Hello Kenny Families,

What a year! Snow days, heat days, make up days, and many celebrations of learning!

Even as the year winds down, Kenny continues to receive good news. Teaching and Learning awarded Kenny a half-time Advanced Learner Specialist as part of a pilot for the 2014-2015 school year. This person will support teachers planning for differentiation and will be co teaching in the upper grades. It was also announced Kenny will have solar panels placed on the roof this summer.

The school hallways should look very different by the end of summer. The district is installing lockers, painting, and replacing the flooring in the portables. The Foundation has arranged to have Dave Fisher and Mill City Cleaning do some refinishing of the Terazzo floors.

The teachers and I are interviewing 5th grade teacher candidates to replace Mr. Winkleman. Ms. Winkleman is moving to a district level literacy support person. She stepped in this year and did a great job for our children. We will miss her but she will be supporting many teachers in the district. We have interviewed some outstanding candidates and I will keep you posted on the Kenny website. At this time, I do not know of any other staffing changes. We are currently in the second round of interview and select. I receive notifications of any gains or losses of teachers on June 12th.

We need your help in keeping the gardens in good shape. I have had a request from some families that we ask that dogs are not left unattended on school grounds. We had another issue with footballs (and children) going in the street after dismissal. A group of fifth graders helped me spread the word that football and soccer need to be played out in the fields and away from the street, even after school.

Please look through the newsletter as there is a lot of information today. Also, continue to watch the website for updates. I know parent leaders are planning a number of family/community activities over the summer.

As always, thanks for all you do to make Kenny an amazing community school.

Bill Gibbs, Principal
Kenny receives half-time Advanced Learner Specialist for 2014-2015

From the Talent Development and Advanced Learner Education Department-

Thank you again for your application to participate in our Advanced Differentiation Specialist pilot for next year. This pilot is designed to help us gather critical data about the impact that a collaborating specialist has on the academic growth of advanced learners and the increased competency and skills of the classroom teachers assigned a cluster of advanced learners. It is my hope that we can use this information to advocate for increased investment in the future that all schools would benefit from.

In all, 11 schools applied for the pilot and we have funding for four .5 FTE positions. For each school we reviewed the following:

Based on the criteria above, the schools selected for the SY15 Advanced Differentiation Specialist Pilot are: Jenny Lind, Kenny, Lake Nokomis Keewaydin, and Whittier.

This is not a pull out program, but a push-in model focused on co teaching.

2014-2015 Volunteer Coordinator Needed!

Want a fun way to be involved in the school while meeting other parents and teachers? Consider being the volunteer coordinator! It’s about a 1 hour a month time commitment and it’s a fun and easy way to stay involved!

If you are interested, please email christineradzak@yahoo.com for more info!

Bachman’s Gift Card

THANK YOU FOR ORDERING BACHMAN’S GIFT CARDS

The gift card sale was a success raising $1,386 for Kenny School!

Unclaimed gift cards are available for pick up in the Kenny School office

Questions? Contact Jessica McLawhorn, 651-261-0632 or jimclawhorn@gmail.com
Kenny Getting Solar Panels

Minneapolis Public Schools has been working with Ideal Energies, LLC, Sustainable Leasing, LLC and the State of Minnesota to provide solar energy options for our schools. The intent was two-fold: 1) to provide educational opportunities for our students, and 2) to be a responsible entity in the State by engaging in the use of an alternate form of natural energy.

This year, the State chose 7 (seven) MPS schools for their program, making MPS the largest recipient of the program this year. The schools chosen are: Folwell Performing Arts, Green Central Community, Kenny Community, Lake Harriet Community—Lower Campus, Olson Middle, Ramsey Middle, Washburn High School.

Ideal Energies, LLC and Sustainable Leasing, LLC is partnering with MPS to install the solar panels as soon as possible, and provide access to them for considered educational purposes.

Testing & Report Cards

In this week’s Wednesday folders you will find spring district or state test results. Grades 3-5 will have State MCA preliminary results. You will receive official results from the state later in the year. There have been times state results were actually sent the following school year so we have decided to give you the preliminary results at this time. The preliminary results do not have student percentiles so you will want to watch for that when the official results are sent. Grades 1 and 2 will have MAP results from this spring. The MAP results are final and there is a cover letter for your reference. More information on testing can be found in the Kenny Handbook calendar on pages 21 and 22.

Report cards will be mailed home this year as teachers are still giving and scoring end of unit assessments. You should receive those progress reports at your home by June 18.

5th Grade Recognition

5th Grade Recognition Ceremony

Thursday June 5th

1:00 pm in the gym
Celebrate the End of the School Year at FreeStyle Yogurt!

Join your friends after school on Friday, June 6 at Freestyle Yogurt on Lyndale Avenue to celebrate the end of the school year and enjoy a yogurt treat!

10% of proceeds benefit the Kenny Foundation

A Note from the Nurse

Parents/guardians: If you your student has medication at school, please make pick up arrangements with the school health office at 612-668-3346.

Inhalers and epi pens will be sent home with students on the last day of school unless other arrangements are made. Controlled medications need to be picked up by an adult. Also, if your child will be attending summer school, please let us know and the health office staff will ensure that your child’s medication goes directly to the summer school site.

Ann D. Lumbar Bendson, RN Licensed School Nurse

Bus Forms Due

SAVE YOUR SEAT ON THE BUS!

Transportation Forms for Fall 2014

Transportation needs your MOST current information in order for your child to have bussing for the 2014-2015 school year. By now, two copies of the transportation form have been sent home.

Please complete and return the form AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. A form needs to be completed for each child if you have more than one. If you do not return the form, you are NOT guaranteed a bus stop. If you need a form sent home, please contact the office or go to the Kenny Website to download the form. Thank you for your help with this matter.

