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Conferences

Conference dates are set for Tuesday, October 19 (4:00-7:00pm) and Wednesday, October 20 (8:15am-4:15pm). If you do not have a conference time set, please reach out to the classroom teacher this week. Caregivers may request the conference to be in person or virtual. If you would like to request an interpreter, please let the classroom teacher or the office know by Thursday, October 7.

Please keep in mind that the above dates are specifically set aside for teachers to have the opportunity to conference with each and every family. We ask that you set your conference sometime during the above windows. Thank you for your support.

Conference Meals

Our teachers strive to meet with every family during conferences. To help keep them fortified, please consider signing up to provide some food. It's a small way of saying thank you for the long hours our teachers put in and they really appreciate your generosity! [Click here](#) to sign up.

National Walk or Bike to School Day

Wednesday, October 6 is National Walk or Bike to School Day. Getting some exercise before school is a great way to start your day, so please consider walking or biking to school. If biking, please remember to follow road rules, wear a helmet, and lock your bike. Bike racks are available by both the school (Franklin Ave side) and the Rec Center.

Outdoor Lunches

We intend to provide the opportunity for students to eat outside as long as the weather permits. Please consider volunteering to help. [Sign up here](#) to volunteer for some shifts. Click [here](#) to view lunch times by grade or time.

Art Adventure

We are still looking for volunteers for Art Adventure. Trainings are available in October and November and classroom visits (in person or virtual) should occur in November and/or December. If you have questions or are interested in volunteering, please contact Lori Smith.

Kenwood Crawl Update

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Thank you Kenwood community - together we raised just over \$6,000 dollars to help every child at Kenwood School be a part of art residencies this year. More importantly, we had a great turnout! Over 300 current Kenwood kids, alums, staff and family members had a great time. Ms. Maupin's class had the best turnout (67%) and the random drawing winners of the Birchbark Bookstore gift cards were Emerson S (room 112), Annabelle O (room 138) and Simon C (room 221). If you would still like to make a donation, you can do so [here](#). All donations are tax deductible.

Culinary and Wellness Update

Like school districts across the nation, we are facing unprecedented disruption in the food supply chain that will likely cause menu changes with little notice. Please know that nurturing all children through quality food and active living will continue to be our central mission. When menu changes become necessary, CWS will try to use replacement items that are as close to the posted menu as possible. Breakfast and lunch remains free to all students for the remainder of the school year. [Culinary and Wellness Services Website](#)

National Farm to School Month (October) is a celebration of food education, school gardens, and school meals made with healthy, local food. MPS has a variety of Farm to School Month events planned for MPS students, staff and families to participate in all month long! [Farm to School Month Website](#)

Harvest of the Month is an opportunity for students to learn about Minnesota food and farmers in the cafeteria and the classroom. [Harvest of the Month Website](#)

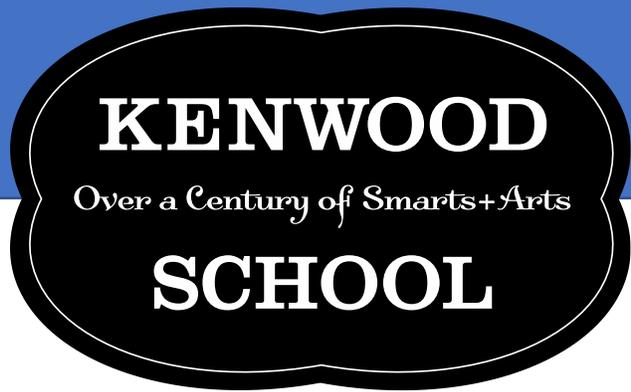
This fall, MPS Culinary & Wellness Services will be featuring three locally grown items from farms here in Minnesota: Apples from Minnesota Harvest; Squash from L&R Produce, Seeds Farm, & Pearson Organics; and Wild Rice (local purchasing).

Community News

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

Owámni: Falling Water Festival: Saturday, Oct. 9, 1-5pm

Join in the Owámni: Falling Water Festival, a celebration of Indigenous Minnesota cultures. Owámni is what the Dakota called the area at St. Anthony Falls; it means "whirling or falling water" in the Dakota language. This free, family-friendly event celebrates Indigenous Minnesota culture. Listen to music, appreciate art, learn more



about artifacts from the Minnesota History Center's collection, and picnic in the park with Native foods from Owamni by the Sioux Chef and other food vendors.

Father Hennepin Bluff Park, 420 SE Main St., and the new Water Works Park, 333 First St. S.

Upcoming Dates

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

- October 6: National Walk/Bike to School Day
- October 12: Virtual Curriculum Night (date change)
- October 19: Parent Teacher Conferences (after school)
- October 20: Parent Teacher Conferences (all day) (NO SCHOOL)
- October 21-22: MEA (NO SCHOOL)
- October 29: Kenwood Spirit Day – Mismatch/Scarecrow Day