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### After School Dismissal

Please review the following dismissal policies. They are in place to ensure the safety of all students and to make sure buses can depart on time.

- Please make sure the classroom teacher knows where your student is to go at the end of the day.
- If there is a change to the after school plan, please send a note or email to the classroom teacher and the office that morning.
- If there is a last minute change, it must be communicated to the office before 2pm. Teachers are not able to check email throughout the day, but the office can get the message to them if changes are communicated before 2pm.
- Please take a few minutes to discuss the after school plan with your student/students so they also know where to go.
- If a child is being picked up by another adult or going with a friend, that must also be communicated to the school.

### Here Comes the Bus

Thank you for being patient and understanding with any bus delays. If you would like to receive notifications on the location of your student's bus, please visit the [district transportation website](#) for more information. You will need the school code (87018) and the student ID number. Student ID numbers can be found on previous report cards, or by contacting the office.

Please know that this is not a perfect system. The app tracks buses, not students. If there is a substitute bus or driver, the GPS location may not be available. There may be times when a bus will not appear on the app, but will show up at the stop.

### School Messenger

MPS uses school messenger to communicate information to families. Families can now edit communication preferences – calls, texts, alternate phone numbers, etc. This feature also gives you a place to review messages you may have missed. You can update your preferences on the [district school messenger website](#).

### TITAN K-12 Family Portal and School Meals

The district is transitioning to a new meal software program, [TITAN K-12 Family Portal](#). ALL families with children enrolled in MPS should complete an [Application for Educational Benefits](#) each year. