

Hello Kenny Families,

Spring is always exciting at Kenny School. We have celebrations, promotion ceremonies, and new student registration. We will try to maintain these activities and follow all Covid19 prevention protocols to keep our community safe. We should be able to share dates for these events next week.

This year is even more interesting as the district implements its Comprehensive District Design (CDD). New student registration is usually focused on Kindergarten but this year, we have 175 new children assigned to our school which includes 75 Kindergarteners. The staff and I have decided to use a format similar to how we did the fall open house. We will set up tables by grade and specialty areas around the outside of the building. Families will then be able to meet next year's grade level teachers and have a treat.

We are tentatively planning to have our promotion ceremony on the field with the majority of families sitting on the hill. We are still planning to have speeches as part of the program. If we are outside, the traditional slideshow will be sent to families.

We also want to celebrate the successes we have had the last two years and say goodbye to all of our outgoing children. You all know how challenging the last two years have been. You have truly been our educational partner during this time. The DL teaching was amazing, I am so proud of the staff! The children have learned far more than anything that can be assessed on a standardized test during this time, but our preliminary testing results are looking pretty good!

We are still having field day activities. Ms. Johnson and Mr. Polland will be having the children do those activities during their normal PE times. We will do certificates rather than ribbons but will still celebrate with treats. The teachers will let you know when the times your children will be participating.

We really enjoy working with your children. I need to point out the amazing work that our school secretary, Linda Halverson has done during this time. In addition to supporting two programs, DL and IP, she has had to pick up many responsibilities that go far beyond her job description. She has become sort of an IT specialist along the way, she distributes, and documents device check out, she helps people trouble shoot from home, and can program iPad and Chromebooks with all the software children need to use. I do not think she has had a lunch or break away from her desk since we went back to In-Person learning. She is amazing!

The Kenny families are amazing too. As always, thank you for making Kenny the amazing community school it is.

Bill Gibbs, Principal

Thursday, May 13	DL Material Pick-up 9am-2pm 3pm-4pm
Thursday, May 20	DL Material Pick-up 9am-2pm 3pm-4pm 7pm—Kenny Parent Equity Group Meeting
Thursday, May 27	DL Material Pick-up 9am-2pm 3pm-4pm
Monday, May 31	NO SCHOOL <i>Memorial Day Holiday</i>
Tuesday, June 1	6pm—Kenny Parent Meeting via Zoom

Monthly calendar is on the back page with:

Future Dates to Remember
Bi-Weekly A-B-C
Specialist Rotation
Specialist information



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Summer Program Opportunities

Students have many opportunities to keep their minds and bodies active this summer! See below for different programs offered this summer for MPS students.

Registration is now open for MPS' summer programs

- **Discovery and Learning Academy for students entering 1st - 5th grade**

WHEN: June 21-July 29

TIME: 8:00am - 2:30pm

WHERE: Barton Community School located at 4237 Colfax Ave S

- **GEMS/GISE STEM Academy for students entering 1st - 5th grade**

WHEN: June 21-July 29

TIME: 9:15am - 3:45pm

WHERE: Lucy Laney Community School located at 3333 Penn Ave N

- **GEMS/GISE STEM Academy for students entering 6th - 8th grade**

WHEN: June 21-July 29

TIME: 9:15am - 3:45pm

WHERE: Sanford Middle School 3524 42nd Ave S

Additional summer programs for students:

- **Virtual STEM Academy (online for grades K-7) June 21-July 29**

Current MPS students currently in grades K-7 are eligible to participate. Class options available from 8:30am-3:20 pm.

- **Fast-Track Academy** (in person for 8th graders going into 9th grade in the fall)

- **Credit Academy** (in person for grades 9-12)

Find out more and register at MPS Summer programs

website: SummerScholarsMPS.org.

Transportation will be provided if requested and eligible



Kenny Parent Equity Working Group

The Kenny Parent Equity Working Group is a growing group of parents committed to anti-racism. We invite more members of the Kenny School Community to join us!

We meet from 7-8pm on the third Thursday of the month, and our next meeting on **Thursday, May 20**.

