

Kenwood Update

December 13, 2021

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SCHOOL

Reminder: NO SCHOOL December 20-31 for winter break. School resumes on Monday, January 3, 2022

Picture Retake Day Change

LifeTouch is unable to guarantee pictures will be processed before this Thursday, so we will be adjusting our picture retake day. When the date is set we will communicate that to families. Thank you for your understanding.

ROOTS Dance Residency

The 2021 Roots Dance Residency continued a 15-year tradition at Kenwood School. “Dr. Bob” and “Ms. Julie” are parents of former Kenwood students, and also former employees with MPS. Julie is a licensed classroom teacher and Bob has a PhD in ethnomusicology. During the residency Kenwood students enjoyed successful experiences of traditional songs and games from Mexico, Uganda, Indonesia, Turtle Mountain, Appalachia, the Georgia Sea Islands, and many other cultures around the world. Students practiced social skills and cooperation, as well as musical and physical movement skills. Fifth-graders continued their special rite of passage, learning a sword dance based in traditions from the northeast of England and performing it for their parents and the whole student body outdoors (because of the pandemic) on the last day of the residency. The residency provided an outlet for creativity and self-expression, combined with social connection and cooperation. Given the context of this moment in history, those needs are strong. As a result, this was one of our most rewarding school residencies ever. Julie and Bob are grateful to the Kenwood PTA, parents, teachers and staff but most of all to the students: we loved our time with you!

[2021 ROOTS Dance Video](#)

Winter Recess Gear

We are in need of winter gloves, hats and snow pants for students to use during recess. If you have any gently worn items that you are willing to donate, please send them to the office.

Holiday Meal Boxes

Thank you to those who are donating food for the winter break holiday meal boxes. Donations can be dropped off outside the art room (downstairs on the lower level) on Wednesday from 9:20-10:30am. If you would like to request a meal, please reach out to Ally Adamski or Lori Smith, or call the main office at 612-668-2760.

Winter Break Resources

Winter break is just around the corner (Dec. 20 - Dec. 31). K-5 students can join Community Education for student learning experiences (arts, sports, outdoor adventures and more) on Dec. 20-22 and 27-29. Transportation and free meals are available; [register online](#).

Please visit the MPS [website](#) for additional resources and information on free and low cost activities, meal sites and more.

Vaccine Clinic

Thank you to all the volunteers at the vaccine clinic last week, and especially to community members Greta Schmitt, Jena Wert, and Erin Wise for all the behind the scenes work organizing the event. They were able to administer 212 shots! If you are interested in receiving a COVID shot or booster, please see the information below.

To find the site closest to you, visit [vaccines.gov](#), text your ZIP code to 438829 (GETVAX); or call 1-800-232-0233.

[Find COVID-19 vaccine appointments at the CDC's VaccineFinder](#). You can filter by location and search for Pfizer only for 12-17-year-olds.

[Find vaccine locations](#) and providers near you using the State's interactive map.

Sign up for the Minnesota [COVID-19 vaccine connector](#) in English, Spanish, Somali or Hmong to get contacted about vaccine in your area.

Contact your primary health care provider or a local pharmacy.

[Find more information, updates and free community vaccinations on the City website](#)

Mpls Hockey Youth Night

December 14th is Youth Night at the Mpls boy's hockey games. Mpls hockey is a mix of students from across the city that represent MPS. Youth can attend the 5pm JV game or 7pm Varsity game at Parade Stadium for free if wearing their association hockey jersey. Visit <https://www.mplshshockey.com/> for more information.

Upcoming Dates

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

- December 7: EVEREVE all day fundraiser
- December 16: Picture Retakes
- December 17: Kenwood Spirit Day - Pajama Day
- December 20-31: Winter Break (NO SCHOOL)
- January 3: School Resumes
- January 17: Martin Luther King Jr. Day (NO SCHOOL)
- January 22: Bogart's Donut Co – Dining for Dollars
- January 27: Kenwood Spirit Day – Beach Day
- January 28: Teacher Record Keeping Day (NO SCHOOL)

