Hello Kenny Families,

Tomorrow night is Curriculum Night for grades 1-5. I am hoping you can attend. My overview will include a “State of the School” presentation. It will include current data about our school, our goals, the strategies we will use to meet those goals, and information about our Title I program. I have added additional time at the end of the night if you have further questions about Title I at Kenny.

We work really hard to limit interruptions to classrooms during instruction time. The staff and I are asking that only parent volunteers enter the building between 7:50-2:40. We have greeters at the bus entrance and the front door every day to make sure your children are safe. We also have staff assigned to monitor halls at arrival and dismissal. We are working with the children to be independent and responsible in a nurturing environment. We will make sure your children get to and from their classrooms safely. We still welcome you to volunteer at Kenny. We average around 20 parent volunteers each day at Kenny.

One safety concern we have at Kenny is the high number of bus changes that are made each day. The teachers and office staff work really hard to make sure children get to the right bus at the end of the day. We need to cut back on the number of “one day” changes made for bussing. Also, if your child usually rides the bus and you are picking them up that day, we need you to sign them out in the office. These systems give us records to reference in case of any emergency.

There are times when being welcoming and service oriented conflict with safety and providing best practice in instruction. We want to give you the best community school experience for your child. We know that having a positive climate and strong family involvement are crucial to student learning and we will continue to build on our great start to the year. That is why I want you to understand the systems we put in place at Kenny.

As always, thanks for all you do to make Kenny the amazing community school it is!

Bill Gibbs, Principal
Be sure to fill out the student directory form online to be included in this school year’s Kenny School Directory.

Go to the Kenny School Website
http://kenny.mpls.k12.mn.us/
& click on the student directory online form on the front page, or...

Copy and paste this link to a quick & easy online form:
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?usp=drive_web&formkey=dERNTTAwZnl2d3RrX2pSY2xZV2dpLWc6MA#gid=0

Please have forms completed by Friday, September 12

Kenny Artists at Work

Art Room “Wish List”

I would appreciate your help in saving these items:

- Plastic ice cream buckets
- Plastic containers from yogurt/cottage cheese/deli (not individual size)
- Paper egg cartons with lids removed—dozen size
- Yarns of any amount and color
- Brown paper grocery bags that do not have handles (these are difficult to find)
- Shoe boxes with lids. (Large size is best).

Please keep the box at home. Label the box, “Art Box.” This box will be called on to transport your child’s clay art creations home safely. The art room cannot store an Art Box for each student—limited space. I will let you know when to send the box to school.

- Small boxes from paper clips, jewelry, soap, etc.
Please do not send TP or paper towel cardboard rolls.

Thank you,
Mrs. Cynthia McGovern, Kenny Art teacher

Fit n’ Fun Walk

The annual Kenny Fit N' Fun Walk is Friday, October 10th.
Mark your calendars and look for more information in next week’s newsletter!
HELP IS NEEDED IN THE LUNCHROOM!

We are in need of parent (or grandparent) volunteers to come in and help our kiddos during lunch. This is a relatively easy duty, mainly helping kids open their lunches. Volunteers may also choose to stay for recess. There are some awesome home lunches out there and helping in the lunchroom is a great way to get ideas of what to pack in your child’s lunch!

Listed are the lunch times that correspond to the different grades:

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If you are interested in helping out, please contact:
Shari Wiggins at 612-668-3340 or shari.wiggins@mpls.k12.mn.us
Thank you!

What’s for lunch?

If you are packing your child’s lunch, please give some thought to what your child will eat and their ability to open what’s in their lunch box. We have a limited amount of time for lunch, so if your child can easily open the items, they’ll have more time to eat!

- The internet is a great resource for getting ideas of what to pack for lunch (think Pinterest!)
- Pack portion sizes that won’t overwhelm your child. When portion sizes are larger, kids tend to not eat at all.
- Teach your child to open packaging or partially open the packaging when possible.
- Use reusable containers when possible. You will save money, create less waste, ease congestion at the garbage station AND you will know what your child is eating!

