

Kenwood Update

April 11, 2022

KENWOOD

Over a Century of Smarts+Arts

SCHOOL

For those that celebrate, we wish you a Chag Sameach or Happy Easter!

End of the Day Time Change

Thank you for your understanding this week as the buses may take a few days to adjust to the new schedule. Parent/caregiver pick up doors (door 4 and 8) will open at 4:35 and close at 4:42.

MCA Testing – Grades 3-5

The MCAs (Minnesota Comprehensive Assessments) begin in grades 3-5 this week and continue into the first week of May. The testing schedule is posted on [our website](#) for you to review the dates and times for your family. For more information on these state tests, please visit <https://education.mn.gov/MDE/fam/tests/> or view the [attached flyer](#) on what families need to know. These tests show a snapshot of children's learning, and cannot be "studied for". Getting a good night's sleep and eating a healthy breakfast help students do their best on test days, and every day!

Welcome Desk Volunteers Needed

The office is looking for volunteers to work the welcome desk in the mornings, signing in students who arrive late to school. Shifts are short (9:30-9:50am) and it's easy to do! Just welcome kids to school, sign them in, and write a pass for class. Email lori.smith@mpls.k12.mn.us if you're interested.

Lost and Found

Missing some of your winter gear? Check the lost and found, located inside the atrium. All items left at the end of this week will be donated.

Grade 3 Used Book Sale

Mark your calendar (and clean out those bookshelves) for the grade 3 used book sale, organized by Ms. Gregory and her class. All books will be sold for 25 cents and proceeds will go to support the school book room, which houses multiple copies of books available to all classrooms. You can begin to send in book donations beginning in May. Children's books only please!

American Indian Parent Advisory Committee

The Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS) American Indian Education Department is conducting their annual election for its American Indian Parent Advisory Committee (AIPAC) for the 2022-2023 academic year. Elected committee members serve as a voice for American Indian students and families within the more than 70 schools that make up the Minneapolis school district.

To be eligible to serve on this elected committee, you must identify as at least ONE of the following:

- Parent/legal guardian of an American Indian MPS student
- Be an MPS American Indian student in good academic standing (current 8th-11th, 9th- 12th Grade next year)
- Be MPS teacher or staff member

- Be a community member interested in advocating for students and families educational experience in MPS

NOMINATIONS ARE DUE by end of day Monday, April 18th, 2022. Please complete [this form](#) for each person you are nominating. Miigwech, Wopida, Thank you
Questions? Contact Christine Wilson, Family Engagement Specialist
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Community News

* This section provides information our community may be interested in. We are unable to sponsor, endorse or recommend the activities or organizations.

FREE At Home Covid Tests

Minnesotans can order two test kits per home at [Order your free at-home rapid tests](#). The website includes information on at-home rapid testing, a video demonstration and FAQ on how to use the iHealth COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Test, and a link to place orders with the state's fulfillment partner, Care Evolution. Orders can also be placed through the Minnesota Department of Health COVID-19 Public Hotline at 1-833-431-2053 Monday - Friday from 9 am to 7 pm or Saturday from 10 am to 6 pm. Language assistance is available.

She Rocks!

She Rock is happy to kick off the Girls Rock N Roll Retreat at Bryn Mawr Elementary school from July 11-22. Celebrating their sixteenth year, the Girls Rock n Roll Retreat (GRRR) is an annual day camp (9am-4:30pm daily) that offers 5 days of music lessons, playing in a band, art classes, exciting workshops and a Friday night concert for girls, trans and nonbinary youth ages 9-16.

<https://sherocksherock.org/girls-rock-n-roll-retreat>

Upcoming Dates

Below are some dates to be aware of. [Click here](#) to view the district calendars.

- April 26-28: Scholastic Book Sale
- April 28: Poem in Your Pocket Day
- May 4: Bike, Walk, or Roll to School Day
- May 12: Incoming Kindergarten Registration
- May 26-27: Used Book Sale