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lay the groundwork for a successful school experience. Come prepared to ask about your child's performance on the MAP

(Measures of Academic Progress)

test for Grades 1-5 and the BKA (Basic Kindergarten Assessment) tool. The testing season began on September 25. This is the first round of MAP testing for grades 1-5. This year we administer the winter MAP test. The spring MAP test will occur for 1st & 2nd grade in May. MCAs (Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments) will occur for grades 3-5 in March. According to the Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA), results from September & October MAP tests provide vital information on what your child knows in the core subject areas of Reading and Math.

Attendance Matters! School begins promptly at 7:30 am. We would like to reverse the trend of many of our students arriving to school after the 7:30 am bell rings. School is a dress rehearsal for life. Developing a practice of being punctual to school sets the tone for the day. All Kenwood teachers start the school day with a Responsive Classroom and/or Second Step lesson. When your student arrives to class late, they have missed an essential piece of instruction. Thank you for helping us to reinforce good habits.

Thank you for your support of Kenwood School.

FROM YOUR PRINCIPAL...

There is a certain amount of synergy that occurs between 7:15 and 7:30 a.m.

when I greet the children at the beginning of the day. Their collective "poise of presence" enables them to be open to the possibilities of education. In other



words, **Kenwood students arrive at school READY to learn.** As I visit their classrooms, your children remain actively engaged in the learning process at every level! Kenwood students ask thought-provoking questions during grade – level book club meetings, exchange interesting ideas with their peers, explore the complexity and beauty of nature through walking field trips, and share their artistic talents through grade level "Spotlights".

Kenwood Crawl 2016 — Walkers of all ages kicked off the annual Kenwood Crawl in grand style. The pep in their step helped to ward off the uncast clouds! This time-honored event hosted current students, staff, Kenwood alumni, parents, grandparents, and host of canine friends.

The Kenwood Crawl raised a remarkable \$16,000 for school arts residencies. Thank you to our event chairs — Traci Auger and Hellen Bassett, community sponsors — our donors, and volunteers for their steadfast commitment to promoting and sustaining the arts at Kenwood School. We had nice weather, great music, delicious snacks and a great group of students, teachers and family members—and more than a few dogs! Thank you! Congratulations to all students for a successful 2016 Kenwood Crawl!

Kenwood PRIDE —

Respect and safety are etched in the DNA of the culture of this school and are reinforced on a daily basis.

Kenwood Kids show their Kenwood PRIDE every day by demonstrating these values: **Peacefulness, Respect, Integrity, Dependability, and Engagement.**

Teachers provide lessons about each of these qualities, what they look like in the classroom, and what they look like in the common areas around Kenwood School. Beginning in October, our Student Council members will recognize students who demonstrate our Kenwood PRIDE values. A different classroom will be highlighted each week to ensure that every room is recognized during this school year. We encourage parents and other significant adults in our children's lives to talk about PRIDE values with their student and support our efforts to promote a safe and respectful environment for all students. Kenwood PRIDE compliments our Second Step Curriculum.



Parent/Teacher Conferences — *"What did you learn today? What mistake did you make that taught you something? What did you try hard at today?"*— Carol Dweck

Please reserve October 18th and 19th for Parent-Teacher conferences. Fall conferences provide a structured setting for parents and teachers to discuss their children's academic performance and achievement. These one-to-one meetings with teachers, and following up with both your children and their teachers afterward,

Kenwood Bike/Walk to School Day!



Wednesday, October 5th

Promote exercise, reduce traffic, show school spirit!

Upon arriving at school, sign our school poster and receive a sticker. (Bus Riders can do a short course around the playground to sign the poster & receive a sticker too!)

Cyclists: Wear helmets, use bike paths & lanes, bring a bike lock.

Walkers: Use safe routes, cross at intersections, wear comfy shoes.

Questions? Contact Chris Madden at christine.madden@mpls.k12.mn.us or 612- 668-2778

IMPORTANT DATES



• Say Cheese! **Picture Day is on Friday, October 14th.** School pictures are a great way to save Kenwood memories for future enjoyment and to share with friends and family. Look for an order form in your child's backpack soon. **Retakes** will be on **Thursday, November 17th** in case your child is absent on the first go-round or you do not like the first photo.

