

# Kenwood Courier

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**Spring has finally Sprung!** Snow pants and snow boots, be gone! Hello, sunshine and short-sleeves! What a treat it is to see kids on the playground and across the street at Kenwood Park, playing and running and enjoying the long-awaited, sunny spring weather! This is a golden time of year at Kenwood, with plenty of outdoor excitement and many community activities to keep the last month and a half of the school year fun-filled and busy.

We rounded out April with a new addition to the ongoing **Dining For Dollars** campaign with a successful and delicious evening at the **Edina Grill**. Thank you to all those who dined at the Edina Grill! As always, seeing the exceptional Kenwood School community fill a restaurant on behalf of our school and PTA is heart-warming. We hope you enjoyed your experience and look forward to seeing you out at the next Dining For Dollars event. And speaking of... We are thrilled to welcome **Jamba Juice** to the 2017-2018 lineup! Join us on Friday, May 18, from 2pm - 4pm for an after-school Jamba Juice delight at Kenwood School. The Jamba Juice truck will be serving up their famous smoothies immediately following school in the Kenwood School parking lot, with a portion of the sales going back to the Kenwood School PTA. Yum and fun! A big thank you to Sonja Elias for bringing in Jamba Juice and coordinating the entire 2017-2018 Dining For Dollars campaign.

Also included in our sendoff to snowy April was our second **Evereve shopping event**. It was a ball to see so many Kenwood faces out for an evening of spring and summer shopping. Thank you to all who stopped in for a springtime spree, a bobble, a nosh or a hello! As with our fall shopping event, a portion of the total sales from the shopping party will go back to Kenwood PTA. Bravo and thanks to Sarah Kreykes for spearheading this new-to-Kenwood fundraiser and to all the PTA members who donated wine and food for the event. We are most definitely looking forward to this again next school year.

**April snowstorms bring May flowers?** At Kenwood, they do! The annual **Plant Sale** is well under way, and orders have been placed! We are so excited that a portion of this year's plant sale pickup dates coincide with our Jamba Juice Friday! Grab a smoothie, pick up your plants! And remember, if you didn't get a chance to place an advanced plant order, there will be some plants and flowers available for purchase during the pickup dates. Plant sale pickup starts on Friday, May 18 at 12pm. Proceeds from the plant sale each year support our beloved 5th Grade Eagle Bluff trip. On behalf of the PTA and all the Kenwood 5th Graders, we thank you!

**Come what MAY!** May Day, May Flowers, May Taiko Drumming, May Center for Book Arts, May National Walk/Bike to School Day, May Teacher Appreciation week... and the list goes on! May is plump full of so many things at Kenwood we *may* just explode with excitement! Included in May will be a **Spring Family Picnic!** The date is currently set for Saturday, May 12 from 11AM-1PM, at Kenwood Park. Also coming in May will be an **evening to recognize all our parent volunteers** for any and all contributions within the school, classrooms and school/PTA events. We will communicate the date and time as soon as possible! It's always a pleasure to unwind with a little adult happy hour with our fearless and dedicated community of volunteers. Details coming soon!

**The PTA is thinking ahead to next year and looking for new volunteers and members!** The PTA's main functions are to provide community-building events and activities for Kenwood families and manage fundraising efforts and dollars within and for Kenwood School PTA. PTA fundraising efforts support grade-level art residencies, classroom support, field trip busing, activity scholarships, workshops, potential future after school programming, and much more. Please contact Melanie LaMere, Coryn Petersen or Lori Smith if you have any interest in future PTA or volunteer opportunities. New faces bring new ideas, and new ideas bring new possibilities! We need you! Until then, we are anxious to see all our Kenwood School friends out and about, enjoying the sun and celebrating our community as we sail into our last 6 weeks of the school year.