JOIN HERE via Zoom:

[https://urldefense.com/v3/_https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81645513066?pwd=K1krMGhLZm13Vjl4bjdSTFB4Z08xQT09_!!MxD8IHs9xPYQ!b4-LDZieDTiHdhekhRfz25ptlUd7L8RG2YPHIDATabux-MekAi4V6wcdAyTEinswxHzbuO3e7BcJ7\\$](https://urldefense.com/v3/_https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81645513066?pwd=K1krMGhLZm13Vjl4bjdSTFB4Z08xQT09_!!MxD8IHs9xPYQ!b4-LDZieDTiHdhekhRfz25ptlUd7L8RG2YPHIDATabux-MekAi4V6wcdAyTEinswxHzbuO3e7BcJ7$)

Passcode: **127602**

Distance Learning

Materials -Up

Thursdays from

9am-2pm

and 3pm-4pm

DL Kindergarten & 1st Grade:

NEW materials

DL 2nd and 3rd Grade:

NO new materials

DL 4th & 5th Grade:

NO new materials

There are still some Science kits to pick up for 3rd, 4th, and 5th...Make sure to get yours!



Kenny loves to read!! The annual Book Bonanza giveaway was a big success last week! Kenny kids were excited to visit the front garden to pick out a book of their own to keep. Kenny teachers were also invited to pick out a book for their classroom in honor of Teacher Appreciation week. **Thank you** to the Kenny Parent Foundation for supporting such a fun event!



Thank you to everyone who participated in the spring Scholastic Online Bookfair! Your purchases helped us to earn almost \$650 in Scholastic Rewards which will help to buy books for next year's Book Bonanza and will go toward teacher selections of classroom resources. And even more importantly, hopefully your family added some great books to your at home libraries!

ATTENDANCE LINE

MPS policy requires schools to take student attendance daily. If something is preventing your child from participating in class, please contact:

Angie McCann—Kenny School

Health Office:

angela.mccann@mpls.k12.mn.us

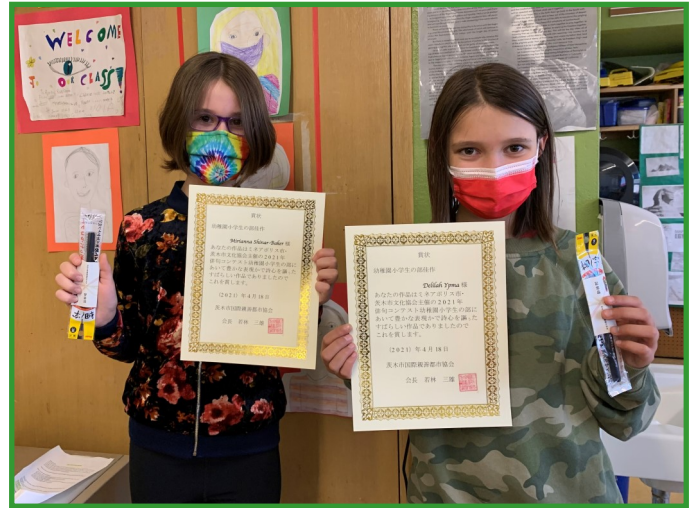
Or call Kenny's attendance line if you do not have access to email:
(612) 668-3346



Congratulations

We are so excited to extend our **CONGRATULATIONS** to our 3rd Graders Miri and Delilah for being mentioned in the 2021 Haiku Contest in the Elementary School Division, which is sponsored by the Ibaraki Cultural Association and the Minneapolis Ibaraki Sister City Association.

We are SO proud of your hard work!



It's almost yearbook time, Kenny families! The Kenny Parent Foundation (KPF) will purchase each student one book for doing such a FANTASTIC JOB with their learning again this year.

THANK YOU!

Do you have a fun picture to send in from Distance Learning or In-Person learning? How about something fun like your student trying a new activity or making best friends with your family pet? Send your pictures in NO LATER than

Monday, May 17, 2021

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FREE MEAL PROGRAM TO CONTINUE THROUGH THE SUMMER!

Minneapolis Public Schools is proud to announce it will continue its *free meal program* for all youth 18 and under throughout the summer of 2021. Food boxes containing a week's worth of breakfasts and lunches will be available for pick up at select locations.

Currently, families can pick up free food and snack boxes for their children Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at six sites across Minneapolis. Daily meals will also be served at various community sites, and home delivery will be available for qualifying families.

For more information, please visit https://cws.mpls.k12.mn.us/food_boxes.html. And be sure to thank the selfless people who help ensure students have healthy and nutritious food to eat each day.

The USDA and Minneapolis Public Schools are equal opportunity providers.





Kenny Parent Foundation (KPF) Updates

Garden Update: The KPF is working on finalizing the plans for the outdoor classroom area and garden refresh in the front of the school. Efforts will be focused on creating a "classroom" gathering area, replacing the footbridge, improving the seating area near the corner and refreshing the plant beds with attractive low-maintenance plants. Due to the anticipated work this summer, we're postponing our annual spring garden clean-up, but there might be opportunities this summer for families to participate in the garden update project. More news to come soon!

