-5th graders will be on the field from 8:30-10:00; the K-2nd students will be on the field from 12-1:30 and the whole school will be outside from 1:30-2:00.

Our fantastic music teacher, Rachel Wixson, had a baby girl yesterday. Eva (pronounced A-va) Marian was born at 5:20pm yesterday. Congratulations to her and her husband, Reid, who is the band director at Southwest High School. We have six staff members who either had a baby this year or are expecting. Pretty amazing!

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

Bill Gibbs, Principal
FIELD DAY THIS THURSDAY!

Thursday, May 19th
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

REMINDER:
DON’T FORGET TO SEND YOUR KIDS TO SCHOOL WITH WATER BOTTLES, HATS AND SUNSCREEN

A big thank you to Kowalski’s on Lyndale for donating Popsicles for Track & Field day!

Calling ALL Kenny Parents — Please Read!

Does your family love the fun, games, and sheer energy of the Fall Festival? Do you enjoy doing laps around the block with your child’s classroom during the Kenny Fun Walk or cheering them on along the route? Are your kids already looking forward to their next opportunity to win a turkey or at least some cool door prizes at Turkey Bingo? What could be better on a cold February evening than cuddling up with a great book and listening to a reading by a children’s book author during Family Reading Night?

If you value those and MANY, MANY other wonderful Kenny School traditions and activities throughout the school year, we need you to consider stepping up to Kenny PTA leadership. Peggy Kirkpatrick and Terri Diamond’s two-year term as PTA Co-Chairs is now at an end, and new leadership is needed. Please consider this opportunity to give back to Kenny and keep the PTA and Kenny’s important traditions alive.

You do not have to do it alone; consider teaming up with another parent to be Co-Chairs. It is a rewarding experience, and you will be amazed by this wonderful community of parent volunteers who will run and staff events. If you have questions or just want to talk through the possibility of chairing or co-chairing the PTA, please contact Peggy Kirkpatrick (pkkfrkpatrick@usfamily.net) or Terri Diamond (diamondltd@comcast.net).
Garden Day Thank You!

A very warm thanks to Kenny kids, families and staff who turned out on a very chilly Saturday morning to lay wood chips, weed planting beds and prune the shrubs and trees that make up our beautiful school gardens!

Doughnuts donated by Lunds & Byerlys, wood chips donated by the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board and generous family donations of coffee, tools and snacks ensured that our awesome volunteers were busy, well-equipped and well-fed - thank you!

Kenny families also donated $285 in Bachman's gift cards and plans are underway to install new plantings by our school sign. If you are interested in helping with that effort or willing to sign up for a week to weed or water in the gardens this summer, please contact Chris at: chrisbreva@gmail.com or 612-701-3206

Kenny kids and their families are super! Our gardens continue to flourish with your care and support - thank you!

Garden Day Committee:
Jess Wood, Lynn Meyer, Chris Breva-Erickson

THANK YOU KENNY VOLUNTEERS

To: Every one who has volunteered in any capacity this school year
From: The Kenny Staff

We sometimes take for granted in the rush of all we do And forget to say a special thanks to volunteers like you! So we have a treat to give you to show how much we know Your gifts of time and of yourself help all our kids to grow!

WE APPRECIATE YOU!
Stop by Linda's desk in the office during the week of May 23 - 27.
Kenny’s
Spring Carnival

Looking for Volunteers:
If you are interested in helping out with the Spring Carnival please contact Shannon Gunaca at slgunaca@hotmail.com.

Pop Toss:
How much pop could a Kenny kid pop if a Kenny kid could pop pop? Let’s find out! We need donations of 2 liter pop for the very popular Pop Toss game. Please bring in your donation and put them in the collecting spot in the lobby or leave them in the office with Linda or Shari. Contact: Shannon Gunaca with questions slgunaca@hotmail.com

Pet Shop:
Seeking cute and fuzzy stuffed animals for the Kenny Carnival Pet Shop! Our carnival’s popular Pet Shop returns this year on June 2, offering an opportunity for kids to take home a new, 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? A lovable plush kitten seeking a new home?

Send or drop off clean, gently used or new stuffed animals (in a bag please) at the Kenny office by Friday, May 27. We’ll find new homes for any and all at the Carnival!

Kenny Carnival
Thursday, June 2
**Kenny’s Spring Carnival**

**Gift Baskets:** We will once again be raffling off beautiful gift baskets to help raise funds. This helps the PTA pay for some of the awesome events they pay for throughout the school years. Please look below and see which theme has been assigned to your child’s classroom. One or two donated theme-like items can go a long way. **ALL DONATIONS WILL BE COLLECTED AT THE END OF THE DAY ON 5/31**

**KA: Beach Party** (Mrs Mishler) Self-explanatory. Anything that belongs at a beach for fun or relaxation...

**KB: Picnic in the Park** (Mrs Williams) Both picnic items and games that can be played - bat mitten, kite flying, Frisbee...

**KC: Fishing & Camping** (Mrs Lamberty) Rods, reels, fishing gear, propane burners, sleeping bags, bug repellants, cooler...

**1ST: Tee Time** (Mrs. Horner) Golf products: Certificates for tee time, balls, gloves, hats, drive range, lessons...

**1ST: Book Lovers Basket** (Mrs Holbrook) Easy enough - books, markers, gift cards, reading lamp, e-books, nook...

**1ST: Game Night** (Mrs Hardesty) self-explanatory

**2ND: English Garden** (Mrs Hanzel) Lavender, Lilac, soaps, teas, garden what-nots, cloth napkins, tea pot, sachets...

**2ND: Day at the Spa** (Mrs Yau) Pedicure, manicure, facials, do-it-yourself, or cert for professional...

**2ND: Work It Out** (Mrs Broder) Anything to do with exercise and working out...

**3RD: Wine and Dine** (Mrs Schrinneer) Wine, gift cards, ingredients for gourmet recipes, glasses, unique place settings...

**3RD: When In Rome - Bon A Petit** (Mrs Tsao) Think Italian cuisine. Olive Oils, seasonings, cooking utensils, implements, pasta’s...

**3RD: Rainy Day Art & Play** (Mrs Ryan) Things to occupy time on the rainy days: Art supplies, indoor games, puzzles, books...

**4TH: Outdoor Living** (Mr. Mastel) Grilling accessories, candles, s’more makings, bug repellents, décor...

**4TH: Gardner’s Delight** (Mrs Peterson) Hit the garden center at Home Depot - seriously cool stuff for the garden...

**4TH: Date Night** (Ms. Sieg’s) Creative Ideas: tickets to local events, passes & popcorn for drive-in, compass for hiking trip, coupon for 4 free hrs of baby-sitting...

**5TH: Money Tree** (Mr. Feeley) Either cash or lottery ticket donations - prefer $5 donation per family...

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**Kenny Carnival**

**Thursday, June 2**
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

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!
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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.

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

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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.
• 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.