Hello Kenny Families,

Report cards were originally scheduled to go home today but switching to the new reporting system has changed some of our timelines. You should see the report cards in Wednesday folders next week. Summer school invitations were sent home before spring break. If you have questions about your child attending summer school, please contact your child’s teacher directly.

The Science Fair is Thursday, April 16th. There are over 85 student exhibitors and a number of other science related exhibits. The Foundation will also be selling a Mexican style dinner. This is always a great family night at Kenny School and one more way we celebrate learning.

The Kenny budget has not been finalized as we wait for the district to make the final transfer of additional funds to our school. The positions have been loaded into the data base but we currently show a negative balance. The family liaison position has been maintained at its current level. There were some additional cuts to Mr. Madson’s and Mr. Gawienow’s position that I had not anticipated. We are all hopeful they send more money our way. Please refer back to my letter in the March 25 newsletter on budget (and the parking vigilante).

Kenny will begin state testing next week. As a site, we have moved away from giving “optional” standardized tests throughout the year to only giving state and district tests that are required. The required tests are helpful as they give us growth information over the year. The assessments teachers give on an ongoing basis (formative) are much more meaningful and actually help the teachers modify their instruction. These are tests like Fountas and Pinnell reading levels or math unit pretests.

We work really hard to make the test stress free for the children. They have snacks, water bottles, and even peppermints. Nearly all of the tests this year are taken on the computer. The most stress we will put on your child will be reminding them to take their time. Your child’s teacher should be sending home the dates and times your child will be testing. For more information on testing at Kenny, please see pages 20 and 21 of the Kenny Handbook/Calendar. You can help us by making sure the children are exercising, eating well, and getting plenty of sleep the next few weeks.

As always, thank you for your support and efforts to make Kenny the amazing community school it is.

Bill Gibbs, Principal

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Celebration School 2014

Minnesota Department of Education
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
Join Kenny Families in raising money for our wonderful school. Plan to meet with classmates or just enjoy a night out with your family. 20% of all sales generated by Kenny friends and families will be given to our school.

Cooking Night Off!
This Thursday, April 9th
Fuddruckers in Bloomington
3801 Minnesota Dr., Bloomington, MN 55435

Look for the flyer to take with you in today’s Wednesday folders

Join Kenny Families in raising money for our wonderful school. Plan to meet with classmates or just enjoy a night out with your family. 20% of all sales generated by Kenny friends and families will be given to our school.

Kenny PTA / Bachman’s Gift Card Sale
Purchase Bachman’s Gift Cards and Support Kenny School!

Redeem gift cards at any Bachman’s Floral, Gift and Garden Centers throughout the Twin Cities area, as well as through Bachman’s call center and at bachmans.com. Use Gift cards to buy ANYTHING at Bachman’s, including fresh flowers, plants and shrubs, home décor, holiday gifts, garden items and more.

KENNY will receive 15% of total gift card sales! Please note, the 15% rebate is not eligible on gift cards purchased at Bachman’s retail stores, so make sure to place your order through KENNY!

* make checks payable to Kenny PTA
Questions? Contact Jessica McLawhorn, jjmclawhorn@gmail.com or 651-261-0632
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.

Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments (MCA)
Every classroom in grades 3-5 will start their reading assessment next week
(the week of April 13)
Some of the best things you can do to help your student be prepared and comfortable include:

- A good nights’ sleep
- A healthy breakfast
- Make sure your child is in school and on time
- Send a water bottle with your student if possible
  (we do have some bottles of water to hand out if needed)

If you have questions as to when your student is testing, please contact your student’s teacher.

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
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 612-668-3365 or Penny Jones-Richardson at 612-668-2098. Thank you and we look forward to your involvement in CPEO!
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!

Join the Kenny Foundation for the annual "Cantina" dinner during the Science Fair!

$5 taco dinner in the cafeteria

Sponsored and presented by the Foundation board. It’s a fun event with friends and family. Bring the whole crew!

Thursday April 16 from 5-7
The Annual Kenny Carnival is May 28!

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 between April 15 and May 15.*

More information about the Kenny Carnival will be posted in future newsletters. Thank you!
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
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 needed to run both AM and PM stations or to hand out popsicles.

Please contact Ms. Johnson at Kenny if you are available to help.
612-668-3340 or JenniferL.Johnson@mpls.k12.mn.us

SUMMER SESSION ENROLLMENT BEGINS
If your child was invited to summer school, a letter was sent home in your child’s Wednesday folder last week.
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 as soon as possible.

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, cream.....)
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
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.

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
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.