• **Conference Meals:** The PTA provides meals for our hard-working teachers on the long, busy days of conferencing with parents and guardians. Teachers really appreciate it. We still need help with set-up and clean-up on **Tuesday, October 18 & Wednesday, October 19th.** If you can help, please sign up on our sign up genius e-mail that will be sent out this week or contact Lori Smith at volunteer4kenwood@gmail.com



★ KENWOOD FAMILY ACTIVITY NIGHT ★

November 17th, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

FREE Dinner ★ BARN DANCE ★ Scholastic Book Fair

SAVE THE DATE! ★ MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW!

Kenwood Crawl Wrap-Up

**From Crawl Co-chairs
Traci Auger & Helen Bassett**

Thank you to Kenwood students, family members, teachers and friends for participating in the 2016 Kenwood Crawl—a fantastic way to start the new school year. **This year's Crawl raised nearly \$16,000!** The event's **20-year fundraising total has reached nearly \$200,000.** Thank you to Kenwood students and families for your generous donations supporting Kenwood's amazing art programs.



Congratulations to Ms. Ferrell's 2nd grade class (room 224) for winning the coveted Kenwood Walking Stick with the highest class participation at 52%. Ms. Adamson's 4th grade class (room 204) raised the most funds—an amazing \$2,200! Both classes will celebrate with recess-in-the-park parties.

This year's top individual fundraisers were **Avabelle H.** (Room 204 – Ms. Adamson), **Corinna C.** (Room 203 – Ms. Suedbeck) and **Garrett C.** (Room 117 – Ms. Sullivan). Corrina and Garrett each collected 64 donations. Student winners received Minnesota Zoo and Big Thrill Factory gift cards generously donated by MSP Communications/Twin Cities Business magazine.

Thank you to all of the parent and student volunteers, Principal Wharton-Beck, Chris Madden and staff and teachers for the incredible support.

And, to the incredible individuals and organizations below for making the Crawl a huge success:

Event Sponsors: Artrageous Adventures, Caribou Coffee, Corner Balloon Shoppe, Isles Bun & Coffee, Kowalski's Market and Lunds & Byerlys

MC: Russell Woolf

Kenwood Parent Band: Jim Anderson, Russ Auger, Tim Brunelle, Luca Gunther, Brad McLemore and Julie Young-Walser

Graphic Design: Nancy Hope

Thank you, again for supporting the 2016 Kenwood Crawl.

Minneapolis Public Schools now require that all parent volunteers going on School Fieldtrips submit a Criminal Background Check form by mail to the district along with a \$5 fee.

This background check is good for two years from the date it was approved.

Note: It takes 5-10 days for processing. Forms are available on the Kenwood website kenwood.mpls.k12.mn.us and in the office.

Calling All Nature Lovers & Hikers...

As a part of Kenwood's project to make Cedar Lake Park a DNR school forest, we are looking for a group of Kenwood parents interested in learning about the trails and points of interest in Cedar Lake Park. This group of parents will support Kenwood students and teachers as they explore and learn in the park.



Dr. Keith Prussing of the Cedar Lake Park Association will be leading a kick off hike on Friday October 8th from 2-3 pm. Teachers, parents, school volunteers and accompanied students are welcome! Meet outside the front door.

If you are interested or have any questions about this project we would love to hear from you! Please contact Angie Patel at Angie_Sandeep@yahoo.com or Jeremy Fink at jeremyfink@gmail.com.

Kenwood TEA clothing fundraiser

The Kenwood fundraiser with TEA's Children's globally inspired clothing collection is coming up from October 12 – 19th. You simply need to visit TeaSchoolDays.com that becomes activated October 12th. Shop and then enter our Promo Code "SDF16KENWOOD". You will receive 15% off your order, free shipping (6-10 days) AND Kenwood receives 15% of all sales!

CALENDAR

Monday, October 3

Student Council Anti-bullying Campaign Kindness in Chalk kick-off

Wednesday, October 5

Bike/Walk to School Day

Wednesday, October 12 - 19

TEA School Days fundraiser

Friday, October 14

Picture Day

Tuesday, October 18

Parent-Teacher Conferences 2:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 19

NO SCHOOL – Parent-Teacher Conferences 7:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 20 & Friday, October 21

NO SCHOOL – MEA: Statewide Teacher Professional Days

Wednesday, October 26

Spotlights
8:15 a.m. – Multipurpose Room
1:00 p.m. – Multipurpose Room
Note: Each is a separate show.

Thursday, October 27

Site Council Meeting
4:00 – 5:30 p.m. — Media Center

Thursday, November 3 & Friday, November 4

NO SCHOOL

Thursday, November 8

Election Day — Kids Voting

Thursday, November 17

Family Activity Night
Give To The Max Day
Picture Retake Day