

Kenwood Update

February 7, 2022

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Picture Retake Day: February 17

Picture retakes have been scheduled for Thursday, February 17th. Students who were not in school on the original picture day will be called down to have their picture taken. If you received a portrait package from the original picture day and would like retakes, please return the packet to school that day.

Specialist Newsletters

Please view the newsletters from each of the specialist teachers. Newsletters are available in the 4 main languages spoken by MPS families.

Report Cards

Report cards for quarter 2 are coming home in backpacks today. Please review and keep the report card at home. To cut down on waste, please return the envelope to school to be used again.

Conferences: February 22 and 23

If you have not yet scheduled your conference (virtual or in-person), please reach out to the classroom teacher as soon as possible. Please make sure to alert the teacher by Wednesday, February 9th if an interpreter is needed. To request transportation for an in-person conference, please reach out to Lori Smith by Thursday, February 17th.

African American Family Involvement Week: February 14-18

[Click here](#) for more information on the district's events for African American Family Involvement week. Events include Story Telling, Documentary Screening and Discussion, Family Game Night, and a Paint and Pizza Night. ([click here](#) to order the paint kits and pizza coupon, supplies are limited) All events are virtual and free!

An exhibition honoring Black History Month titled "Resilience in Action" is on display through the month of February at the John B. Davis Educational Service Center. The artwork on display is from Black local artists, community members and MPS students

Celebrating Black Brilliance

Every Kenwood classroom has selected a contemporary Black artist, scientist, athlete, visionary, politician, entrepreneur or activist to study. Classrooms have created door displays to share their learning with the school community. Ask your student who they studied, why they chose that person, and what they learned.

Sledding Party: Saturday, February 12

All families are invited to the sledding party this Saturday, February 12 from 1-3pm on the hill across from Kenwood Rec Center. Bring your own sled, or use one provided by PTA. (Helmets not provided,

families sled at their own risk) Hot chocolate and heat proof cups will be available, but please consider bringing your own thermos to cut down on waste. Please stay to play – this is not a drop off event. Contact Lori Smith for transportation or winter gear requests by Thursday, February 10th.

Transportation

Thank you for your patience and understanding with the nation-wide bus driver shortage. If you haven't already, we recommend you download the 'Here Comes the Bus" App to be able to track where the bus is. [Click here](#) for more information. The school code is 87018.

I Love to Read Month Spirit Day

We saw some great book characters last week! Don't forget to show your spirit for Read in Red on Friday. How much red can you wear?

Did you hear?

Congratulations to Jeannett Vyhanek (Anwatin Middle School) who has been named Minnesota Middle School Counselor of the Year by the Minnesota School Counselor Association! A big congratulations to Education Minnesota's Teacher of the Year award nominees Edward Barlow (Anwatin Middle School) and Aberdeen Rodriguez (Edison High School)!

Upcoming Dates

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

- February 11: Read in Red
- February 12: PTA Sledding Party
- February 15-28: Read-A-Thon
- February 17: Picture Retake Day
- February 18: Silly Socks Day
- February 21: President's Day (NO SCHOOL)
- February 22: Daytime Conferences (NO SCHOOL)
- February 23: Afternoon/Evening Conferences
- February 25: Pajama Day