Hello Kenny Families!

I can’t believe we are a week away from Winter Break! Time is flying by. In fact, so fast I didn’t get to tell you about my Sanford experience. I spent 2 weeks at Sanford Middle School shadowing the principal there and learning all about being a leader in a middle school. I saw a lot of similar things to Kenny and some difference – like way bigger children. It is always fun to see what other schools are doing. I got to participate in lunches, visit classrooms and I even attended their State of the School. (Our statistics are better – Because Kenny children are the BEST!)

I was glad to come back to Kenny just in time for Turkey Bingo. The Kenny Community does amazing activities and all for the benefit of our wonderful children. On Monday, the Barnes and Noble Bookfair was another great example of that. Our Glee Club performed two cute songs and included the audience in two more. The parents and students were beaming with pride. I know I was proud to be part of the Kenny Community. All the while, we were raising funding for the library!

Now for some information about “Code Yellow” and “Code Red” drills. All Minnesota schools are required to conduct 5 lockdown drills during the school year, similar to fire drills. November 24 we conducted our second drill of the year. Please reassure your students that this is something all Minnesota schools do to keep children safe, in case of an emergency, and the adults will take good care of them.

Thank you so much for letting us be part of your children’s lives and creating such an outstanding community!
Jessica Peifer, Principal Intern

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### Dates to Remember

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Hello Kenny Families,

We have been really busy at Kenny School. Last night, we held a site council meeting, gave our “State of the School” presentation, and then had a PTA meeting. It was great to see so many parents attending and involved. The fourth and fifth grade teachers, Ms. Peifer and I have been also getting room 116 ready for a new teacher. Ms. Amundson resigned from her 4th grade position. We were able to conduct interviews last week and held a Meet the Teacher event Monday. I am placing the letter sent home on the webpage so you can read more about the teacher and the plan for the classroom moving forward. The new teacher’s name is Ms. Kristin Sieg. She is currently teaching in St. Paul and will start right after break, on January 4. The year is moving so quickly. It is hard to believe winter vacation starts next Friday.

As always, thanks for all you do to make this such an amazing community school.
Bill Gibbs, Principal
Flu season is upon us. If you have not already done so, I strongly encourage you to make an appointment to have your family immunized for Influenza.

Here are some important FACTS regarding influenza and other lifesaving vaccinations:

- Although we often hear that the influenza vaccine is not an exact match, the influenza vaccination is associated with a 74% reduction in the risk of life-threatening influenza illness ending in stays in the ICU!
- Significant protection is gained even when the vaccine does not perfectly match the flu virus in the environment or influenza is contracted soon after immunization.
- The CDC analyzed 67 different vaccine research studies and concluded the following:
  - The risk of anaphylaxis due to an immunization is 1 in 1.3 in a million doses!
  - For kids born in the last decade, 322 million illnesses have been prevented, 21 million hospitalizations prevented and 732,000 deaths prevented over the course of their lifetimes due to receiving immunizations.
  - There is NO EVIDENCE that immunizations cause autism and there has never been any credible evidence despite the claims by celebrities and others to the contrary. This issue has been thoroughly studied.
  - A case of measles can cause blindness and encephalitis, as well as other serious complications.
  - Recently at Children’s Hospital a 25 year old had a double lung transplant from having measles as an infant. Measles has been in the news recently. It is one of the most highly contagious communicable illnesses for which we have a VERY effective vaccine. Last year, an infant was hospitalized at Children’s Hospital in Mpls with measles, on a ventilator for 15 days and hospitalized for 27 days. During that hospitalization 788 people were exposed from that one child.

We have vulnerable students at Kenny and in our community who are at risk due to serious health conditions which prevent them from being immunized. Please help us to protect them and others.

Thank you so much!
Ann Lumbar Bendson, RN Licensed School Nurse
Kenny School Diaper Drive

Caring, that's what we do!
You care about me
and I care about you!

Please remember to grab a pack of diapers while you're out holiday shopping & drop diaper donations off in the Kenny office.

We are starting our Kenny School Annual Diaper Drive to help those in need at People Serving People.

Bring in a package of diapers for some little ones.
Any size is great, but the bigger sizes are most needed.

Thanks for helping our community!

Free 10,000 Digital Books
MPS grades K-8 are piloting myON web-based reading resource this school year.

myOn provides anytime, anywhere access to a library of more than 10,000 enhanced digital books with multimedia supports, real-time reporting and assessments and embedded close reading tools.

This digital library allows students to not only read, but to read closely, to engage with digital texts in new ways that will enhance the learning experience.

myOn includes a tutorial that will be extremely helpful for those new to myON. Please be sure to utilize this tutorial support as questions come up for you. If you have technical questions related to myOn, please access myOn support found at myON.com

Student Login Instructions:
1. Go to myon.com
2. Select School from drop-down list
3. User Name: Students enter the same MPS User Name they use to login to a computer in the classroom or at the school
4. All students have the same password which is: 1234

Thank you,
Jennifer Gottenborg
Literacy Specialist
Kenny Elementary School
Jennifer.Gottenborg@mpls.k12.mn.us

Kenny Variety Show sign-up slips are due this Friday!!
Great job, Kenny families! So far we have raised over $1,300 for the media center through the Barnes & Noble book fair.
Turn in your sign up sheets by THIS Friday!!
Tryouts Wednesday, December 16th
SIGN UP BY DECEMBER 11
How about an act with the whole family?

Thanks everyone for continuing to collect and clip box tops!

Keep clipping for Kenny!!
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](mailto:dianne.kersteter@mpls.k12.mn.us)
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Stay Informed

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

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