Hello Kenny Families,

It has been so great going through classrooms lately. The level of work the children are doing is amazing. I received a card or note from almost every child in the building this week saying how much they like Kenny and how much fun they have learning here. It was a very nice gesture. You have to love the Kenny kids and staff.

We also have some budget updates I can share at this time. The district has provided us with some additional funding and given us some flexibility with some of the required positions they supply. There are some cuts we will have to make but we will be able to continue our core programming and the children will be safe and supported. We are going to put 2 classroom positions up for interview and select. Mrs. O’Donnell has announced her retirement and we have the new 4th grade position. Mrs. Holbrook will be moving to first grade and Mrs. Yau will move to 2nd grade. That means we will be posting a 4th and 5th grade position. There are currently a number of Reading and Math Specialists looking to move into buildings as a result of rightsizing the Davis Center. I will provide more information after we tie out on Friday.

The Kenny parking vigilante has returned this year. Two years ago the person would rubber cement pieces of paper over the driver’s side of the windshield when cars were parked illegally. On one occasion a parent confronted the man and he proceeded to kick her car. A couple of weeks ago he returned. This year he is filming the cars, parents, and we believe children. I was able to confront the man on one occasion and warned him not to return as Linda called 911. The police were not able to respond before he was able to ride off. That day I walked behind him up to where he had his bike locked to the stop sign at 56th and Fremont. One of our parents was able to catch the person on video and the video was sent to the police and Minneapolis Public Schools Safety and Security department.

We are currently working with our School Resource Officer (SRO) officer Edwards and our school safety patrol agent to catch the person. If you do see this person anywhere around Kenny, please call 911 immediately.

As always, thanks for all you do to make Kenny the amazing community school it is! Have a safe and wonderful spring vacation.
Bill Gibbs, Principal
The Read-a-Thon is on! You have until tomorrow!
Thurs March 26 to read & get your minutes turned in!

Did you miss March Magic but still want to get in on the fun?

You can still purchase tickets to Great Gatherings, parties hosted by Kenny families and staff, for adults and kids. But hurry, spots are limited!

Buy now to attend a fun party and support the Kenny Foundation

Ticket sales end April 3

copy and paste the link below to sign up for events:

http://www.kennymarchmagic.org/great-gatherings-2/
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
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.
**Kenny PTA**

**Join us at the 2014-2015 PTA meetings!**

All parents invited and encouraged to attend

7:00 to 8:00pm

Tuesdays: Apr 14 and May 5

Media Center (Enter in the front door)

2014-15 PTA Officers:

Terri Diamond and Peggy Kirkpatrick, co-presidents      Dan Barrett, treasurer      Shari Wiggins, secretary

Questions? diamondltd@comcast.net or pkkirkpatrick@usfamily.net

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**Kenny PTA Bachman’s Gift Card Sale**

Starting after Spring Break

Watch for more details to come!

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**SUMMER SESSION ENROLLMENT BEGINS**

If your child was invited to summer school, you will find that letter in your child’s Wednesday folder.

Summer school for K-4 will be at Burroughs and Kenny 5th graders will be at Ramsey.

The program will be Monday-Thursday June 15-July 23.

Call Linda in the Kenny office (612-668-3340) if you have any questions about this program.

Please return this form as soon as possible.
Parents...Want to Send Your Child to College?

We have an exciting opportunity at Kenny Community School called Connecting Parents to Educational Opportunities (CPEO)! CPEO is an orientation program in the MPS Office of Family and Community Engagement, which helps parents become equal partners in their student’s education.

Learn Answers to Your Questions:

How can I help my child build strong self-esteem and confidence?

How do I partner with the school to make sure my child succeeds?

Why should I find out about state academic standards?

How does my child’s reading level affect his or her college future?

What can I do to help my child get caught up?

How can my child prepare for college NOW?

Plus: Graduates of CPEO will receive a certificate from Community Education and Early Childhood Family Education to take a free class. Children of graduates may also be eligible for scholarships at the University of Minnesota and MCTC.

This exciting opportunity is only available at select Minneapolis Public Schools and will begin at

**Kenny Community School April 15 – May 27, 2015**

The program consists of seven classes, once a week on Wednesdays, from 6-8:30pm.

There is no cost, dinner and childcare are included, and the program will be offered in English and Somali.

Flyer for signup will be sent home with your student today! If you have any questions or need more information, please call Latoya Peterson at 612-688-3365 or Penny Jones-Richardson at 612-688-2098. Thank you and we look forward to your involvement in CPEO!
2015 Kenny Science Expo

A fun event for all Kenny students — K to 5th grade
A Kenny tradition since 1994

The Science Expo is Thursday, April 16, from 5–7 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 32” tall and 48” 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. Art Coverups: Large & Extra Large short sleeve t-shirts (only with appropriate symbols and wording please). No Small or Medium.

2. Ice cream buckets

3. Cardboard cylinder containers from oatmeal, grits... (large or small size)

4. Calendars with color photos of artwork, animals and insects (especially cats, jungle, birds, butterflies)

5. Small boxes (toothpaste, soap, jewelry, paper clips, staples, sardines, creams.....)

6. Yarns

7. Woven fabrics

8. Square shape plastic bottles (like Naked Juice or Truce) the 15.2 fl.oz size

9. Small wood scraps

Thank you.
C. McGovern
Kenny School Art Teacher
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/kennypita
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. 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.