

# 12 Kenwood Courier

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## Our Newsletter for Families

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### FROM YOUR PTA CO-PRESIDENTS...

**Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!**  
The Kenwood Totally 80's Auction was great fun and a tremendous success.

**Net proceeds from the event surpassed last year and our goal of \$50,000!** Thank you for your support. This is the biggest fundraiser for the year. We use the monies raised through the auction to enhance Kenwood's arts curriculum through grade level and school-wide residencies, build community and cover basic school and classroom needs. It has also become a great social event and community builder for Kenwood parents. If you couldn't attend this year —please think about coming next year. The event space was visually stunning, the live band was great, the food was delicious, the donations were amazing and the energy in the room was truly awesome.

**A huge thanks to the 2016 Kenwood Totally 80's Auction Leadership Team** – Auction Co-Chairs, Melanie LaMere

and Cindy White along with their team — Mary Beth Aamot, Hellen Bassett, Stephanie Bell, Jenn Bishop, Adam Braun, Jen Brower, Ariel Carter, Christine Conner, Julie Coykendall, Sonja Elias, Jeremy Fink, Susie Galiano, Kristi Granacher, Lisa Hedges, Sarah Kreykes, Susan Krook, Chris Madden, Valerie Madison, Reuben Mendoza, Heather Mickman, Tracy Nordstrom, Coryn Peterson, Ian Peterson, Kim Sauvageot, Tara Saylor, Lori Smith, Ann Tozer, Anna Tuczapek, Nicole Valentine and Susan Weir.

**Thanks also to all of our staff and parent volunteers** who helped during the event and helped with the huge tasks of setting up and cleaning up. It definitely takes many people to make this important auction happen and we are so grateful to this generous parent community.



**We look forward to funding more great residencies and school-wide activities** in the year to come. We could not do it without all the community-wide support. **THANK YOU!!**

**In other news,** the 5th graders had a fantastic trip to Eagle Bluff. They experienced the infamous rope course, incorporated environmental learning into class-work and gained important independence. This trip is helpful in transitioning to middle school. The Kenwood Plant Sale is going on now and proceeds are used to offset costs associated with the trip for all students. Take this opportunity to buy spring plants and support next years' Eagle Bluff trip as well as the Kenwood PTA. **The deadline to turn in plant forms is March 11th.**

*Our school community is amazing!*

*Julie Coykendall & Anna Schmalzbauer*

### ANTHONY MIDDLE SCHOOL PRESENTS



Wednesday, March 9th at 6:30 p.m.  
Thursday, March 10th at 6:30 p.m.  
Friday, March 11th at 7:00 p.m.  
Saturday March 12th at 2:00 p.m.

VIP Pre-sale Tickets for sale online now for \$12 per seat.

Visit the Facebook page (Anthony Middle School Annual Musical) then click on the "SHOP" app to purchase online via Paypal. Pre-sale tickets allow buyers to enter 45 minutes prior.

**Tickets at the Door: \$5 for Students & Children, \$8 for Adults.** Ticketholders with tickets purchased at door can enter 30 minutes prior.

### There is a snapshot of some of the PTA-Funded activities in the 2014-15 School Year (last year)

Grade Level Residencies . . . \$30,000  
Includes: African Drumming, Taiko Drumming, Adventures in Cardboard, Native American Residency, Richardson Nature Center Residency, Minnesota Book Arts Residency, Do Like the Animals Do

- Family Activity Night . . . . . \$900
- School Play . . . . . \$3,200
- Midwest Food Connection . . . \$1,000
- MN Book Arts . . . . . \$6,133
- Barn Dance Residency . . . . . \$4,000
- Transportation for families . . . \$1,700
- 4th & 5th Grade Band . . . . . \$18,500
- Kenwood Office Supplies . . . \$2,000
- Ice Cream Social . . . . . \$400
- Teacher Support . . . . . \$3,000
- Directory . . . . . \$400
- Yearbook . . . . . \$4,700



*Music by Fränk Loesser  
Book by Jo Swerling and Abe Burrows*

March 10-12, 2016, 7pm • March 13, 2 pm  
March 17-19, 7pm • March 20, 2 pm

Southwest High School Auditorium  
Opening night is "name your price" at the door.  
For tickets and information: [www.southwesttheatre.org](http://www.southwesttheatre.org)

# Thank You Kenwood Families!

for all you did to make the 2016 Kenwood Totally 80s Auction a WICKEDLY successful event.

