Hello Kenny Families,

Thank you for the great turn out for conferences the last two weeks. Many classrooms had 100% participation. Kenny does a great job telling you how your child is doing at school and letting families know what the grade level expectations are for the children. The relationships we have with families are very special.

One of the pieces of information you received was your child’s results on the FastBridge assessment. To our surprise the district decided, after school started, that children would be given standardized tests in reading and math three times this year. Our school had been slated to give the MAP assessment in reading and math. In the past, some of our children would take up to 2 hours on each of those tests.

I learned that a number of our “high priority” schools in the district were going to pilot an assessment called the ‘FAST’ (Formative Assessment System for Teachers) assessment. The assessment is aligned to our state standards, unlike the MAP test, can be given in a fraction of the time, and can be given on Ipads, Chromebooks or computers. I reached out to the director of REAA (Research Evaluation Assessment and Accountability) with the support of our area associate superintendent, Ron Wagner, and got permission to get Kenny into the group giving the Fast test, as long as we paid for it. The cost was $6 per child and I thought, if nothing else I would approach our Foundation for the funds. It turned out that two of our teachers, Mrs. Rivard-Johnson and Mrs. Broder, ended up in training with the director of REA the following week and they convinced him that the Kenny data would give him valuable data and that he should pay for us to be part of the pilot. It paid off! We were able to gather valuable data and most children completed each section in about 15-20 minutes. Grades 3-5 took the assessments right in their own classroom.

Mrs. Wiggins, our testing coordinator, got the surprise of her life when she learned a class of kindergarteners cheered when their teacher told them they were going to go to the computer lab to take the math test on computers. For more information on the FastBridge Assessment visit their website at [http://www.fastbridge.org/areading/](http://www.fastbridge.org/areading/) and [http://www.fastbridge.org/amath/](http://www.fastbridge.org/amath/). More information on the assessments used at Kenny can be found on pages 21 and 22 of the Kenny Handbook Calendar.

It is going to be a busy couple weeks here. The children have a short week next week. The week after that has elections on Tuesday. There is an important school funding referendum question that I am worried not enough people know about. One of the reasons we are off to such a great start this year is we were given an adequate budget this school year.

As always, watch the school calendar and thanks for all you do to make Kenny the amazing community school it is!

Bill Gibbs, Principal
It takes more than principals, teachers and families to educate students. Neighbors, friends and community members influence and inspire youth just the same. No matter which role you play, we want you to see what an entire city of support can make possible.

Visit Our Schools. Se necesita contar con más que directores, maestros y padres para educar a los estudiantes. Los vecinos, amigos, familiares y miembros de la comunidad influyen e inspiran de la misma forma nuestra Juventud. No importa cuál sea su rol, queremos que vean lo que el apoyo de una ciudad entera puede hacer posible.

Soob Booqo Dugsiyada. Waxay qaadatay waqti badan in Maamulaha Iyo Macaliminta, Waalidiinta, Dariska Iyo saaxilibada, adeegaha bulshada, in wax la baro ama saameyn ku yeesahada yidiilliida Dhalinyarada. Doorka aad Rabbit ka diyaar, waxaa xanaabo in aad aragtad waxa degmada oo dhan ay taageerayso kana dhiigayso mid Suursto-gal ah.


Tour our Pre-K-8 schools during “Visit Our Schools Month!” Call the school you’d like to visit to RSVP for your chosen date.

Únase a nosotros en el mes para visitar escuelas “Visit Our Schools Month” este otoño. Haga una gira por nuestras escuelas de Pre-K-8, y aprenda sobre todo lo que tenemos para ofrecer en MPS.