Lost & Found

Please be sure to check the
Lost & Found for any of your student’s lost items this week!

The lost & found area is in the coat rack in the hallway across from the cafeteria. All unclaimed items will be donated.
**Southwest H.S. Super Summer Class:**

**What Band Instrument Should I Play?**

This class is taught by Southwest's International Baccalaureate band and music director, Keith Liuzzi. It is designed for students who would like to try playing a number of instruments before having to make a decision in the fall, or for those students who already play and would like to learn a second instrument or switch. Instruction will be given on flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, baritone, French horn, violin, tuba, and drums.

Time: 9:30-12:00 noon Weeks #1, #2

Time: 1:00-3:30pm Weeks #1, #2

Cost: $60

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**5th Grade Parents**

**Kenny 5th Grade Parents!**

Ways to keep involved at Anthony!!

Believe me, I know the feeling of 'burnout' at the end of the year from all the volunteering you have done during the school year for the last 5 years for most of you, BUT there are fantastic opportunities awaiting at Anthony for you! Being involved is still VERY necessary, we as parents still need our village, and as our kids meet new kids, it gets harder to see and know who they are, when you aren't as attached to bringing them in everyday, or seeing their small community school and know everyone.

Since the bulk of our volunteer parents are moving with our graduating 8th graders, we are reaching out to the former elementary schools our kids went to to seek out parents willing to step on board. We had changed the PTA a bit last year to be more inclusive, and have parents from each of the feeder schools on the board. Our dream is to have a more diverse board of volunteers, that more closely resembles the cultures of students that attend Anthony, and the most diverse elementary school that feeds into Anthony is Kenny.

So far, Kenny is highly outnumbered by the other school parents. Thank you Wayne Strom for taking on student directory! Please consider signing up for one (or more) from the list below.

I highly recommend being involved, it was a very fun experience! Now onto high school!

Thank you all for your consideration.

**PTA Leadership Council:**

Sec/Comm: Bridget Richardson

**Special Project Leaders:**

- Chip Shoppe: (large fundraiser in beginning of school year) **need one more helper**
- Ice Cream Social: **need one more helper** (event scheduled for August 21st)
- Social media Coordinator
- School Pictures Day
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Spaghetti Dinner: co chairs needed
- 8th grade Dance
- Box Tops
- Garden Club: co chairs needed
- Completion Ceremony
- Family Involvement Days

Feel free to contact me:

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612-987-6994

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**Band Instrument Class**

Be sure to sign-up for the

Kenny Electronic Newsletter!

Printed newsletters are only sent home to families who specifically request a paper version.

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

Join us on FB and keep up

with all the latest Kenny news

http://www.facebook.com/kennypita
Kenny School

Asbestos Removal Notification

Where?
Asbestos-containing building materials will be removed in the West portable building (rooms 121,122,123 & 123A). The abatement area will be secured and isolated from occupied portions of the building.

When?
Asbestos abatement activities will occur starting Monday June 16, 2014 and be complete Wednesday June 25, 2014.

Why?
Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS) has scheduled asbestos abatement to accommodate necessary flooring replacement work at Kenny School.

Who will remove the asbestos?
Qualified consultants will identify specific areas were asbestos fibers will be disturbed by construction at a specific facility. Licensed asbestos removal contractors will then conduct the removal under strict supervision. The safety of all students, staff and visitors at the school are the prime concern during removal of the asbestos-containing material.

How is asbestos removed?
Licensed contractors follow federal and state controlled procedures for removing asbestos-containing materials from buildings. The areas where the removal takes place are sealed off in an airtight enclosure. The workers operate inside the isolated areas and use wet methods and specialized vacuum equipment to remove the asbestos-containing materials.

Why is this work being done at this time?
Asbestos removal is being performed as part of the overall abatement program and must be completed before renovations can begin.

What do the work areas look like?
Most of the time, the work areas are enclosed by a solid, sealed barrier. Qualified personnel continuously monitor the enclosure so no unauthorized people can enter. The workers wear respirators and white protective suits and in most cases will not be visible to anyone at the school because of the solid, sealed barriers.

Does the removal process present a health hazard?
No! Strict safety procedures have been implemented to protect students, teachers, and building occupants. First, the removal is being performed by professionals who are very familiar with the safety regulations, and they are being monitored by an industrial hygiene consulting firm and the MPS Facilities Department. Second, the work areas are isolated, secured and clearly marked so that the students and teachers are aware of their location. Third, the airtight work area is controlled by special air filtering equipment which separates and collects any airborne asbestos fibers so that no fibers escape the enclosure. Air monitoring is conducted continuously in and outside the work areas, the school, and classroom areas to be sure the school environment remains safe, with no escaping asbestos fibers.

Who is making sure the removal is being conducted safely?
Asbestos removal must meet strict federal, state, and local safety regulations. MPS has retained professional industrial hygiene consulting firms to monitor each removal project daily. These firms supervise the contractor’s activities and conduct air monitoring throughout the process to make sure the applicable regulations are enforced. MPS Facilities Department representatives also visit the project sites to ensure all safety regulations are fully enforced.

When are the areas safe to use again?
As each work area is completed, it must pass very detailed and stringent clearance procedures. Highly qualified personnel visually inspect the areas to verify that asbestos has been removed properly. Then, air monitoring is performed to ensure the air is clean and meets the strict clearance criteria required by the Environmental Protection Agency and other state agencies. When these requirements are satisfied, an inspector inspects the entire project area and approves the area for reoccupancy by the school.

If you have questions, please call:
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MPS Facilities Department
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