Hello Kenny Families,

It is hard to believe this is the last newsletter of the year. It has been an outstanding year at Kenny! We have an amazing staff and have systems in place to maximize the academic and social emotional learning for your children. That, along with incredible parent involvement sets up a great learning environment for our students.

The last couple of weeks have been a lot of fun. I am sure we had record attendance for the Kenny Spring Carnival. Everyone had a great time, thank you to the coordinators Gretchen Spear and Jeremy Johnston. We took 476 children to the Ordway to see Secret Agent 23 Skidoo, a Grammy winning Hip Hop artist. It was very entertaining and engaging. The Kindergarteners had a great time at their year-end party and the fifth graders loved their dance party! These are just a drop in the bucket of all the year-end activities and field trips the children have done. As always, we need to thank all the parents who have volunteered, chaperoned, and/or coordinated these activities. You truly make this an amazing community school.

There will be several construction projects taking place over the next 15 months. This summer will be relatively quiet. This summer, a new security system will be installed. It will include over 50 cameras and a new remote access system. Then, next March, LOOK OUT! Starting March 1, 2020, the temporary classrooms will be demolished (they were installed in the 60’s with a fifteen-year life expectancy). In their place, a new kitchen and lunchroom will be built. The kitchen will allow school lunches to be cooked and served on site. The lunchroom will be much nicer and will have high ceilings. It should be amazing. The current kitchen and lunchroom will be converted into three classrooms. The Park District also has a playground replacement slotted for next summer. By the 2020-21 school year, Kenny will be transformed!

We will be adding several new staff members next year. Amy Lynch, a former Kenny staff member will be returning and teaching first grade. Colleen Schinneer will be returning from maternity leave to teach third grade. We will be adding several staff members to our special education team. Leslie Benson will be teaching an autism class. Jodi Nolte will be a special education resource teacher (SERT). We will also have a new psychologist, Paul Sisson. They are going to be great additions to our staff.

I am looking forward to the fifth-grade promotion ceremony tomorrow. It is an amazing cohort of children. It has been great working with the families to raise some amazing children. And to top off a great year of learning at Kenny School, I will be working on the roof Friday morning. I owe the children from the Fit and Fun Walk.

As always, thanks for all you do to make Kenny the amazing community school it is. Have an enjoyable and safe summer.

Bill Gibbs, Principal

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**Dates to Remember**

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<td>Friday, June 7</td>
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<td>Report cards sent home with students</td>
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<td>Tuesday, August 20</td>
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Attendance: 612-668-3346  Minneapolis Kids: 612-668-3344  
Link to Kenny School Website: [http://kenny.mpls.k12.mn.us](http://kenny.mpls.k12.mn.us)
End of Year Medication Procedure as of May 2019

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 (612) 668-3346.**
- Parents or guardians **MUST** pick up all other medications in the school health office.
- All medications not picked up by the last day of school (Friday, June 7, 2019) 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

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who was able to support our Cooking Night Off events this year!

Together, we raised a whopping **$2,247.45** for Kenny School!

Have an idea for next year’s Cooking Night Off events?

Contact Tracey McIntire: tamcintire@wireless.com

See you next year!
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 this week.

WE APPRECIATE YOU!

The Spring Carnival was one for the books, folks! Attendance was at an all time high and a great time was had by all.

A special THANK YOU to event chairs Gretchen Spear and Jeremy Johnston for coordinating this amazing last hurrah for Kenny families.

Hats off to Ms. Mary Kornely for assembling EVERY wristband package, to our fantastic Kenny Staff for grilling and providing dinner, and to our many parent volunteers who helped make the event run smoothly. Without you, the event would not have happened. THANK YOU!
Summer Reading

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 kick back, relax, and read for pleasure!

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

- Hennepin County Library Summer Reading: [https://www.hclib.org/summerlearning](https://www.hclib.org/summerlearning)
- Barnes & Noble Summer Reading: [https://www.barnesandnoble.com/h/summer-reading](https://www.barnesandnoble.com/h/summer-reading)
  - Barnes & Noble Summer Reading Journal: Read any eight books this summer and record them in your Summer Reading Journal. Tell us which part the book is your favorite and why. Bring your completed journal to any Barnes & Noble store between August 1 – August 31, 2019 and choose your FREE reading adventure from the book list featured in the journal. [https://www.barnesandnoble.com/blog/kids/get-ready-for-bns-summer-reading-triathlon/](https://www.barnesandnoble.com/blog/kids/get-ready-for-bns-summer-reading-triathlon/)
- Wild Rumpus Summer Reading Challenge: Stop by Wild Rumpus bookstore to pick up a Super Summer Reading Challenge sheet or print one at home. Fill in the squares as you go, then bring your sheet to Wild Rumpus by Labor Day (Monday, September 2, 2019) to get a prize! [https://www.wildrumpusbooks.com/sites/wildrumpusbooks.com/files/SummerReading-Handout-small.pdf](https://www.wildrumpusbooks.com/sites/wildrumpusbooks.com/files/SummerReading-Handout-small.pdf)
- Summer Reading List Grades K-2: [CLICK HERE](http://www.ala.org/alsc/sites/ala.org.alsc/files/content/compubs/booklists/summer/alsc-2019-summer-reading-list-grades-2.pdf) or visit:
- Summer Reading List Grades 3-5: [CLICK HERE](http://www.ala.org/alsc/sites/ala.org.alsc/files/content/compubs/booklists/summer/alsc-2019-summer-reading-list-grades3-5.pdf) or visit:
- Summer Reading List Grades 6-8: [CLICK HERE](http://www.ala.org/alsc/sites/ala.org.alsc/files/content/compubs/booklists/summer/alsc-2019-summer-reading-list-grades6-8.pdf) or visit:
SCHOOL MEALS DON’T HAVE TO STOP JUST BECAUSE IT’S SUMMER.

Summer Eats Minnesota serves free healthy and delicious meals during the summer. It’s open to children up to age 18. Best of all, no registration required.

How to locate free meals:

Download the FREE “Summer Eats Minnesota” app from your smartphone’s app store and find serving sites nearby.

Or 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. Adding more sites daily starting June 10th so watch for updates!

Kids just show up and eat. | www.summereatsmn.org
ATTENDANCE:

Call the Attendance line (612-668-3346) when your student will be absent.

To ensure an excused absence or tardy, 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:

Children will be admitted into the building at 7:50am. Please plan your drop off time accordingly!

Cars can only travel south on Emerson Avenue between 57th and 58th streets from 7:45 – 8:15 a.m.

- Pull your car forward to the bus “A” sign
- DROP AND DRIVE. If you need a hug or want to get out of your car to say good-bye to your child, use the parking lot or one of the grey-shaded areas on the map shown below
- All students must exit cars from the west side (on the school side)

No student drop-off on 58th street from 7:50am—8:00am. Door #3 is open for busses and walkers until 8:00am and then LOCKED.

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 to hear 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.

This can be a note, phone call, or email and 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/

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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:

kennyschool.pto@gmail.com
By 5pm on Friday