Saturday, Oct. 15, 9:30 a.m.-noon
- Sabado 15 de oct., 9:30 a.m. – mediodía
- Sábado, Okt. 15, 9:30 a.m.– noon
- Ilaa Ilbo Duhurkii
- Hnub Sivity, 10 Hlil. 15, 9:30 a.m.–noon

Tuesday, Oct. 18, 10:30 a.m.–noon
- Martes 18 de oct., 10:30 a.m.–mediodía
- Tutul, 10 Hlil. 18, 10:30 a.m.–noon
- Ilaa Ilbo Duhurkii
- Hnub Tutul, 10 Hlil. 18, 10:30 a.m.–noon

For more information, visit mpls.k12.mn.us. / Para obtener más información, por favor visite mpls.k12.mn.us.
It’s election season! Here’s the information you need related to your ballot and Minneapolis Public Schools. Minneapolis voters will be asked to renew the school district’s current operating referendum authorization, which expires after the 2016-17 school year. If passed, funding would help Minneapolis Public Schools manage class sizes and provide supportive services and activities for students. Property taxes are not projected to increase if the referendum renewal passes.

Learn more here: www.mpls.k12.mn.us/referendum2016

“CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?”

Kenny PTA Family Directories are here and are being sent home!

Each *household* gets a FREE copy, generously paid for by the Kenny PTA. Your copy is being sent home with the youngest sibling in each family, and two copies are going home for families with multiple households. Look for it in your child’s backpack!

If you did not receive your directory, or if you missed the deadline and want to be included in a future addendum, please contact:

Community Resource Liaison
Susie Friederich at susan.friederich@mpls.k12.mn.us

SAVE THE DATE for Turkey Bingo

Tuesday, Nov 15.

Turkey Bingo is scheduled for Tuesday, November 15. We will need volunteers for this great family event. Donations of raffle items and turkeys are needed and much appreciated.

If you are able to volunteer or donate please contact:

Jessica Strayer-Southworth at straysouth@hotmail.com or Caroline Parkner-Mitchell at caroline.parkner@yahoo.com

Donations can be dropped off at Kenny. Let us know and we will pick up.

MY BURGER COOKING NIGHT OFF

Wednesday, November 2 5-10:00pm
My Burger Richfield (6555 Lyndale Ave. S)

During the fundraiser 15% of ALL sales will be kicked back to Kenny and then another 10% on top of that for any customers who come in and tell the cashier they are dining in that evening specifically to support Kenny Community School. No need to bring in a flier - just tell them you are with Kenny!
Wonder what the Kenny Foundation has been up to lately?
Well, just take a look around the school and you’ll see!

So far this school year, the Foundation has funded:

- Art room drying rack
- Storage shelves in the art room
- Stereo system for Mrs. Johnson
- Parent education speaker series
- Tower Gardens
- Story Works magazines for 4th grade
- Woot Math for 5th grade (an innovative learning methodology)
- Teachers’ lounge makeover
- Percussion instruments and ukuleles

This is all possible thanks to the generosity of so many Kenny families. March Magic, the largest fundraising source for the Foundation, raised just over $20,000 in 2016 for building, equipment and program enhancements benefiting all of our students.

Thank you for your continued generosity and thoughtful giving! Learn more about the Foundation at the Kenny website, or stop by one of our meetings – first Tuesday of every month in the media center.

Shannon Gunaca
President, Kenny Foundation 2016-17

Kenny Community Facebook Groups
Kenny Parents Group (search for "kenny parents group")
For all Kenny Parent questions, updates, event notifications, etc.

Class of xxxx (e.g. a 2nd grader would be Class of 2027 - search for "kenny class of 2027")

November - NO MEETING, see you at Turkey Bingo Tues, Nov 15!
All are welcome - we would love to see you!
Thanks, Viv & Lisa
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:

kennyPTA33721@gmail.com

If you have information you would like to submit to the newsletter please send to Allison Thiesing @ kennynewsletter@hotmail.com by 5pm on Mondays.

Join us on Facebook & keep up with all the latest Kenny news

http://www.facebook.com/kennyppta
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.
- Students become more responsible and gain independence when allowed to walk to the classroom on their own.
- 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.

Children will be admitted to the building at 7:50am.

All adults entering the building must sign in at the office.

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.