Hello Kenny Families,

We are having a great year at Kenny School. Next week is an exciting week - Tuesday night we have Turkey Bingo and then Thursday, we have a Student of the Month assembly. Turkey bingo is a wonderful night for families as the PTA provides a no cost dinner, followed by several rounds of bingo. Door prizes are given out throughout the night and bingo winners get to take a turkey home.

On behalf of the teachers, I would like thank the Foundation for approving a significant amount of funding to support our math and literacy programs and teaching. We are moving ahead with implementing math workshop this year and those resources will especially help with moving that forward. Ms. Peifer will share more about math workshop in upcoming newsletters.

Tomorrow is “Give to the Max” day. Kenny uses “Give to the Max” day to support many of the supplemental programs at Kenny. This funding especially supports field trips. Even though we do not take a lot of field trips, the ones we do go on are extremely valuable learning experiences. While we do ask families to pay for field trips, we always include all children regardless of contributions.

In today’s Wednesday folder, you will find report cards and a cover letter explaining change to the report card. If you have questions about the marks your child has received, please contact your child’s teacher.

This is a very special school.

As always, thanks for all you do to make Kenny a great school!
Bill Gibbs, Principal

Dates to Remember

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Link to Kenny School Website: http://kenny.mpls.k12.mn.us
Support Kenny School on

Give to the Max Day is

Thursday, November 12

Click here on Thursday to support Kenny School!

https://givemn.org/organization/Kenny-Community-School-7860950

Participate in a Minnesota tradition: Give to the Max Day and support Kenny School.

Give to the Max Day is a day for Minnesotans to come together to donate money for nonprofits and schools in 24 hours on November 12th. You can participate and designate Kenny School! All funds donated to Kenny School during Give to the Max Day are used for programs that support our science, social studies and enrichment curriculum. In the past these programs have included:

- Spring Musical Programs
- After School Programming
- Ordway Performance for all grades
- Journey to the Falls for 4th grade
- Mill City Museum trip for 3rd grade
- 3 Rivers park naturalist visits to Kenny School for all grades

Our goal is to raise $5,720

*While there are fees collected for participating in some of these programs, we continue to run short on funds.

Mark your calendars for Thursday, November 12

and Give to the Max to support Kenny School!

Tell your family, friends, and neighbors.

For more information, visit https://givemn.org/organization/Kenny-Community-School-7860950
Richfield Lutheran Church  
(on 60th between Nicollet & Blaisdell)  
Come play Bingo for turkeys and other fabulous prizes!

**DINNER WILL BE SERVED:**  **BEEF MEATBALLS, CHIPS, BABY CARROTS, PICKLES & COOKIES.**

Volunteers and donations are still needed for this event. If interested, please contact:
Jessica Strayer-Southworth at straysouth@hotmail.com

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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.

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

Kenny Spiritwear orders are being delivered to classrooms today!

If you have any problems or questions about your order contact the customer service information indicated in your packing slip.

If needed, you can also contact parent coordinator Sally Johnson at (612) 715-8017 or sally_vardaman_johnson@yahoo.com
Coming up Tuesday, December 8:

5:30pm Site Council Meeting
Tuesday

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

6:30pm Celebrate the State of the School
7:00pm PTA Meeting

(No PTA meeting December 1)

Kenny PTA needs volunteers for a Family Reading Night planning committee. The committee will be finding authors and planning fun reading activities for the February 2016 event. Contact Terri Diamond if you are able to help: diamondL@comcast.net, or call (612) 269-2550.

Kenny Foundation Update

On Tuesday, Nov 3, the Kenny School Foundation met and reviewed proposals submitted by school teachers and staff this fall. The following proposals were approved. Thank you to everyone in the Kenny Community that contributes to the Kenny Foundation via in-kind donations, employee giving/match campaigns and at March Magic – our biggest fundraiser – set for March 12, 2016! We are lucky to be part of this community that can support our children and staff with projects “above and beyond” the school district.

2 Chromebook carts ($3,392) – Chromebooks have been added as resources for 4th and 5th grade students. Many of these were generously funded by parents via DonorChoose.org this fall. These mobile carts charge the devices while keeping them secure and transferable between classrooms.

32 Chromebooks ($8,160) – Additional Chromebooks round out Kenny’s set, allowing all 4th and 5th graders access to the latest technology for writing and publishing. As a result, existing iPad resources will be transitioned down to the K-3rd grade classrooms, giving all our teachers access to technology resources to compliment their instruction.

PebbleGo Research Databases ($1,320) - As part of the media program, students in all grades K-5 learn the research process and complete research projects in collaboration with their classroom teacher with the help of this subscription databases. PebbleGo is specifically created for elementary school students. Bonus – they can be accessed at home for school work and Science Fair projects.

Replacement Mats for Physical Education ($555) - The yucky mats were dissolving of old age! Replacements keep kids safe and active. Check out the amazing obstacle course in December and see these resources in full use.

SRA Kit ($1140) – The additional 4th grade teacher this year, in addition to the literacy teacher added last month, will now have the same set of resources to utilize for increasing student achievement.

The Kenny School Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that supports building projects and academic programs at
Experience life-change growth:
Our tutors are trained to change the future.

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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:
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- Get training and coaching in research-based literacy methods
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George Ochoa, Minnesota Reading Corps tutor

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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.
- 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.