- Do not send soda pop to school. It is not allowed. Your child will not be able to keep/drink their soda.
- No bags of chips, Takis etc. that are larger than single serve.
- If you child has allergies. Please contact nurse Ann Lumbar Bendson (668-3346) regarding seating at an allergy aware table. Students are not allowed to sit at this table, until a parent/guardian has the school nurse who will then notify lunchroom personnel.
Anthony Middle School to Kick Off the New ParentLab Series

with University of Minnesota Researchers Presenting:

“Serving Up The Family Meal”

MINNEAPOLIS, MN. (September 3, 2014): --On Tuesday, September 23, from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m., Anthony Middle School PTA will kick off ParentLab, a new speaker series where parents connect, share and learn. The speakers at the first event are Sarah Friend, MPH and Registered Dietitian, and Melissa Horning, Research Assistant and U of M School of Nursing PhD Candidate, who will present “Serving Up The Family Meal.”

Through a group discussion Sarah Friend and Melissa Horning of the University of Minnesota HOME Plus research program will guide attendees through the latest research findings on the importance of family meals, how to address barriers to effective mealtimes and how to make mealtimes more positive for everyone in the family. In addition, they’ll bring some of their favorite recipes for a cooking demonstration and sampling.

At the event parents will also get a chance to meet new Anthony Principal Mai Chang Vue. Ms. Vue has thirteen years of educational experience at the middle, secondary and post-secondary levels. Before arriving at Anthony Middle School, Ms. Vue worked as the middle school principal at Community School of Excellence, a K-8 International Baccalaureate (IB) World School in St. Paul.

Sarah Friend and Melissa Horning have spent multiple years working on the HOME Plus study at the University of Minnesota’s School of Nursing. HOME Plus focuses on encouraging families to cook and eat healthy meals and snacks together more often.

ParentLab is a regular series devoted to topics of interest for parents of school-aged children and is sponsored by the Anthony PTA. Admission is free and is open to the community at large.

Event details:

Susan B. Anthony Middle School
5757 Irving Ave S, Minneapolis (Room 110)
Tuesday, September 23rd, 2014 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm
Free admission and open to the community at large
For more information please call 612.668-3240
It was a summer of hard work at Kenny Community School where major hallway improvements updated the hallways of our beautiful, 1955 mid-century modern school building.

Thanks to:

Mr. Gibbs, school principal, who worked with Minneapolis Public Schools to secure the installation of new lockers and Kenny engineers Charles Young and Scott Zweber for onsite help.

Minneapolis Public Schools, especially Tom Campbell and the paint shop crew and Clay Larson and team from the sheet metal shop on locker installation.

The Kenny School Foundation, and the financial contributions of Kenny parents, for funding the refinishing of the hallway floors and hallway signs. The Foundation also funded the installation of professional-grade entryway rugs, inspiration signage and upgrades to the art room window and bulletin boards.

Volunteers Kathy Engen, Shannon Gunaca, Kendra Kramer, Sarah Kuhn, Kris Lyons, Allison Marshall, Allison Thiesing, and Lynn Barnhart for many hours doing the following:

- Cleaning the engineers’ office and storage area
- Cleaning classroom display windows
- Painting the art window display, new media center magazine rack and refining the entryway tables
- Updating the staff bulletin board with a Lorax theme
- Cleaning and updating hallway bulletin boards
- Cleaning lockers and washing windows
- Creation of templates to upgrade temporary signs

A professional color palette for the school was developed by DeDe Erpelding

Mill City Cleaning, owned by Kenny parents Dave and Teri Fischer, for working with Kenny on a plan to refinish the hallway floors and restoring them to their 1955 grandeur.

Finishing touches to be completed this fall include the restoration of three lobby benches and providing updated furnishings for the office of the nurse and family liaison.

The goal of the 2014 Hallway Improvement Project:
Increase pride in Kenny school and keep our hallways clean!
Be sure to sign-up for the Kenny Electronic Newsletter!

This will be the last newsletter sent home with all students. Printed newsletters are only sent home to families who specifically request a paper version. The form to request this was sent home last week.

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

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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 you student.

Bike Safety Reminder:

Parents please be sure your child is wearing a helmet when riding their bike to & from school.
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Kenny Attendance Line: 612-668-3346  
District Bus Transportation: 612-668-2300