Hello Kenny Families,

Picture day is always fun at Kenny. The children all looked so cute this morning. This is always the best “hair day” of the year. The children are always excited for this day too. Once again, we need to thank the parent volunteers who help to make this happen.

This Friday is the Fit and Fun Walk. It is an amazing way of having a healthy fund raiser for the Kenny PTA. We hope you can join us.

Conferences will take place over the next two weeks. This is a valuable time for a family to meet with teachers. At this point, you should have received a reservation request from your child’s teacher. At the conference, parents should receive information regarding the achievement level of their child in reading and math, and be involved in setting goals for math, reading, science, and social skills.

Your time with the classroom teachers will be very informative. We are very excited this year to set measureable goals with you for your children. We will provide you with updates as the year progresses and share the final results with you this spring.

Our partnership with you has a significant impact on student achievement. Working together we will ensure that every student at Kenny makes a year’s growth or more.

Thanks for all you do.

Bill Gibbs, Principal

FROM THE PRINCIPAL INTERN...

Hello Kenny Families,

It has been so amazing to learn more about all of the great things that we do here at Kenny School. As part of my time here, I must complete six projects that benefit the school while helping me learn and grow as a school administrator. Mr. Gibbs and I found the perfect project that incorporates all six.

Through the Minnesota Elementary School Principal Association, Kenny School is applying for Minnesota School of Excellence Award. The School of Excellence is a program that recognizes schools that are working collectively to strengthen their school, and demonstrated the great work that is taking place at Kenny already. It is a yearlong application period in which we will be looking at our systems through a survey, as well as looking for feedback from parents, community and staff. Only 6 schools received the award last year in Minnesota, and only 5 schools in MPS have received this honor (Lake Harriet, Lake Nokomis, Hiawatha, Burroughs and Dowling). The award is granted for 7 years.

Thank you so much for your support and welcoming me into the Kenny Family. I look forward to working with you to show the state and the nation the great things we do at Kenny School!

Kenny is awesome!

Jessica Peifer, Principal Intern
FRIDAY IS THE FIT N’ FUN WALK

We want tons of folks along the route on Friday afternoon cheering, high-five-ing and encouraging all the Kenny walkers. Meet at the tennis courts at 1:00 and we’ll disperse volunteers to walk with classrooms or be our route rowdies from there.

Turn your pledge envelopes in ASAP if you forgot today.

Thank you,
Kenny PTA

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4th & 5th Grade CHROMEBOOK FUNDRAISER

DonorsChoose.org has a great opportunity for the next 4 days.

We are asking for Chrome Books to be used by the 4th and 5th grade students for reports, research and publishing. We are very excited about the idea of raising money to allow for the growing needs of our students in the upper grades. Kenny families are the best and give so much to our school. Please consider our project!

We are asking for donations of any size to help students. For the next 2 days, any donation you make to our project will be doubled (up to $100). If you know anyone who is passionate about education, please pass this along. Your donation will brighten our school year, and you’ll get photos and thank you’s from our class.

Here’s our 4th/5th grade request: Chromebooks to Promote Literacy in Reading and Math


To have your donation matched dollar for dollar, enter the promo code SPARK on the payment screen. This awesome match offer lasts through October 8.

We greatly appreciate your support!
Registration for Community Ed classes will close on October 14th. Registration is online at:  
www.minneapolis.thatscommunityed.com

If you have any questions, please direct them either to Kristin Hill-Avirom (Community Ed Coordinator) at Kristin.Hill-Avirom@mpls.k12.mn.us or Kenny School main office at 612-668-3340.

Due to transportation issues, the district has delayed the start of afterschool programming to Oct 19! More information will be coming. This includes: ALC, BAND, GEMS, and GISE.

Cooking Night Off  
Fall Kick Off!  
Wednesday October 21st 4-8pm  
Richfield Davanni’s

Kenny Families - take a night off from cooking and join friends at Richfield Davanni’s, 64th & Penn Av S, between 4-8 to raise money for our wonderful school!

Davanni’s will donate 20% of sales from the night to our school.

Your kids won’t want to miss out on the coloring contest or other fun activities that will be going on that night.

So make plans to meet friends, family and neighbors for a delicious dinner!

It is Spirit Wear Season again!

Please click the link below for catalogue and ordering. Depending on order volume, a small percent of proceeds benefits our Kenny PTA.

Ordering is available through Friday, October 23, and items will be delivered prior to Winter Break.

Questions? Contact Sally Johnson at sally_vardaman_johnson@yahoo.com or (612) 715-8017.

http://stores.blue84spirit.com/KCMN
**The Minneapolis School District is developing the school calendar for the next three years**

Minneapolis Public Schools is committed to ensuring every student is college and career ready. The district calendar is designed to support the goals of the district’s Acceleration 2020 strategic plan to accelerate student learning.

We are developing a district calendar for the next three years (SY2016-17, SY2017-18, SY2018-19) that balances the needs of families, schools and community members while meeting the educational requirements of our students. Community input about the calendar will shape the final proposal to the Board of Education in November.

