Hello Kenny Families,

We have had a great opening to the 2015-2016 school year. This week the Minnesota Department of Education name Kenny a “Reward” School for our work last year. Reward schools are the top 15% of Title I schools in the state based on student proficiency and reductions to the achievement gap. There were 119 schools recognized as Reward Schools and Kenny was the only school named in Minneapolis and St. Paul. Kenny was highlighted in both the Star Tribune and KSTP TV. Here are two links to the stories:


Our state test scores from last spring have been finalized as well. In math our proficiency went from 74.4% to 81% and our achievement gap decreased by 26%. In reading our proficiency went from 63.1% to 74.9% and our achievement gap decreased by 11%. In science our proficiency went from 58.5% to 58.8% (the state average actually dropped 2%). Ask any Kenny kid and they will tell you our school is about a lot more than testing, but we can still celebrate Success!

On the facilities side of things, the work on the school roof is wrapping up. All of the tar and gravel work was completed before the children’s first day. They continue to do sheet metal work and finish up the siding.

It has been a warm week. We work really hard to make sure the children stay hydrated and have access to air conditioned classrooms. Currently, 10 of our 17 grade level classrooms have air conditioning. Most of the 3rd – 5th grade rooms have air conditioning. All of the un-air conditioned rooms have reserved time in air conditioned spaces. Please have your children dress in light clothing this week. The forecast has a big cool down next week.

It is going to be another fantastic year. Please watch the newsletter and website for upcoming events. We are successful at Kenny because of a great staff and supporting and involved parents.

As always, Thanks for all you do to help make this the amazing community school!

Bill Gibbs, Principal
**March Magic Planning**

The school year has just begun, which means it's time to start planning for March Magic!! We would love for your help in planning our fabulous fundraiser.

If you have ideas, thoughts or things you would like to see happen this year, joining the March Magic committee is a great opportunity for you to provide your input and connect with other Kenny parents! Our first committee meeting will be Tuesday, Sept 15; please contact Sarah Kuhn at smmeixner@hotmail.com if you would like to volunteer and be a part of our wonderful planning committee.

*Thank you and we look forward to hearing from you!*  

Dani Sartori and Sarah Kuhn

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**Please bring in all**  
BOX TOPS for Education you’ve collected over the summer!

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!*

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**FROM THE PRINCIPAL INTERN...**

Hello Kenny Family! I am Jessica Peifer – Principal Intern for this school year. I am so excited to be part of the Kenny Family; it has already been an amazing start. I taught high school math in Arizona for 9 years before moving to Minneapolis and Olson Middle School, where I was the Math Specialist and Instructional Specialist. This year, I will be working with Principal Gibbs and taking classes for my principal licensure. I look forward to working with you!

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**Dates to Remember**

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FALL Festival

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th 5:30 - 7:30 PM

Location: Kenny Community School, 5720 Emerson Ave.

Serving Davanni’s $5 Pizza meal includes 2 slices of pizza, drink, carrots & cookie

Kids Dance DJ
Games & Fun Activities
Photo Booth
Free Flu Shots*

* Flu shots are free for everyone. If you do have health insurance, please bring your insurance card.
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](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.