Fall Functions Need Chair People: The KPF is hopeful that we'll be able to gather as a community this fall. So, we are looking for volunteers to chair a few Kenny School traditions. Please email kennyschool99@gmail.com if you are able to help coordinate any of the following:

- **Welcome Back for Teachers** (the week before school starts)
- **Tears & Cheers for Kindergarteners** (the first day of Kindergarten)
- **Fall Festival** (September)
- **Curriculum Night** (September/October)

Welcoming New Families to Kenny: The Kenny Parent Foundation is looking for a few families per grade level that could act as "ambassadors" to connect with new families this summer and fall. If you'd like to help by answering questions and/or organizing virtual or social distanced meet-ups please email Kathy Cook at erickskh@gmail.com

Join the Kenny Parent Foundation: The KPF has open board positions for the 2021-22 and 2022-23 school years. We will need a **secretary**, a **treasurer**, and **voting members**. If you are interested in the secretary or treasurer role(s) please email kennyschool99@gmail.com.

Come Join the Fun!



Kenny Parents – We Need Your Help!

With our Liaison Susie Friederich leaving Kenny Staff this year, we will need a parent to fill the role of **Volunteer Coordinator** for next school year, 2021-2022. This role is responsible for *securing volunteers* to support the events during the year that offer fun, connection, community building, and education for Kenny kids and families. This does not mean you have to volunteer at these events – your role is to trick OTHERS into doing this. It's a great opportunity to connect with parents, use your influencing skills, and be the hub of the wheel while never having to leave your living room couch.

Volunteer Coordinator has traditionally been a role filled by parents. It's essential to Kenny to fill this role so that we can continue to support the great events that we all love... Fall Festival, Science Expo, Field Day, Family Reading Night, etc... The role's responsibilities consist of communicating volunteer opportunities to families and working with room parents to fill open spots. If you have interest, please contact Teri Fischer at terideleo@gmail.com

7 TYPES OF REST WE ALL NEED

PHYSICAL REST: MORE SLEEP, NAPS, DEEP BREATHS, RELAXATION, STRETCHING

MENTAL REST: MUSIC, MEDITATION, SILENCE

EMOTIONAL REST: OFFLOADING EMOTIONAL BAGGAGE, TALKING TO A GOOD LISTENER, THERAPY

SOCIAL REST: CATCHING UP WITH AN OLD FRIEND OR CONVERSELY, TAKING A BREAK FROM SOCIALIZING

CREATIVE REST: READING A BOOK, TAKING A WALK IN NATURE

SPIRITUAL REST: DOING THINGS THAT GIVE YOU SENSE OF PURPOSE OR MEANING

SENSORY REST: TURNING OFF DEVICES AND SCREENS, FIND THE QUIET



STAY SAFE MN

Get Your COVID-19 Vaccine!

A mobile vaccine clinic is coming to your community! Get on board to get your COVID-19 vaccine, one of the most important steps you can take to protect yourself and your community. Broadway Family Medicine is excited to offer an opportunity to get vaccinated right in Minneapolis.

COVID-19 vaccines will be offered on a bus that has been made into a mobile vaccine clinic. The special bus has all the same equipment and cleanliness as a regular vaccination site. The mobile vaccine clinic is a safe space for everyone that comes right to a spot near you. Broadway staff and volunteers will be at the event and can answer any questions before and during the bus visit.

Sign up today for a COVID-19 vaccination

- **Who:** Broadway Family Medicine is hosting the mobile vaccination bus visit and Blue Cross Blue Shield health care workers will give people the vaccine.
- **When:** The bus will be at Broadway Clinic on Monday, 5/17 (Johnson & Johnson Vaccination) & Tuesday, 5/18 (Moderna Vaccination) from 9:00am-3:00pm.
- **How:** All clients, community members, and staff should sign up for a vaccination appointment by **THURSDAY MAY 13th**. Please send the name and DOB of anyone who wants a shot to: **Filisha Thor** fthor10@umphysicians.umn.edu or **Rosemary Robinson** rrobinso10@umphysicians.umn.edu. Some walk-in appointments will be available if you cannot sign up ahead of time.
- **What:** The mobile vaccination bus will be available to **all community adults ages 18 and older**. The COVID-19 vaccine is completely free. You will not be asked for insurance or an ID.
- **Where:** Broadway Family Medicine Clinic parking lot (2426 W. Broadway, Minneapolis)

Learn more about COVID-19 vaccines at [About COVID-19 Vaccine \(www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/vaccine/basics.html\)](http://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/vaccine/basics.html).