We invite you to look at the informational calendar resources on this page and provide your feedback about what the calendar should look like for the next three years.

[http://www.mpls.k12.mn.us/proposed_district_calendar](http://www.mpls.k12.mn.us/proposed_district_calendar)

The survey will be open until October 22, 2015. For families that do not have access to technology to take the survey, hard copies are available in the Kenny office.

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**Calling ALL 5th graders!**

*We need YOU to help us create an extra special cover for your yearbook this year!*

*Take a selfie, have your parents submit it, along with your full name and room #,*

*no later than November 20th to photo@hajiani.com*

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**Parents** - Do you enjoy taking pictures or being creative? Volunteer for Kenny’s Yearbook Committee! If interested, contact Rita at rita@hajiani.com.
**Kenny Foundation Updates:**

**Employee Giving/United Way Campaigns**

Did you know? The Kenny Foundation received over $7,500 last year from United Way gift designations and Employee Giving campaigns! Since Kenny Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, you can assign the Kenny Foundation as your beneficiary.

Last year, we received donations through General Mills, Northland Aluminum, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Ameriprise, United Health Group, Wells Fargo, 3M, University of MN, Thomson Reuters and more!

For more information: [http://kenny.mpls.k12.mn.us/Giving_to_the_Foundation](http://kenny.mpls.k12.mn.us/Giving_to_the_Foundation)

**Key information you’ll need:**

- Kenny School Foundation
- 5720 Emerson Avenue South
- Minneapolis, MN 55419
- EIN # 75-3071701

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**Used Computers for Students**

If your child qualifies for free/reduced lunch, you may be eligible to receive an iMac that was previously used in the schools for your student to use at home.

**If interested, please contact:**

- Dianne Kersteter, Media teacher
  dianne.kersteter@mpls.k12.mn.us
- LaToya Peterson, Family Liaison
  latoya.peterson@mpls.k12.mn.us

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**Keep clipping BOX TOPS for Education for Kenny School!**

The official BOX TOP collection jar is in the school office by the teacher’s mailboxes; drop them off anytime!

*Please note we are ONLY collecting box tops, NOT soup labels, milk caps, ink cartridges, etc. THANKS!*
ART WISH LIST:

SMALL BOXES: (SUCH AS, MAKEUP, SOAP, TOOTHPICKS, PAPER CLIPS, JEWELRY, STAPLES, TOOTHPASTE, SARDINES, MINTS….)

SMALL CARDBOARD CYLINDERS: 18 OZ APPROX. (SUCH AS, GRITS, OAT MEAL, SALT, BREADCRUMBS…)

PLASTIC CONTAINERS: 5 - 24 OZ. (SUCH AS, SOUR CREAM, COTTAGE CHEESE, YOGURT, AND SHREDDED CHEESE…)

YARNS: OF ALL KINDS AND AMOUNTS

ICE CREAM PLASTIC BUCKETS

COOKIE SHEETS

TRIMS: RIBBONS, LACE, ODDS AND ENDS OF TAPES

WOOD PIECES: FOR CLAY LOON SCULPTURE BASES (APPROXIMATELY 4 X 6")

EGG CARTONS: PAPER ONLY, PLEASE NO PLASTIC.

Youth Performance Co has two terrific workshops planned over MEA

http://youthperformanceco.org/mea-workshop/

October 16th, 2015
Youth Performance Co – 3338 University Ave SE
$75 per day sessions
9:00AM – 3:30PM

Goosebumps Galore
Grades 3-6
In this season of Halloween, hayrides and all things fall, this One Day Workshop will explore the art of creative storytelling in the genre of the R.L. Stine book series. There are over 62 of these books in all. Each unique story is about a child in a strange new place and the supernatural adventure they encounter. There is always a twist of fate that does not succumb to evil or violence. So this is a chance to sit around our own YPC campfire and weave tall tales.

Zombie Apocalypse
Grades 7-12
This is why you should really be afraid! For one day we will venture to an alternative universe where humans are on the brink of extinction. One by one the living are taken over by the walking dead. Can you imagine this as a musical? Working with our teaching staff, we will spend the entire day carving out this apocalypse as a living, breathing piece of musical theater.

Acclaimed young adult novel staged by Youth Performance Company

Can one young person change the world? Area youth featured in live theater production of popular book and movie

The Giver: adapted by Eric Cobel from the Newbery Award-winning book by Lois Lowry

Dates: October 8 - 25, 2015
Performance Location: Howard Conn Fine Arts Center, in Plymouth Congregational Church, 1900 Nicollet Avenue (at Franklin), Minneapolis, MN. Free parking in church lot.
Tickets: $15 for adults, $12 for children/seniors, $10 for weekend groups (10+), $7 for weekday groups (10+)
Opening night special: $5 tickets on Saturday, October 10, 7:30 p.m. (online only)
Box office: 612-623-9080 Web: youthperformanceco.org
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. 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.