

# Kenwood Update

January 3, 2022

**KENWOOD**

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**SCHOOL**

Happy New Year! We hope you and your family had a relaxing winter break. If you haven't already, please take a moment to read the update from Principal Johnson, sent earlier today.

## Winter Recess

Outside recess happens every day as long as the temperature is above zero and the windchill is above negative 10. Please remember to keep an eye on the temperature and send students to school with appropriate winter gear. If you have any gently worn items (boots, snow pants, gloves) that you are willing to donate, please send them to the office. If you would like help with securing winter gear, please contact School Social Worker Ally Adamski.

## Anwatin Middle School

Attention grade 5 families! Anwatin (our pathway middle school) has scheduled their open house for Thursday, January 20 from 5-6pm. More details will be communicated by them. You can learn about Anwatin and watch their school video [here](#). Students are automatically enrolled in their pathway school unless families make a different request. You can learn about all MPS schools and make requests at [exploremps.org](http://exploremps.org). Requests should be made by February 7.

## Picture Retake Day

Picture retakes have been rescheduled for Friday, January 14. Students who were absent during the first picture day or anyone who would like a re-do are welcome to have their picture taken on January 14. You can order pictures online at [mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com) with school code EVTRSFQ6J.

## Read-A-Thon

PTA is looking for a few people to help co-chair the Read-A-Thon in February. If you are interested, please contact Family Liaison [lori.smith@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:lori.smith@mpls.k12.mn.us) or PTA President [greta.p.schmitt@gmail.com](mailto:greta.p.schmitt@gmail.com).

## COVID Symptoms

Families should check their children for COVID-19 symptoms before school each day. To report a student absence, please call the health office at 612-668-2766. Community testing locations and options can be found on the [Minnesota Department of Health website](#).

- [Daily Home Health Screening tool](#)

- [Quick Symptom Checker](#)

## **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 and Affordable Food**

In need of food? Or are you looking for ways to support hunger relief in your community? Check out the updated Minneapolis food security resources on the City [website](#). To see food shelves by location, explore this [map](#). [Find winter market schedules and locations](#). Nearly all accept SNAP-EBT benefits.

## **Minneapolis Cultural Radio Programs**

Tune into the City's cultural radio programs for COVID-19 updates and other City news. The City has programs on KMOJ 89.9 FM (English); La Raza 95.7 FM (Spanish); KALY 101.7 FM (Somali); and WIXK AM 1590 (Hmong.) [Radio shows schedule and audio files of past programs](#)

## **Upcoming Dates**

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

- January 13: Kenwood Virtual Open House for Prospective Families
- January 14: Picture Retake Day
- January 17: Martin Luther King Jr. Day (NO SCHOOL)
- January 20: Anwatin Open House, 5-6pm
- January 22: Bogart's Donut Co – Dining for Dollars
- January 27: Kenwood Spirit Day – Beach Day
- January 28: Teacher Record Keeping Day (NO SCHOOL)