FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Hello Kenny Families,
Can you believe it is Memorial Day Weekend already? The school year calendar might be winding down but the action at Kenny is certainly not! The calendar is packed with fantastic activities.

We have completed our first round of interview and select and have four phenomenal teachers joining the Kenny team. Janee Rivard-Johnson will be teaching 5th grade next year and she is coming from Lake Nokomis Keewaydin Campus where she is currently a math specialist. Sarah Amundson will be teaching 4th grade and is coming from Andersen where she currently teaches 5th grade. Rachel Wixson will be our new music teacher and she currently teaches music at Marcy Open School. Steven Kramer will be our new kindergarten and first grade specialist and will see those classes one hour per week. Steven is returning to MPS from a leave of absence and teaches mornings at MacPhail Center for Music.

We did lose a key member of our Kenny team. Mr. Gawienowski took a full time position at Transition Plus. Please wish him well when you see him the next couple of weeks. The Kenny 0.9 social work position will be posted in the second round of interview and select. Thanks for your continued support of this amazing community school.

Bill Gibbs, Principal

FROM THE SOCIAL WORKER...

Dear Kenny Families,
A bit like David Letterman, it’s time for me to say farewell. After much discernment, I have taken a new position as School Social Worker at Transition Plus, the Minneapolis Public Schools program that serves special education students age 18-21. Kenny is a terrific school, and I wish all the best for our students, families and staff. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as Kenny’s School Social Worker these last five years. I understand Kangaroo Ken will also be saying farewell this year, he asked that I wish you all a “G’Day, mates!”

Sincerely,
Mr. Peter Gawienowski
School Social Worker

Dates to Remember

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Kenny Field Day is This Thursday! May 21st

8:30-10:00am 3rd-5th grades
12:00-1:30pm K-2nd grades
1:30-2:00pm All school final event and popsicles

Don't forget to prepare our Kenny kids with proper clothing, shoes, hats and sunscreen for the fun day!

A Huge THANK you to Kowalskis, who donated the Popsicles the kids will enjoy at the Field Day Finish Line!

Meeting 6 of 7 Tonight!

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.
Tickets or Cash?

For most items and activities at the carnival you will need tickets!!! However, you will want to bring cash for Sno-Cones and to tip our Kenny fifth grade musicians! Show your appreciation to our students for entertaining us at the carnival and help fund the Kenny Band Program for next year. A tip jar will be in place and all tips go to the band fund!

Carnival Photo Op:

ARM WRESTLE a GORILLA!! Parents bring your camera – you won’t want to miss the opportunity to get a photo of your child arm wrestling a GORILLA!!!

Still Time to Donate:

We are still accepting books for the book nook and 2 liter bottles of pop for the pop toss. Also – be sure to donate items for your classroom raffle basket. Check with your students room parent if you need information. ALL raffles including the GORILLA (not the one your child can arm wrestle) raffle will contribute to the Kenny Band Fund.

Kenny Carnival
Thursday, May 28
at 5:30pm

Reduced Price Pre-Order Ticket Envelopes
Will go home in today’s Wednesday Folders!
The Kenny Community is Amazing!

We want to hear from YOU, about areas you think we can grow in. Please fill out the survey that was sent home in your student’s Wednesday folder. Return the completed survey to the main office.

Thank you for your help as we continue to grow and learn together!

From the Family Liaison...

Experience life-changing growth. Become a Minnesota Reading Corps Tutor.

Would you love to help children grow their reading skills, succeed in school and get extra support? If your answer is yes, you can be trained to serve as a tutor with Minnesota Reading Corps at Kenny Community School. Whether you want to explore an educational career, reenter the workforce, or give back to your community, you can succeed as a tutor. Last year, Minnesota Reading Corps provided direct services to over 30,000 children in more than 700 schools across the state.

As a tutor, you’ll see a student’s progress – in their test scores, in their other school work and in their eyes as they light up with the satisfaction of knowing they can do it. No child wants to stand out because they can’t learn as quickly as other kids. We’re helping more kids catch up and soar on their own. And you can be part of it.

In addition to our extensive paid training, tutors receive on-site support from specially trained school mentors. Tutors are paid a living allowance ($544 full-time members; $272 part-time members), and are eligible for an education award of up to $5,730 (full-time member) or $2,865 (part-time member) and federal student loan forbearance. Tutors 55 or older may gift the award to a child or grandchild.

Kenny Community School has two full-time positions and one part-time position open for the 2015-2016 school year.

You can help by telling a friend or family member about our school’s open positions and openings statewide! Applicants can learn more and apply at www.MinnesotaReadingCorps.org. Strong preference is given to tutors who can begin in August. Send questions to: recruitment@servemnaction.org or call 866-859-2825.
Summer School Questions?
Call Linda in the Kenny office at 612-668-3340

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

Join WERC in Summer 2015 for…
Dual Immersion Spanish Summer Camp!

6 weeks of Learning & Fun!
June 15th – July 23rd

Enrollment Opens: March 2nd, 2015
Enrollment Deadline: April 6th, 2015
Half Day AM: 8:00am-12:30pm
Half Day PM: 12:30pm-5:30pm
Full Day: 8:00am-5:30pm
Monday through Thursday
Cost:
$25 Registration fee for Summer Session
Full Day: $240 per week/camp*
AM Half-Day: $160 per week/camp
PM Half-Day: $80 per week/camp*
Healthy snack and water included

*Weeks 2, 4, & 6 have an additional activity in the afternoon that will add another $10 to the cost for Full Day and PM Half-Day Cost

Classes Offered:
Week 1:
Star Wars Camp

Week 2:
Fiesta Camp
Nature Ninjas**

Week 3:
Crazy Art Camp

Week 4:
Mad Science Camp
Construction Junction**

Week 5:
Traveling Around Latin America Camp

Week 6:
Pirates & Treasure
Improv: Say Yes**

**These are special activities that will be offered during weeks 2, 4, & 6 in the afternoon sessions for an additional $10.

Questions about Camp?

WERC Phone:
(612) 668-3384
Available M-F, 1pm-5pm
E-mail:
wercwindom@gmail.com
Website:
http://windom.mpls.k12.mn.us/werc

Please send your child with a healthy cold lunch each day!
5th Grade Recognition:
June 4 at 1:00pm

A reception with beverages and treats will be held in the Garden, weather permitting, after the events in the gym.

Washburn Youth Soccer Camp for K-5th Graders
June 15th-18th from 9:00-11:00AM at Washburn High School
Run by Washburn soccer coaches and players.
Cost $80 includes camp registration, camp T-shirt and soccer ball.
This camp fills up every summer. For more info and to register go to: https://sites.google.com/site/washburnsoccerboys/home

Kenny and Armatage Neighborhood Garage sales are coming soon!

Kenny and Armatage neighborhoods will be joining forces (and borders!) again this year to attract more customers for everyone.
Saturday, May 23 8 am - 4 pm

If you would like to be included in the sale, please send you full address and a check for $10, payable to KNA, by May 19 to:
KNA Garage Sales
5516 Lyndale Ave S
Minneapolis, MN  55419

A general, neighborhood wide ad will be placed in the Star Tribune. You may list key items (e.g. household items, baby equipment) to be included on the sale map, which we will provide. Questions? Call the KNA Message Line at 612-392-4477.
Stay Informed

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/kennypta
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.