



Specialist Newsletters

Please see the attached newsletters from our specialist teachers. Please feel free to reach out to them with any questions.

- Mr. Kramka – physical education
- Ms. Parker – media
- Ms. Swenson - art
- Ms. Wilcox-Freeburg – music

Indoor Lunch Volunteers

Volunteers have always been an important part of keeping lunch running smoothly at Kenwood, and this year is no different. Volunteering in the lunchroom is a quick and easy way to help out while also getting a chance to meet students in your child's grade. All volunteers must fill out [the form](#) certifying they are either vaccinated or will comply with weekly testing.)

There are plenty of spots in the schedule for set shifts each week or every other week. If you are interested in helping out, please contact lunch volunteer coordinator, Kelly Henry kellybhenry@gmail.com. We currently have open slots on Monday 11:55am-2:10pm, Wednesday 10:45-11:50, 12:30-2:10pm, Thursday 10:45-11:15am, 11:55-1pm and Friday anytime. Click [here](#) to view lunch times by grade or time.

Door 8 – Arrival/Dismissal Change (November 2)

Reminder – On Tuesday, door 8 will be used for the election. The interior doors to the school will be locked. Students who typically arrive or leave through Door 8 can be dropped off at door 1 in the morning and picked up at door 3 in the afternoon. [This change is only for November 2.](#)

A Note from the Health Office

The health office is in need of size small pants and underwear. If you have any to donate, please send them to the main office. Thank you!

November is National American Indian Heritage Month

American Indian Awareness & Family Involvement Week (November 15-19) is a week-long initiative for Minneapolis Public Schools celebrating, recognizing and raising awareness of American Indian people & culture. Please click [here](#) for more information. For more information and resources, check out the resources on the following websites:

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- [MPS American Indian Education](#)
- [National Museum of the American Indian](#)
- [Smithsonian Museum](#)
- [Information about Beadwork](#)

Community News

*This section provides information our community may be interested in. We are not able to sponsor, endorse, or recommend the activities or organizations.

Kenwood COVID Vaccine Event (ages 5-11)

On October 26, the FDA's independent advisory committee on vaccines (VRBAC) voted to approve the COVID vaccine for 5-11 year olds, and on October 29th the FDA approved the vaccine for Emergency Use Authorization. On November 2-3, the CDC's Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices will meet to discuss their recommendations. In anticipation of CDC approval, a vaccine event is being planned in the Kenwood Gym for both the first and second doses. Please save the dates November 17 and December 8. Both medical and non-medical volunteers are needed.

More information and the sign up will be communicated soon.

Why should I get my 5-11 year old vaccinated?

- Already more than 1.9 million 5-11 year olds have been infected with COVID-19.
- More than 8,300 have been hospitalized, many of which had no other medical problems.
- 1/3 of those hospitalized end up in the Intensive Care Unit
- MIS-C (Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children) is the highest in this age group and can cause severe inflammation throughout the whole body. So far there have been 5,217 reported cases. 60-70% requiring Intensive Care. 1-2% of these cases have ended in death.
- 94 kids 5-11 have died from COVID 19 making this one of the top 10 causes of death in this age group.
- Long term symptoms (long COVID) occurs in 7-8% of kids
- Fully vaccinated kids do not have to quarantine from school after exposures

You may have questions and maybe even some concerns about the vaccines for this age group. The great news is that these vaccines are both safe and effective. View this video from the American Academy of Pediatrics answers common questions about vaccines: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p8KRPkgUcPE>.

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Upcoming Dates

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

- November 5: Teacher Record Keeping (NO SCHOOL)
- November 15-19: American Indian Awareness & Family Involvement Week
- November 18: Give to the Max
- November 19 – Kenwood Spirit Day – Hat Day
- November 24-26: Thanksgiving Break (NO SCHOOL)
- December 3: Picture Day
- December 16: Picture Retakes