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Our Newsletter for Families

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Native American Art in the Present Tense: Exhibit opens November 17th

FROM YOUR PTA CO-PRESIDENTS...

Can you believe that Thanksgiving is almost here? We have had a beautiful fall and it is hard to believe that we have already finished 50 days of school. Ask any Kindergartener and they will count to 50, and tell you about how they celebrated.

It's a busy week this week at Kenwood!

Mark your calendars for Kenwood Night at The Lowry Restaurant this Tuesday night the 15th. Support Kenwood Elementary school and eat great food at The Lowry on Thursday 11/15 from 4-7pm - 50% of sales will be donated to Kenwood School PTA! The Lowry, 2112 Hennepin Ave - Minneapolis, MN

Please join us this Thursday night the 17th, from 4-7pm for Kenwood Family Activity Night. There will be a delicious FREE pasta dinner, catered by The Lowry from 5:00-6:30 p.m. in the Multi-purpose room. The Scholastic Book Fair will be in the Media Center from 4:30-6:00 p.m. Kenwood Spirit Wear Sales will be on the 1st Floor from 5:00-6:00 p.m. Then the All-School BARN DANCE will take place in the gym from 6:00-7:00 p.m. This is a culminating event of the PTA-funded all-school Roots Dance Residency. We really need volunteers! Visit our Kenwood website to sign up for a shift.

Again this year, Kenwood School will be participating in Give to the Max Day on November 17th, a national day of online fundraising. All money raised is given directly

to Kenwood School to support our academic enrichment. Last year, parents and community members donated \$11,000 to Kenwood School. These monies have been designated to support differentiated mathematics by investing in a library of math manipulatives, activities and materials that will offer teachers additional resources to help support mathematic growth for every student. Additionally, Give to the Max funds were able to fund online memberships for our media center to offer Kenwood students new opportunities for technology based learning in literacy, drawing and math. Thank you for considering Kenwood School and academic enrichment in your annual giving. Visit www.givemn.org —"Kenwood Community School".

Kenwood Read a Thon update!

Way to go Kenwood kids! **Together you read over 105,000 minutes and raised more than \$14,600** for our artists in residency programs! Congratulations to our top readers, Aima P. who read 1,680 minutes and Elizabeth H. who read 2,269 minutes as well as to our top fundraisers Boden B. and Avabelle H. While many students participated, Ms. Hartzell's class had the highest percentage of participants - 78%! Thanks to all the families that supported the Read a Thon and a special thank you to Cynthia Martin, Marla Horwich, and Lori Smith for their behind the scenes work. Keep reading Kenwood!



During October, students enjoyed working with local Native American artists and creating art based on their studies. This art residency was sponsored by the Kenwood PTA. Art from all grades will be on display in the lower corridor from November 17th through winter break. Come view the beautiful results of this original and innovative curriculum developed by our fantastic art teacher, Margaret Zimmerman-Swenson. Thank you to volunteers Heid & Angie Erdrich, who also helped to bring this idea to life.

Once again the Kenwood community will be preparing Holiday baskets for families in need. A flyer will come home in early December to request a basket or make a food contribution to these wonderful baskets.

Have a great Thanksgiving holiday with your families! Hope to see you at Family Activity Night!

Melanie LaMere & Julie Coykendall

If you are in need for resources for holidays, please contact our school social worker Michele Edwins at 612-668-2784

Picture Retake Day Friday, November 18th

For students who were absent for the first photos or who want another picture taken. Students getting a 2nd photo MUST return the original packet when they come for the retake.

Kenwood Night Out at The Lowry

Support Kenwood Elementary school & eat great food at The Lowry on Tuesday, November 15th from 4-7:00 p.m.

50% of sales will be donated to the Kenwood School PTA!

The **LOWRY**

The Lowry, 2112 Hennepin Ave - Mpls., MN 55405 612.341.2112
<http://www.thelowryuptown.com>. A Kenwood parent owned-business

give TO THE **MAX**

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Please consider supporting Kenwood School on **Give to the Max Day** Thursday, November 17th.

The money raised will be used for academic enrichment for the students at Kenwood.

www.givemn.org
(Kenwood Community School)

THANK YOU!

