FROM THE PRINCIPAL INTERN...

We want to hear from you!

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.

The first part of the process is the survey and your feedback. The answers are anonymous. This will be used to guide our work moving forward.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/parentSOE

Thank you so much for your time and thoughts about the great things at Kenny School!

Jessica Peifer, Kenny Principal Intern

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Reminder:

There is NO SCHOOL
Thursday & Friday, October 29 & 30
Kenny Spirit Wear Orders
We are sorry to hear that some families had trouble finalizing their apparel orders. If you had trouble, you can contact Blue84 at 800-328-6681. If you still have trouble or have questions, please contact Sally Johnson at (612) 715-8017 or sally_vardaman_johnson@yahoo.com.

http://stores.blue84spirit.com/KCMN

Turkey Bingo is
Tuesday, Nov 17
6-8 pm

SAVE THE DATE FOR TURKEY BINGO!

Volunteers, raffle prizes & turkey donations are much needed for this event.

If interested in volunteering or donating please contact:
Caroline Parkner-Mitchell at caroline.parkner@yahoo.com

Kenny PTA & Site Council

Site Council Meeting December 8 at 5:30pm

Kenny School values parent input and leadership regarding decisions that affect students. We want you to be involved in making decisions in our school community. Serving on the site council is one way you can participate.

A site council is a representative group of school stakeholders that provides input to the school’s administration about school-based decisions. The site council’s work should support the academic achievement and social and emotional growth of all students.

Contact LaToya Peterson, Family Liaison, for more information at 612-668-3365 or email LaToya.Peterson@mpls.k12.mn.us.

Celebrate the State of the School at 6:30pm
PTA Meeting at 7pm
No PTA meeting December 1st
Online Resources Students Can Access at Home

Thanks to a grant from the Kenny Foundation last year, our students have access to two wonderful online resources, specifically created for elementary school students. PebbleGo has four different databases (Animals, Biographies, Science and Social Studies) and is geared toward students in kindergarten through third grade (although older students still enjoy it). PebbleGoNext currently has two different databases (Native Americans and States) and is geared toward students in third through fifth grade. Students have access until the end of December, but I have requested another grant through the Foundation to pay for the subscription for another year that will hopefully go through. All grade levels use this resource for research projects they create in collaboration with their classroom teachers.

You will need a username and password, which your students have been given. I am unable to put it in the newsletter because it cannot be posted online. If your child has forgotten the username and password, please email me and I would be happy to provide that for you.

Students also have access to other online resources made available by the school district. Tumblebooks is one such resource and the kids really enjoy using it. The link to those resources can be found here. You must access Tumblebooks through the MPS Student Learning Resources page or it will ask you for a username and password. I have also created a Google site for the Kenny Media Center. This is something all students use as part of Media class and has some helpful links and resources arranged by grade level.

If you have any questions about any of these resources, please feel free to contact me dianne.kersteter@mpls.k12.mn.us

Picture Re-Take Day is November 6th

Retake day is for any child that was absent on picture day, students new to Kenny and for those that aren't satisfied with the portraits they received. The picture packets received by the school were sent home this week.

You must send the complete portrait package back with your child on Friday, November 6th if they are having retakes.

Ordering information is available in the office.

Please contact LaToya Peterson (latoya.peterson@mpls.k12.mn.us or 612-668-3365) if you are interested in volunteering to help with this event

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6th is Lifetouch Picture Retake Day
Sam dreams to read big books.  
You can make his dream come true.

Minnesota Reading Corps inspires community members to change the future of struggling students. As the nation’s largest state AmeriCorps program, we are recognized because our tutors are getting results with the students they serve and are helping to ensure that all children are successful readers by the end of third grade.

**Become a tutor at Kenny**  
Literacy tutors commit to one year of AmeriCorps service. Tutors come from many backgrounds and include recent high school and college grads, career changers, stay-at-home parents, and retirees. Tutors are paid a living allowance, and are eligible for an education award of up to $5,730 and federal student loan forbearance. Tutors 55 or older may gift the award to a child or grandchild.

**Benefits of serving include:**
- Grow your career skills, network and resume
- Get training and coaching in research-based literacy methods
- Motivate kids in your community to succeed in the classroom

**One year. This year.**  
Join Minnesota Reading Corps

To apply or more information, visit [www.MinnesotaReadingCorps.org](http://www.MinnesotaReadingCorps.org)  
Contact recruitment@mnecd.org or 866-859-2825 with questions.

**Why I Serve**

“There is nothing greater than seeing a student who has no desire to read, develop into one of your best students and gain skills that will open doors for future success. By serving as an Elementary Literacy Tutor, I could be part of the change I wanted to see.”

George Ochoa, Minnesota Reading Corps tutor
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.

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

MARDIS GRAS
MARCH MAGIC

Saturday, March 12, 2016
March Magic Fundraiser
Hosted by the Kenny Foundation

March Magic is a themed fundraiser for Kenny School, sponsored by the Kenny Foundation and local businesses. Funds raised during the event benefit our students, teachers, staff, and school. Join parents, staff and neighbors for food, drinks, raffle drawings, live music, and dancing!

Watch for your invitation in January...

Contact Sarah Kuhn (March Magic co-chair) if you would like to be a sponsor, donate a raffle item, host a great gathering or with any questions: smmeixner@hotmail.com
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.

http://kenny.mpls.k12.mn.us/

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.

- Teachers need to be able to greet and assist children.
- 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 entering the building must sign in at the office.

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.