

Kenwood Update

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KENWOOD

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SCHOOL

National Volunteer Appreciation Week: April 17-23

A huge thank you to all who have volunteered at school, either this year or in the past – we appreciate all you do for the students at Kenwood!

Problem of the Week (POW)

Attention, Woodchucks! There is a new Math Wall at Kenwood, just outside the lunch room, and everyone's invited! Each Monday there will be a new challenge sheet. This is entirely optional and help from parents or others is absolutely okay; the goal is to get kids excited about math. One problem is aimed for the middle grades at Kenwood and one is aimed for the higher grades — students can challenge themselves and choose to do one or both. Turn in answers (with name and class written clearly) at the Math Wall by Friday morning to get counted. The class with the highest participation at the end of the year will get a reward! A big thank you to parent volunteers Matt Schmitt and Danny Miller for organizing the POW this year.

Minneapolis Kids

Minneapolis Kids is the district's before and after school care program for youth in grades K-5. Registration for the 2022-23 school year opens for current families on Friday, April 29 at 7:00am. New families may start registering on Wednesday, May 4 at 7am. Questions? Mpls.Kids@mpls.k12.mn.us or 612-668-3890. <https://mplskids.mpls.k12.mn.us/home>

School Lunch

Lunch on Thursday, April 21 is a tasty, locally-sourced meal! This meal includes turkey chili, jojo potatoes, cornbread, and dessert. [MN Thursdays](#) are a fun, special way to highlight our [Farm to School program](#), support the local food economy, and offer students fresh, seasonal options. View [menus](#) to find the delicious breakfast and lunch options at your school this month!

Dining for Dollars - Nico's Tacos: April 25, 11am-10pm

Help support Kenwood school by stopping by Nico's Tacos for some tasty food. 20% of the sales from the day will be donated back to Kenwood PTA, which supports our arts residencies. Thank you to Nico's Tacos for their donation.

Scholastic Book Fair: April 26-28

Classrooms will visit the Book Fair early next week for a quick preview. Students will have a chance to purchase books Wednesday and Thursday during the day. Students will bring more information home next week. We need volunteers to help with set up, clean up, preview and sale days. Please consider [signing up](#) for a shift or two – it's a great way to meet new people!

The Book Fair will be open, in the Kenwood Media Center, to **ALL caregivers/families** between 4pm-6pm on Tuesday 4/26 and Wednesday 4/27 or 9am-6pm Thursday 4/28. On Thursday, 4/28 all families are invited to join PTA on the playground from 5:15-6pm for treats in honor of the

Book Fair and Poem in Your Pocket Day!

Poem in Your Pocket Day: April 28

To coincide with the Book Fair, we will be celebrating Poem in Your Pocket Day next Thursday. Students are invited to choose a favorite poem to have in their pocket to share with each other throughout the day. Principal Johnson will have poems for all students to keep in their pocket as well.

Kid Clutter Pickup Drive

Spring is here - clear out your outgrown kid stuff and support the Kenwood PTA! Kid A is a local business (at 50th & Penn) that will:

- pick up all your outgrown kid and baby stuff,
- pay you for the items they resell, and
- donate other items to great local non-profit organizations for you.

For each family that chooses to donate their proceeds to our school, Kid A will contribute an extra \$5 [Click here](#) to schedule a time for Kid A to pick it all up on Monday, May 2 - slots are limited! Learn more at <https://kidamarketplace.com/>

Summer Program Dates Modified

Summer program dates have been changed to fit the modified school calendar. Summer Scholars will run from July 5 - July 28. Community Education programs will run from the week of June 27 to the week of Aug. 8 and may vary by class or program. Please check the [summer programs webpage](#) for more information.

Community News

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

Grade 4 FREE National Park Pass

Every year all kids in the fourth grade have access to their own Every Kid Outdoors pass at www.everykidoutdoors.gov. This pass provides free access to national parks across the country. The Every Kid Outdoors pass is good for the 4th grade school year, until August 31. Information on obtaining the pass is available by visiting www.everykidoutdoors.gov.

Fare for All Food Program

Everyone and anyone can shop at Fare For All across 30+ pop up sites in the Twin Cities and Greater MN. Shop for quality, nutritious foods at discount and budget-friendly prices. They follow a co-op model, so the more people who shop, the better the discounts. Fare For All buys fresh produce and frozen meat in bulk from wholesalers, manufacturers, and growers. [Volunteers](#) bundle it into \$10 – \$30 packages that are sold at sale locations. [Click here](#) to view their schedule or visit [their website](#) for more information.

Did you hear?

Congratulations to Edward Barlow on being selected as one of 11 finalists for Minnesota Teacher of the Year! Barlow has taught in Minneapolis for more than 32 years and is currently the music teacher at Anwatin Middle School.

Congratulations to North High School Coach Larry McKenzie, who was inducted into the Minnesota High School Basketball Hall of Fame. Coach McKenzie is the winner of six state titles and is widely recognized for his leadership and work with student-athletes on and off the basketball court.

Upcoming Dates

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

- April 25: Dining for Dollars – Nico's Tacos
- April 26-28: Scholastic Book Sale
- April 28: Poem in Your Pocket Day
- April 28: Family Playtime on the Playground, 4:45-6pm
- May 4: Bike, Walk, or Roll to School Day
- May 12: Incoming Kindergarten Registration
- May 19: Kenwood Picnic, 4:45-7pm
- May 26-27: Used Book Sale