Hello Kenny Families,

We Celebrate learning at Kenny School! We have finished the MCA math and reading tests for grades 3-5. Our preliminary results look great. In reading, our proficiency increased from 63.15% to 73.2%; our goal was to move up to 70%. In math, our proficiency went from 74.4% to 79.3, and our goal was to move up to 79.4%. These total proficiency numbers should move up when the state makes the results official and does some adjustments based on October 1 enrollment and students who opt out. The 5th graders are finishing the MCA science test this week, and 1st and 2nd graders are MAP testing this week and next.

There have been some questions brought up regarding dismissal. At dismissal, we ask all walkers to leave school grounds. We also ask that children do not play football or soccer in the garden. Children can move up to the park if they want to play those games. Classroom teachers regularly review these expectations with children. Supervised children can play in the garden and parents are welcome to mingle. I also received a question on why Officer Edwards is on 57th and Emerson. For a detailed explanation, please review my newsletter from March 25th that is repeated on the last page of today’s newsletter.* Officer Edwards is Kenny School’s School Resource Officer and is housed at Anthony.

Yesterday we back-packed home a letter with all children informing families Mr. Parham will no longer be teaching music or band at Kenny. This decision was made at the MPS district level and not at the school level. Due to data privacy laws, we are unable to share further information regarding this situation.

On a happy note, we have a lot of special activities coming up at Kenny to celebrate learning and build community. Please watch the newsletter and calendars closely as we do not want you to miss out on any of the fun activities.

Thanks for your support.
Bill Gibbs, Principal

FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

**Dates to Remember**

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Celebration School 2014
Minnesota Department of Education

FROM THE PRINCIPAL...
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 at 612-668-3340 if you have any questions about this program.

Please return this form by this Friday, May 15.

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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.

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Summer School Enrollment Forms are due May 15th

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!

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From the Family Liaison...
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?

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.
Kenny Field Day!
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!

Volunteers are still needed to run the morning stations!
Please contact Ms. Johnson at Kenny if you are available to help:
612-668-3340 or JenniferL.Johnson@mpls.k12.mn.us

The Kenny School Foundation met on May 5 and elected officers and board members for the 2015-16 school year.

The Kenny School Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that supports building projects and academic programs at Kenny School. We support Kenny kids, the building and staff! Learn more at http://kenny.mpls.k12.mn.us/
The_Kenny_School_Foundation. 2015-2016 Board
Officers:
Megan Peterson, President, mmpeterson322@gmail.com (parent)
Shannon Gunaca, Vice President , slgunaca@hotmail.com (parent)

Board Members:
Charlie Wolfe, Treasurer (parent)
Kendra Kramer, Secretary (parent)
Alicia Owens (parent)
David Adams (parent)
Erik Wood (parent)
Heather Garnett (parent)
Jennifer Knutson (parent)
Kristen Walker (parent)
Me'lea Connelly (parent)
Sarah Kuhn (parent)
Kathy Horner (staff)
Bill Gibbs (staff)

Watch the school calendar and newsletters next fall for future meeting times.
Meetings are open to all!
KENNY SCHOOL LOST FUNDING FOR BAND FOR THE 2015-16 SCHOOL YEAR

CARNIVAL RAFFLE

Everyone doing a little can make a BIG impact.

Please donate to your classroom baskets.
The baskets and THIS GORILLA will be raffled off at the Kenny Carnival!

All money from raffles will go to kick off the Kenny Band Fund!

Let's help Kenny keep the band program.

Kenny Carnival
Thursday, May 28
at 5:30pm
Games, prizes & great fun!

Tickets will be available for pre-order beginning May 20

Requested Donations:

STUFFED ANIMALS
The kids LOVE choosing a new animal to bring home! If you have an abundance of clean, gently used stuffed animals consider donating to the carnival.

Books
The Minnesota Reading Corps will host the “Book Nook”!
Feel free to peruse the books to find some good summer reading!
Please donate your gently used books to the book nook.

Pop
The kids love the POP TOSS, so we brought it back!
If you can donate 2 liter bottles of pop (yep, with the pop still in them) – that would be fantastic. When you notice those bottles on sale, remember to pick up a bottle or two for the carnival.

Place all donations in the bins under the Parent Info Board outside the office by May 15.
Youth Performance Co presents:

**Pecos Bill and Other Tall Tales**

No screens, no apps -- just a campfire and some imagination

Tall tales from American history presented by Youth Performance Company

Before everyone isolated themselves behind tiny screens, families gathered around campfires and told tall tales of Pecos Bill, Slue-Foot Sue, Annie Christmas ... and, of course, Paul Bunyan, Minnesota's favorite son. Experience lively, unique Americans doing amazing things in "Pecos Bill and Other Tall Tales," a YPC original play with music running, May 1 – 17 at Youth Performance Company.

**May 1 – 17, 2015**

Performance Location: Howard Conn Fine Arts Center (Plymouth Congregational Church), 1900 Nicollet Avenue (at Franklin), Minneapolis, MN. Free parking available in church lot and on the street.

Opening Weekend Ticket Special: Five dollar ticket special for May 2 performance, online only.

Tickets: $15 for adults; $12 for children/seniors; $10 for weekend groups (10+); $7 for weekday groups (10+)

Box office: 612.623.9080

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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.
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.
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