*Happy Spring!*

*Coryn Petersen & Melanie LaMere*

*Kenwood School PTA Co-Presidents*

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### 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.  
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### Teacher Appreciation Week

May 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>

Thank you to all our teachers for putting in the extra hours and effort to make Kenwood a special learning environment for students. Notes of gratitude really warm their hearts!

### Earth Day Clean Up Week

Now that the snow has melted, Kenwood kids will be taking some time during the week to clean up around our neighborhood. When classes return to school, they will weigh their garbage to see how much they have collected. The class with the largest weight will win the Trash Trophy!

### Kenwood Green Team Projects

1. Kenwood School Garden - Helping Children Grow Since 2010: We need families to help from spring until fall with the weeding, watering, and harvesting – visit the sign up sheet if you would like to take a shift.
2. Stone Poem Raingarden: Art, Poetry, and Storm Water Mitigation. Volunteers are needed to weed and maintain this beautiful spot.
3. Kenwood Annual Benefit Rummage Sale: A June event that raises money for Kenwood School. Last year nearly \$1,400 was raised. This year's sale drop off/set up will be on Friday, June 8th from 4:00-6:00pm and the sale will be on Saturday, June 9th from 9:00am-2:00pm at the Kenwood Rec Center.
4. DNR School Forest Initiative: We are in the process of forming a partnership between Kenwood School, the Minnesota DNR, the Cedar Lake Park Association, Minneapolis Park and Rec Board and the Mpls School Board. We need parents to lead hikes with their children's classrooms and to help with the Oriole Feeding installation in the spring.
5. Recycling/Composting: We are looking at improving recycling and adding composting back to our lunchroom.
6. World Soles: An ongoing athletic shoe recycling program. Bins are located at Kenwood School in the fall, and then moved to Kenwood Rec Center for the remainder of the year.

Please contact parent Angie Erdrich or visit the Green Team sign up page to help. [angie\\_sandeep@yahoo.com](mailto:angie_sandeep@yahoo.com)

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4dafa82baaf94-kenwood2>

### National Bike/Walk to School Day

Join us on Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> for our bike/walk to school day. All students that participate will earn a "I Biked" or "I Walked" sticker and can sign the mural. Students that ride the bus can also participate by taking part in the Woodchuck Walk. Please bring a lock for your bike and make sure to follow biking and walking safety protocol. Bikes can be locked at the bike racks along Franklin Ave, both by the school and the rec center. If you are interested in helping pass out stickers in the morning when students arrive at school, please contact family liaison Lori Smith at [lori.smith@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:lori.smith@mpls.k12.mn.us).

### Plant Sale

Plants will be arriving on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. We need help unloading the plants, organizing them, filling orders, and helping. Please visit the sign up sheet if you can help -

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084fa4a829a5fd0-kenwood2>

Orders can be picked up from 12:00-6:00pm on May 18th. Extra plants will be available for purchase on Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am-12:00pm, as well as the following week after school from 2:00-6:00pm each day.

### Jamba Juice

Jamba Juice is coming to Kenwood! The juice truck will be outside school from 2:00-4:00pm on Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. Juices will be available for \$3.00, with 20% of sales being donated back to Kenwood PTA. Stop by to enjoy a tasty treat!

### Kenwood Spring Picnic

Mark your calendar for the spring picnic, scheduled for Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am-1:00pm. More details about the event will be coming. Thank you to parents Leslee Johns, Anne Long, and Al Rodriguez for planning this event.

## Calendar

Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>

Walk/Bike to School Day

Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>

True Food Taste Test (during lunch)

Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 – 5:30pm

Site Council Meeting

Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 11:00am-1:00pm

Kenwood Picnic

Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 8:15-9:30am

Kindergarten Registration

Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 12:00-6:00pm

Plant Sale Pick Up

Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2:00-4:00pm

Dining for Dollars - Jamba Juice

Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup>

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Patrols to MOA

Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>

Track & Field - Grades 1, 2, & 3

Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>

Track & Field – Grades 4 & 5

Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>

Track & Field Rain Date