Hello Kenny Families,

We have to open with some fantastic things that have happened at Kenny recently. Last Saturday night the Kenny Foundation held their March Magic event. There was a great turn out and everyone had a phenomenal time. I know it takes a lot of planning, but it sure turned out great.

Kenny also found out that three children from Mrs. Ryan’s classroom were recognized in the district Haiku contest. Marina Tinnes took first place, Anna Bomar took third place, and Kayla Ingram received honorable mention. Way to go girls.

The budget allocation for Kenny was delivered at 9:30 pm Monday night. The good news is that Kenny has been given an additional 4th grade classroom. That means we have gone from nine to seventeen classrooms in the seven years I have been at Kenny. That is pretty exciting. We have created a great program here.

There is some discouraging news though. After subtracting 20.4 classrooms (17 classrooms, 3.4 prep) from our discretionary funds there is only $168K remaining to open Kenny. Last year our discretionary funds were $291K and we had an additional $100 K for Title I interventions that we no longer qualify for. Just to safely open and administrate the building we need:

| 32.5 hours Health Office assistant | 15,473 |
| 0.7 social worker | 62,822 |
| 1 secretary | 58,408 |
| 28 hour AE (testing/transp/lunch/recess) | 30,618 |

Total needed $221,631.00

That leaves us short $54K and that does not allow for any interventions for children. The additional discretionary, grant, and Title I Funds were used for important programing at Kenny. They were used for 2 intervention Associate Educators, 0.5 Reading Intervention Teacher, 0.3 Psychologist to support RtI and coordinate Minnesota Reading Corps, 0.1 School Nurse (provided a second day), Band, and the Family Liaison.

There is a Site Council meeting at 5:00 tonight and I will share the budget information above with them. As always, I will try to make sure you have accurate, timely information.

Again, thank you for making Kenny the amazing community school it is. We need you!

Bill Gibbs, Principal
**Agenda Change:** This month’s Area C Meeting will focus on our 2nd Agenda Item.

**What’s next for Area C meetings?**
We hope you will join us tonight, March 18th for an important discussion about the future of Area C meetings - Future Topics? What's working? What would you like to see changed? How can Area C meetings impact academic achievement?

Area C Meeting Wednesday, March 18th @ Kenny Community School  
5720 Emerson Ave. South  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Acceleration 2020 Theory of Change - Schools as the Unit of Change

**(A light dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m., childcare will be provided for children 3 years & up, and Somali and Spanish interpreters will be available.)**

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The Read-A-Thon is on!  
You have until Thursday, March 26 to read & get your minutes turned in!
Congratulations to the 70 participants in the essay contest! 21 students were chosen to receive prizes or go on a limousine ride with Ms. Johnson! Every student will receive a ball to take home for their hard work and dedication to training their brain through physical fitness and academics!

Winners are being announced Wednesday, March 18th during the Rope Power assembly.

Ms. Johnson is so proud of what our students have learned at school and taken home to enrich their families lives to become brain ninjas!

Fitness should be fun, then you'll get it done!

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Please join the Washburn Arts Council at Pizza Rev at Centennial Lakes in Edina Saturday, March 21 - All Day

Proceeds will benefit art students participating in upcoming trips and to supplement summer arts camps for students. Just mention Washburn Arts Council at the register! Hope to see you there.
Don’t cue the music yet…
the Kenny Foundation wants to sincerely thank
everyone who supported March Magic!
The party was a smashing success and you helped us
raise over $18,500 for Kenny School
THANK YOU!

A NIGHT AT THE OSCARS
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TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS

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Marketing Overflow
Sign up by Tuesday, March 24 to reserve your space at the Science Expo. Complete the Entry Form and return it to your teacher. Entry Forms will be sent home soon.

The Science Expo will be Thursday, April 16, 2014 from 5:00–7:00 pm. Kenny School will provide a display board for you to use and the space for you to set everything up. Use your imagination as you research your topic and put your science display together. This isn’t a contest; instead a chance to show what you’ve learned, explain your project to everyone, and see what other scientists have put together. Dinner will be provided by the Foundation for a donation or small fee.

Important things to know when planning your science display:

- You can work by yourself or with friends. You only need one Entry Form with all participants listed.
- Space for your display is 3.5¢ wide by 3¢ tall and 2¢ deep on a table top.
- The display board is tri-fold white cardboard that stands by itself. It is about 32² tall and 48² wide. Display boards will be delivered to the classrooms on March 25-26.
- Your exhibit must be safe and appropriate to show to all students.
- No animals allowed. Pets cannot be part of a display. Include a photo or sketch instead of the actual animal.
- No food or candy hand outs, unless the topic of your science project is about that particular food. If you hand out samples or collect data on taste tests an adult must be present at the display during the Expo.

Have fun Kenny scientists!

1. ice cream buckets
2. cardboard cylinder containers from oatmeal, grits... (large or small size)
3. Calendars with color photos of artwork, animals and insects (especially cats, jungle, birds, butterflies)
4. small boxes (toothpaste, soap, jewelry, paper clips, staples, sardines, creams.....)
5. Yarns
6. Woven fabrics
7. Square shape plastic bottles (like Naked Juice or Truce) the 15.2 fl.oz size
8. Small wood scraps

Thank you.
C. McGovern
Kenny School Art Teacher
OLPA Test: Help at Home Grades 3–5

You can use the Learning Locator found on your students OLPA test results (grades 3-5 only) to help strengthen your students math and reading skills (it's not just about testing).

(If you do not have your students learning locator, please contact your students’ teacher)

Go to: Pearsonaccess.com (if you use google, select: Pearson Access – Everything Starts Here
Use the drop down menu under Select your Program to choose: Minnesota
Under Quick Links choose: Perspective for Families
There is a box under the heading Assignment Sheet / Learning Locator Code. In the box enter the Learning Locator Code and click on GO
You will find a color coded key on individual strands that show whether or not your child meets standards. When you can click on one of those topics, you will see many options come up. These options include games, practice sheets and printables that are at a level specific for your student.

MCA / MAP / MPG TESTING

It is that time of year again.
If you go to the Kenny Website you will see the link: “Spring 2015 Testing Schedule ”
Here you will find tips for students, parents and other information to make your student as successful as possible.

At Kenny, the third through fifth graders will start MCA tests the week of April 13.
In May, the second graders will take the MAP tests and first graders will take the MPG tests.

The test schedule is posted on the website. This schedule is tentative, please communicate with your child’s teacher for the most current test schedules.

ecfe Diaper Drive ..........

ECFE is hosting a year-long diaper drive

For those Kenny families who have preschool children: as your child moves to a new size of diaper, you may have part of the package left.

ECFE is collecting those left-over diapers for several non-profit organizations in the area. Put your extras in a plastic bag and bring them in. We will send them on.

Please drop diapers off in room 138 or in the main office.

Contact Annette Gagliardi at 612-668-3347 with any questions.
Announcing...
The Kenny Community School
2014-15 YEARBOOK
Our yearbook is planned to include:
• All color pages that vibrantly capture school memories
• Sturdy soft cover including school name and year imprinted in foil
• Zoom, a full-color current events insert that captures the top news stories of the year

Please order your yearbook by visiting:

https://ybpay.lifetouch.com

School ID code: 2330315

$17.00

Orders due by April 9, 2015
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

Join us on Facebook & keep up with all the latest Kenny news
http://www.facebook.com/kennyppta
STUDENT DROP OFF:
The staff is respectfully requesting students be dropped off at the front door in the morning.

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 going through the office will be asked to sign in.

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. You 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.