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Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

The Kenwood 2018: Space Odyssey Auction was sensational!

Net proceeds from the event surpassed our goal of \$55,000 and raised over \$70,000! Thank YOU for your support! Monies raised through the auction are used to enhance Kenwood's arts curriculum through grade level and school-wide residencies, build community and assist with school and classroom needs. The auction has also become a great social event and community builder for Kenwood parents. The Space Odyssey decor was outta this world, the food was delicious, the donations were impressive and extremely generous, the live auction was exciting, and the dance floor was a blast! If you missed out this year, we do hope we will see you at next year's event.

This year we upgraded to new online software, which helped us reduce some of our previous auction costs (catalogs, signs, etc), allowed more families to participate, and improved the overall efficiency of the event. It also enabled us to easily sell late donations and reopen bidding for items that didn't sell on auction night. The auction committee felt the online software piece contributed to making this the most successful Kenwood Auction in history. Feedback regarding your experience with the online auction software is welcome! Please contact Melanie LaMere or Cindy White with your thoughts.

Massive thanks to the Kenwood 2018: Space Odyssey Auction Leadership Team, Melanie LaMere and Cindy White. This was the 5th and final year for our talented and dedicated auction co-chairs to lead the auction team and efforts. Cindy and Melanie have worked tirelessly and whole-heartedly on growing the auction and it's outcome over the past 5 years, leading to our most successful auction, to date. Their steadfast dedication to Kenwood School has been unwavering and unbeatable. We have been so fortunate to have them at the helm of this massive auction undertaking, and we will surely miss their leadership, knowledge and heart.

Let's hear it for the Kenwood 2018: Space Odyssey Auction Team: Leslee Johns, Ariel Carter, Kim Sauvageot, Adam Braun, Mary Beth Aamot, Jen Brower, Heather Wulfsberg, Sarah Kreykes, Amy Sanborn, Julie Coykendall, Debra Altschuler, Edith-Nicole Cameron, Hellen Bassett, Christine Connor, Kristi Granacher, Ann Tozer, Tara Sayler, Heather Mickman, Renee Camera-Good, Alicia Gibson, Jane Wolke, Jeremy Fink, Traci Auger, Theresa Pohlkamp, Kelly Page, Coryn Petersen, Cindy White, Melanie LaMere.

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 are grateful to our very generous auction sponsors who value strong public schools. Thank you for supporting Kenwood School's most important fundraising event of the year!

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!!

Current PTA NEEDS: The PTA is looking for a Spring Picnic Chair! Please contact Melanie LaMere at lameremel@yahoo.com or Coryn Petersen corynpetersen@gmail.com for further information or if you have interest.

We are eager for spring to officially arrive and look forward to seeing our wonderful community out and about enjoying warmer weather and bluer skies. Until then, enjoy your Spring Break, wherever you may be!

Best,
Coryn Petersen & Melanie LaMere
Kenwood PTA Co-Presidents

Here is a snapshot of some of the PTA-Funded/Supported activities in the 2017-18 School Year (this year)

Grade Level Art Residencies * Kenwood Crawl * Field Trip Buses * School Play * Yearbook

Midwest Food Connection * MN Book Arts * All-School Barn Dance Residency * Family Activity Night

Transportation for Families * Back To School Ice Cream Social * Kenwood Office Supplies

Teacher Support (including supply stipends) * Staff Appreciation * School Safety Patrol * Student Council

A Message from Site Council member Al Rodriguez

¡Se habla Español! Dejeme saber si quiere que le traduzca al Español algunade las noticias en este periodico.
Please contact Lori Smith and she will forward all requests to Al.
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Plant Sale Orders

Due Tuesday, March 27th

Please return all plant order forms by March 27th to the office. The proceeds from the plant sale directly offset some of the cost of the 5th grade Eagle Bluff 4 day overnight field trip.

MCA Testing: April 10th – 27th

Kenwood 3rd-5th graders are scheduled to take the MCA's (Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments) during the above testing window. The primary purpose of the MCA is to measure the success of instruction based on the Minnesota Academic Standard, which specify what students in a particular grade should know and be able to do.

Assessment results can be used to determine whether all students are mastering key content knowledge and attaining the skills necessary for future success in education and the workforce. During these testing periods, it is extremely important that students are relaxed, have a good night's sleep, and a nutritious breakfast. Good attendance every day and arriving on time ready to learn are extremely important aspects of doing well in school and on tests.

For information about statewide testing, please visit the Department of Education website at <https://education.mn.gov/MDE/fam/tests/>

For examples of what a test may look like, please visit <http://minnesota.pearsonaccessnext.com/item-samplers/>

Tips for Parents – Before the Test

- Note test dates on your calendar; schedule appointments on non-testing days
- Encourage your child to take responsibility for homework and class study, and to ask questions at home and in class
- Attend parent-teacher conferences
- Help your child set realistic yet ambitious goals
- Be sure your child knows you value a good education
- Praise your child's efforts – recognize hard work and persistence

Tips for Parents – Day of the Test

- Make sure your child arrives at school on time, is well rested, and eats a healthy breakfast
- Encourage your child to do his or her best
- Do not remove your child from school on test days
- Maintain a calmness about tests – they are one portion of a child's overall education and performance
- Ask your child how he or she feels about the upcoming test. Do your best to calm anxieties
- If your child is experiencing anxiety, communicate this to the teacher

Tips for Parents – After the Test

- Ask your child about the test
- Examine any reports that are sent home and share them with your child as appropriate
- Share your child's area of strength and help make a plan to address any weaknesses
- Talk with the teacher if other information is needed
- Support your child in setting and achieving new goals

5th Annual Kenwood Elementary Benefit Rummage Sale

Saturday, June 9th
9 AM- 2 PM Kenwood Rec Center

Spring cleaning? Please set aside any clean items in good condition for the Kenwood Rummage Sale. Last year's sale made over \$1,400 for Kenwood School! Donations can be dropped off at the Kenwood Rec Center on Friday, June 8th or Saturday morning, June 9th. Thanks in advance for helping to reduce, reuse, recycle!

Extra Pants Needed

The health office is looking for extra pants to have on hand in case of accidents or lunchroom spills. While all size pants are needed, the biggest need is for students in the kindergarten - 2nd grade size range.

Lost and Found

Our lost and found has many items that need to be reunited with their owners! Please take some time to stop by the lost and found to look for anything that might belong to your family. Many times parents do not even realize something is missing, so it pays to take a look. Items not picked up will be donated.

Reading Corps

Looking for a way to get involved at Kenwood? You can join us as a Reading Corps tutor! Get trained in August and start working with students in the 2018-2019 school year. Learn more and apply at www.readingandmath.net

Calendar

Thursday, March 29th

Dress Like your Favorite Book Character Day

Friday, March 30th – April 6th

NO SCHOOL – Spring Break

Monday, April 9th

School resumes



Thursday, April 12th 4:00 – 5:30pm

Site Council Meeting

Monday, April 16th – Friday, April 20th

Pits and Alleys in gym class

Tuesday, April 17th 4:00 - 9:00pm

Edina Grill – Dining for Dollars

Thursday, April 26th 7:00 – 9:00pm

EVEREVE Shopping Fundraiser

Wednesday, May 9th

National Bike/Walk to School Day