We are PSYCHED that together we raised more than last year and far exceeded our goal of raising \$50,000. The money will go towards maintaining the Smarts + Arts curriculum through residencies, new resources and other support and improvements.

Although it is Kenwood's largest fundraiser of the year, it has also become an important Kenwood Community Builder. For those of you that attended, hopefully it was an evening to remember.

There are so many thanks we need to make but we thought in an effort to keep it brief we would try to cover them all in a top 10 list prepared in NO particular order!

## Our TOP 10 LIST of THANKS include:

1. **YOU!** for volunteering, donating, attending, bidding, hosting and choosing to be an active part of the Kenwood School Community. AND, for showing up in some RAD costumes.
2. **VOLUNTEERS!** It would not have been possible without the help of hundreds of volunteers that worked on this auction together. Some started months ago with pre-planning, all the way through to the day and night of the auction and even the final wrap up going on now. All help, big and small was greatly appreciated.
3. **GENEROSITY** from our sponsors, donors, local businesses and families and friends that contributed to the silent and live auction.
4. **MUSIC** - Thanks to Rock Lobster for providing the LIKE, OUTRAGEOUS 80s music and TOTALLY TUBULAR atmosphere.
5. **DECOR!** Thanks to Team Honeyshine for making everyone feel like they time traveled back to their younger years.
6. **FANTASTIC FOOD AND DRINK** thanks to Nico's Tacos, Freehouse, B.T. McElrath Chocolate, Grandma Idella Schneider and Thelma's.
7. **NEW KENWOOD FAMILIES** for joining us at the Pre-Party and experiencing your first Kenwood Auction. Welcome!
8. **GREAT GRADE LEVEL BASKETS-** Thanks to all of you that contributed, organized or bought these fun baskets.
9. **KENWOOD KIDS** for creating beautiful art work that was admired all year and then bought by loving families.
10. **DOLLARS INTO ACTION-** Principal Dr. Wharton-Beck and all the teachers and staff who put all those dollars we raise into action.

It couldn't have been done without you! Thank you!

### Kenwood School Plant Sale going on now!

Proceeds from the sale will help lower the price of the 5th grade Eagle Bluff Field trip for every student and provide scholarships so that ALL 5th graders will be able to attend. Any additional funds will help support the PTA. Extra plant sale forms are in the school office and a pdf is available on the Kenwood School Website. **All plant sale order forms are due by March 11th.**



### Carnival Update

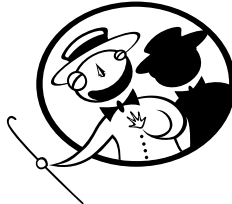
The Kenwood Carnival is ON for May 14th! Thanks to everyone who volunteered to lead the charge on this long standing Kenwood event. The team is still looking for more volunteers to help make this years carnival a success. If you are interested in lending your time and talents please contact Julie Coykendall at juliecoykendall@hotmail.com or Anna Schmalzbauer at annaitokyo@gmail.com and we will get you connected with the team.

### School Attendance

Our Kenwood School handbook clearly outlines the school and district attendance policy. **Regular attendance is important to school success. It is expected that a student will attend daily and will be on time.** Please call the school office before 8:00 a.m. when your child is absent (612) 668-2780.

### Spotlight Performances

The next Spotlights are **Wednesday, March 16th** at 8:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose room. Spotlights are informal, low key performances featuring individuals or small groups. Students audition in their classrooms. Two "acts" are chosen from each participating class to perform. Join us in the multi-purpose room to cheer the kids on and enjoy the entertainment! **Note: there are two shows a day — on four dates this year. Each show has different participants. Teachers will let you know if your child has been chosen to perform in a Spotlight.**



### CALENDAR

#### Wednesday, March 16

SPOTLIGHT — 8:00 a.m. Multi-purpose Room  
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#### Thursday, March 24

Third Quarter Ends

#### Friday, March 25- Friday, April 1

NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK

#### Monday, April 4

School resumes  
Fourth Quarter Begins

#### Monday, April 11- Friday, April 15

Pits & Alleys in the Kenwood Gym

#### Thursday, April 14

Pits & Alleys Evening for Auction Winners

#### Tuesday, April 19

Kenwood Galactic Pizza Night

#### Thursday, May 12

Kenwood MyBurger Night

