

Kenwood Update

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SCHOOL

We wish a Blessed Eid for those that are celebrating.

Teacher Appreciation Week

Are you looking for a way to show teachers some love during teacher appreciation week? Families are invited to stop by before school (9:00-9:20am) Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, to chalk the walks around Kenwood! Volunteers will have chalk available. Click [this link](#) if you are interested in bringing something sweet, salty, or healthy to honor our teachers this week.

National Walk, Bike or Roll to School Day: May 4

The weather is getting better, so why not take advantage and walk, bike, or roll to school this Wednesday. Remember to follow all safety rules and wear a helmet rules if biking or rolling. There are bike racks available along Franklin Avenue by the school and rec center.

Plant Sale - This Week!

Plants are scheduled to arrive on Thursday afternoon and will be available for purchase starting on Friday at 10am. If you preordered a patio plant or hanging basket, those items will be pulled aside for you. All other plants are available for purchase on Friday, 10am-6pm and Saturday and Sunday, 9am-5pm. Proceeds from the plant sale are used to support the grade 5 trip to Northern Lights Camp and PTA art residencies. We need help unloading and organizing plants on Thursday afternoon (time TBD) and during the sale – please [click here](#) to take a shift. No plant experience necessary!

PTA Website

PTA has a new [website](#)! Make sure to check it out – there's lots of great information there about Kenwood School and Kenwood PTA. A big thank you to parent volunteer Aidan O'Connor for designing the website.

Green Team

Calling all gardeners, expert and newbies!! We are looking for volunteers to help with the school veggie and rain garden. No experience necessary. Contact amysanborn18@gmail.com.

Math POW

Interested in the POW (Problem of the Week)? Grab a copy from the math wall by the lunch room, or view the attached flyer. Return the completed form by Friday.

Pits and Alleys

Mr. Kramka will be transforming the gym to create pits and alleys, a tag game consisting of obstacles and direction changes. All students will have the chance to participate in the game next week.

Used Book Sale

Ms Gregory and the 3rd graders are preparing for the used book sale at the end of the month. If you have children's books (picture books, graphic novels, chapter books, fiction and nonfiction) to donate, please send them in. Proceeds from the sale go towards purchasing books for the school book room.

Kenwood Spring Picnic

Mark your calendars for Thursday, May 19 for the Kenwood Spring Picnic, happening from 4:45-6:45pm. There will be a FREE dinner for all students, along with their caregivers and siblings under 18. Thank you to MPS and Kenwood PTA for providing the food. More info will be coming home soon!

Math Open House

MPS is piloting three new math curriculum options in 23 elementary schools as part of a K-12 math curriculum review. Families are encouraged to watch informational videos (available in English, Spanish, Somali and Hmong)and fill out the survey on the [Math Curriculum Adoption webpage](#). Families, community members and staff may also give feedback at the [Math Materials Open House](#) at the Davis Center on Saturday, May 7, from 9:30-11:30am.

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 Softball and Baseball Clinics

Twin Cities Play Ball is hosting free clinics around the cities for kids ages 6-12. [Click here](#) for more information or to register.

Riverside Park Sound Garden

Explore historic Riverside Park with FREE outdoor guided nature walks and art activities. Check the flyer for more information on dates and times.

Grade 4 FREE National Park Pass

Every year all kids in the fourth grade have access to their own Every Kid Outdoors pass, providing 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.

Upcoming Dates

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

- May 4: National Bike, Walk, or Roll to School Day
- May 6-8: Plant Sale
- May 12: Incoming Kindergarten Registration
- May 19: Kenwood Picnic, 4:45-7pm
- May 26-27: Used Book Sale