Hello Kenny Families,

There is always so much going on at Kenny School. Turkey Bingo was fantastic last night! We packed Richfield Lutheran Church. We had a great dinner, played bingo for 22 turkeys, and gave away lots of prizes. Mark Kuiti did a great job as BINGO caller. Caroline Parkner-Mitchell and Jessica Strayer-Southworth did an outstanding job as parent-volunteer coordinators of the event.

At last night’s event, we also had volunteers from the GAP. Our fifth grade teacher, Janee Johnson, brought this new partnership to us. As part of the corporate philosophy at the GAP, their expectation is that employees are involved with volunteering in the community. They have helped us with several events this fall. Even more interesting, the GAP actually gives Kenny financial donations for allowing their employees to do service here. What a great partnership!

Last week Kenny School raised $1,375 on Give to the Max day. These donations are very important as Kenny struggles every spring with budget cuts that do not allow us to maintain current programming even with growing enrollment. This year, Target is no longer giving schools donations based on Red Card purchases, which has a huge impact on us. Last year we received over $5,000 from Target. So, thank you to those who donated last week!

There are many exciting activities the next few weeks. Please watch the newsletter and website closely. We want to see you and your family involved at Kenny School.

Have a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving with your families.

Bill Gibbs, Principal

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**Dates to Remember**

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Link to Kenny School Website: [http://kenny.mpls.k12.mn.us](http://kenny.mpls.k12.mn.us)
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: diamondLtd@comcast.net, or call (612) 269-2550.

A FUN NIGHT OF TURKEY BINGO=
HUGE SUCCESS!

Record Attendance this year with 317 people!

TURKEY BINGO IS A KENNY COMMUNITY OUTREACH EVENT TO GET STUDENTS, FAMILIES, AND TEACHERS TOGETHER FOR A MEAL & SOME FUN PLAYING BINGO!

We gave away 22 turkeys and many fabulous raffle items. Thank you to the PTA for hosting this fun event. So many families donated turkeys and raffle items, thank you. Thanks also to all the teachers and staff who helped serve the meal. and to the many parent volunteers who helped with set up, food prep, calling BINGO and clean up, we could not have done it with out you!

Thank you Caroline and Jessica for organizing such a fun Kenny Event!
December 7th 6 - 8:30 pm Galleria Edina

Barnes & Noble BOOKFAIR

Do you have book lovers on your holiday list? Get your holiday shopping done and support Kenny School at the same time.

A portion of the proceeds raised will help Ms. Kersteter purchase new books for our media center.

A few of our events that night include:

6pm: A reading by author Lori Evert from her latest book, “The Reindeer Wish”

7pm: A performance by the Kenny Glee Club

7:30pm: Author Geoffrey Saign reading from his series, “WhipEye Chronicles”

Volunteers are needed. If you are interested, please contact:
Chris Colston at avenston@comcast.net

Thanks everyone for continuing to collect and clip box tops!

it’s hip to clip!

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
**Kenny PTA & Site Council**

**Coming up Tuesday, December 8:**

**5:30pm Site Council Meeting**
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

**6:30pm Celebrate the State of the School**

**7:00pm PTA Meeting**

*(No PTA meeting December 1)*

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**MARCH 12, 2016**

**Mardi Gras**

**March Magic**

The popular “wine wall” will be back at March Magic for a second year! Stop by South Lyndale Liquors to donate a bottle of wine in support of the Kenny Foundation and March Magic. The donation box is located near the checkout lanes.

Thank you for your support!
Experience life-change growth:
Our tutors are trained to change the future.

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
Contact recruitment@mnec.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
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.