Hello Kenny Families,

Building budgets for 2015-2016 were supposed to come out Friday March 6 but the release has been delayed to March 16.

Unfortunately, we lost our Title 1 funding. Title 1 funding is based on Free and Reduced Lunch as of 10-1-1914. This year we were very close, but fell below the 35% threshold.

At Kenny we work within providing minimal programming and a safe environment. We have a great literacy program and are implementing new math models. We match these intervention programs with safety positions (lunch/recess). All of our intervention funding has come from Title I dollars. The district is moving toward student based allocations in the next 2 years. Schools are not supposed to be impacted by more than 5% either way; we are hoping to be within 5% of last year’s bottom line. I am hoping this commitment will allow us to continue with the interventions provided by Ms. Lieske, Ms. Cherveny, and Ms. Penny.

We currently have 16 classrooms. Next year we may be allocated 17 classrooms and the district is looking at reduced class sizes in K-3. Since we do not have space at Kenny for many additional classrooms, we might be able to retain some of those funds as intervention money. My goal is to push the current staffing from 2014-2015 to 2015-2016 and continue the current programming we have. I have already pushed those numbers forward using updated salaries so I know exactly what we are looking for. I will keep you informed.

The final budget will be submitted before spring break. As always, thanks for all you do.

I hope to see many of you at the March Magic event this Saturday.

Bill Gibbs, Principal
A NIGHT AT THE OSCARS
MARCH MAGIC

Have you RSVP’d yet?

www.kennymarchmagic.org
Students who are still interested in submitting their essay to Ms. Johnson need to have it in by this Friday, March 13th, at the end of the day.

If you lost your form or want to create your own essay, here are the questions to answer: What have you learned in Physical Education that will help you in the future? How has physical fitness enriched your life or your family’s life?

Winners will be announced on March 18th! Good luck!

The Variety Show DVD!

We had two great shows that you don’t want to forget!

For only $15 you can keep the memories alive! Send your orders in by Friday, March 13th and we’ll get your DVD to you by spring break.

Quantity _______ DVDs X $15 = $_________________

Checks can be made to Kenny School

Any questions? Contact Laurie Hanzal

Laurie.Hanzal@mpls.k12.mn.us

The Read-A-Thon is on!

You have until Thursday, March 26 to read & get your minutes turned in!
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
LIFETOUCH SPRING
PICTURE DAY

Wednesday, March 18th

Spring pictures will be taken only for students with paid order forms on this day.

There are two ways to order pictures:

1) Look for the order form in today’s Wednesday envelope.
2) Go online at: www.mylifetouch.com the Kenny Picture ID is MI304061Y0. When you have completed your order you will need to print the ‘boarding pass’ or fill in the information on the order envelope and write the confirmation number at the bottom. One of these documents will need to be given to the photographer on picture day.

Please call the Kenny office (612-668-3340) if you have any questions.

2015 Kenny Science Expo

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

A Kenny tradition since 1994

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 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!
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

KENNY SCHOOL is hosting the:

Minneapolis Public Schools
AREA C Meeting

Wednesday, March 18, 2015
from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.**

The BUDGET for the 2015-2016 School Year will be on the agenda.

PARENTS this is an important time to show the School District that we are engaged and care about maintaining the current level of funding at KENNY SCHOOL.

Your presence speaks volumes . . . so:
-Come with your financial questions and feedback;
-Come for an hour or even a few minutes;
-Come and advocate for our fine School.

If you have any questions, please contact PTA co-Presidents Terri Diamond and Peggy Kirkpatrick at diamondLtd@comcast.net or pkkirkpatrick@usfamily.net.

** (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.)
FAMILY READING NIGHT-THANK YOU

Family Reading Night was a smashing success on February 26, 2015. We welcomed three authors and a librarian, kids and parents enjoyed reading by flashlight, and there was even a bear strolling in the hallways!! It sure was fun to HIT THE TRAIL to celebrate books and reading with 350 people.

Congratulations to 5th graders, Leo Brevason, Alexandra Diamond, Patrick Johnson and Somi Nsude, for their fine introductions of our guest authors and guest librarian.

Appreciation goes out to the following businesses and parents whose donations added spice to the event: Caribou Coffee (coffee), YoYo Donuts (doughnuts), Peggy Kirkpatrick (cookies) and Larry Diamond (lemonade, flashlights, tents). A special thanks to Val Larche from Theatrical Costume Company for providing the bear costume and to Larry Diamond and LaToya Peterson for bringing the bear to life.

Parent and school volunteers make it all happen and a very special thanks goes to: Keith Avenriep, Chris Breva-Erickson, Jen Bryden, Chris Colston, Bill Gibbs, Johanna Giesen, Lisa Guyott, Rita Hajiani, Laurie Hanzal, Darryl Johnson, Sally Johnson, Bart Kersteter, Dianne Kersteter, Peggy Kirkpatrick, Kris Lyons, Peggy McGrane, Jessica McLawhorn, Jon Menke, Penny Sandberg, Jen Swanson and Padma Wudali.

Keep a lookout for Ms. LaToya and Ms. Kersteter’s night on the Kenny School roof.
I hope the tent is warm.

See you next year,
Terri Diamond (PTA Family Reading Night Chair)

TOP TEN FAVORITE BOOKS
VOTE

Kenny students, you voted at FAMILY READING NIGHT!!

The VOTES have been counted!!

Your TOP TEN favorite books are:

1. Smile Series
2. Harry Potter
3. Diary of a Wimpy Kid
4. When You Reach Me
5. Wonder
6. Esperanza Rising
7. Matilda
8. Hugo
9. Dork Diaries
10. The One and Only Ivan

Thanks for voting and keep reading!
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

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.
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.

From the Office