Coats & Waterproof Mittens needed! Our social worker, Michele Edwins is requesting donations of waterproof mittens, coats and snow pants that are new or still in good condition to school office. **Thank you for your help.**

Family Activity Night
FREE Pasta Dinner ★ **BARN DANCE**
Scholastic Book Fair
 Thursday, November 17th 4:30-7:00 p.m.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

- ★ 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.
FREE Dinner: Multi-purpose Room
 Please be our guest for a delicious pasta dinner, catered by *The Lowry*
- ★ 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.
Scholastic Book Fair: Media Center
- 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.
Kenwood Spirit Wear Sales: 1st Floor
- ★ 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.
All-School BARN DANCE: Gymnasium
 This is a culminating event of the PTA-funded all-school Roots Dance Residency.
- Sword Dance,** presented by the fifth graders, follows Barn Dance at **6:45 p.m.**

If you need transportation, please contact Chris Madden at 612-668-2760.

Holiday Food Boxes

Kenwood Families have a tradition of providing the makings of delicious holiday meals for others in our school community who are experiencing difficult times. **In backpacks, after Thanksgiving,** please look for a flyer from our school social worker, Michele Edwins. If you would like to make a donation, simply fill out the tear off portion of the flyer and return it to school by the stated date. **We will need assistance in assembling the boxes on the morning of Wednesday, December 14th. Contact Chris Madden at christine.madden@mpls.k12.mn.us or 612-668-2760 if you can help.** If your family would like to receive a food box this year, please don't be shy about calling Michele at 668-2784 to request one. She can also share information about other holiday resources and programs, like Toys for Tots.



Used book Sale

Mrs. Gregory & her third grade students are gearing up for their annual Kenwood Used Book Sale. The money raised goes to purchase books for Kenwood School's Book Room collection for all students. The sale will be Thursday and Friday, December 15 & 16 in the third grade hallway. Donations of used children's books are appreciated. If you have books to donate, please send them in with your child. Boxes for the books will be set up in the school atrium and outside of Mrs. Gregory's Classroom – Room 221.

Anthony Middle School Tours are starting now.

Anthony Middle School is Kenwood Elementary School's pathway school. If you would like to schedule a tour visit their website at anthony.mpls.k12.mn.us. There will also be an **Info Night at Anthony Middle School on December 1, 2016.**

Help Wanted

Mark your calendars — **Saturday, February 25th, 2017** will be the annual Kenwood Silent & Live Auction! Believe it or not, the planning has begun but we still have a few spots available on the planning committee. We are looking for four or more people to:

- 1) Co-Chair Silent Auction
- 2) Co-Chair Database Management
- 3) Co-Chair the Live Auction
- 4) Co-Chair Corporate Sponsorships.

If you want to be more involved this year, please reach out to the Auction Co-Chairs, Melanie LaMere (LaMereMel@yahoo.com) & Cindy White (cdocteurwhite@gmail.com). It's a fun and easy way to meet and get to know other Kenwood parents. We encourage both Moms and Dads to get involved! It's for such an important cause.

CALENDAR

- Monday, November 14 – Friday, November 18**
 Native American Involvement Week
- Tuesday, November 15**
 Kenwood Night at The Lowry restaurant 4:00 -7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 16 – Thursday, November 17**
 Scholastic Book Fair Hours for Parents:
 Wednesday – 7:30am - 3:30pm
 Thursday – 7:30am - 2:30pm & 4:30pm - 6:00pm
- Thursday, November 17**
 Family Activity Night 4:30 - 7:00 p.m.
 Give To The Max Day
- Friday, November 18**
****PICTURE RE-TAKE DAY**** 
- Student Council "Team Up Against Bullying" Team Jersey Day
- Wednesday, November 25, Thursday, November 26 & Friday, November 27**
 NO SCHOOL — Thanksgiving Holiday
- Friday, December 2**
 Be Rad in Plaid Day — Stand Up To Bullying Student Council Sponsored Day
- Wednesday, December 14**
 Holiday Food Box contributions are due at school by 8:00 a.m.
 Choir Concert 7:40 a.m. Multi-purpose Room
- Thursday & Friday, December 15-16**
 Room 221 Used Book Sale
- Monday, December 19- Monday, January 2**
 NO SCHOOL — Winter Break
- Tuesday, January 3**
 School Resumes
- Friday, January 13**
 MLK Assembly 8:00 a.m.