Questions? Please contact Laura Miller at welli045@umn.edu or 651-216-0143



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SWHS BASKETBALL CAMPS FOR 4TH-6TH GRADE BOYS & GIRLS

The Minneapolis Southwest Basketball Program is proud to offer a four-day camp designed to improve the skill level of youth basketball players who are entering 4th-6th grade. Players will have opportunities to work on fundamentals, practice habits, and teamwork in a games-based learning environment.

We invite you to join us for four days of basketball instruction and fun! Each camper will receive a t-shirt.

Registration is limited to the first thirty players. Register early to save your spot!

The camps are sponsored by the Southwest High School Boys Basketball Boosters and the Southwest High School Girls Basketball Boosters.



DATES:

Girls Camp:

June 14-17, 2021

Boys Camp:

June 21-24, 2021

TIME:

8:30 am – 12 pm

AGES:

Players entering
grades 4-6

LOCATION:

Southwest High School
(Enter through Door 7
at 46th & Chowen)
Minneapolis, Mn 55410

COST:

\$125

[CLICK REGISTER
HERE TO REGISTER](#)





2021 Washburn High School Youth Soccer Camp

<https://washburnsoccer.com/camp/>

Register here: <https://washburnsoccer.com/camp/register/>

When: Monday, June 21 – Thursday, June 24, 2021

Time : 9:00 am – 11:00 am

Where: Washburn High School Stadium

Who: Anyone entering Kindergarten – 5th Grade

Cost : \$80.00 Price includes camp registration, camp T-shirt and soccer ball

Early Registration Recommended: Camp limited to 130 participants

Deadline: Friday, May 28, 2021



Thank you SO much to everyone for your well wishes and happy thoughts as I work my way through this crazy head-thing (an aneurysm!). Without all of you, I “donut” know what I would do to get through this!

Your kindness will never be lost on me.

#kennykindness

Love,

Ms. Susie Friederich xoxo

BLOCK SPECIALIST SCHEDULE

	Week A			Week B			Week C		
	ART	MUSIC	PE	ART	MUSIC	PE	ART	MUSIC	PE
8:10-9:05 Gr5	112	114	113 DL (4th and 5th)	113 DL (4th and 5th)	112	114	114	113 DL (4th and 5th)	112
9:05-10:00 Gr4	115	117	116	116	115	117	117	116	115
10:00-10:55 Gr3	120	118	119 DL (2nd and 3rd)	119 DL (2nd and 3rd)	120	118	118	119 DL (2nd and 3rd)	120
10:55-11:50 Specialist Lunch &									
11:50-12:45 GrK	KA	KB	101	101	KA	KB	KB	101	KA
12:45-1:40 Gr1	105	107	104 DL (K and 1st)	104 DL (K and 1)	105	107	107	104 DL (K and 1)	105
1:40-2:35 Gr2	103	108	106	106	103	108	108	106	103

Here are the remaining weeks of this rotation.

April 26 - Week C (2 weeks)

May 10 – Week A (2 weeks)

May 24 – Week B (2 weeks)

June 7 – Week C (final week of school)

May 9 - June 26

Kenny Main Office: 612-668-3340
 Kenny Attendance Line: 612-668-3346
 District Bus Transportation: 612-668-2300

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9 TESTING: MCA: In-Person gr 3-5 FAST: Gr 2 & DL grades 3-5	10 Week A	11 Week A	12 Week A DL Flexible Learning day	13 Week A 9-2 & 3-4 Distant Learning Supply Pick-up	14 Week A	15
16 MCA/FAST Make-ups	17 Week A	18 Week A	19 Week A NO NEWSLETTER DL Flexible Learning day	20 Week A 9-2pm and 3-4pm Distant Learning Supply Pick-up 7-8pm—KPF Parent Equity Group	21 Week A	22
23	24 Week B	25 Week B	26 Week B DL Flexible Learning day	27 Week B 9-2pm and 3-4pm Distant Learning Supply Pick-up	28 Week B	29
30	31 NO SCHOOL Memorial Day Holiday	JUNE 1 Week B 6pm—Kenny Parent Foundation (KPF) Meeting	2 Week B NO NEWSLETTER DL Flexible Learning day	3 Week B 9-2pm and 3-4pm Distant Learning Supply Pick-up	4 Week B	5
6	7 Week C	8 Week C	9 Week C DL Flexible Learning day	10 Week C	11 Week C Last Day K-5 Report Cards sent home	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Summer Scholars Programs Mon-Thurs June 21-July 23	21 Summer Scholars Begins	22	23	24	25	26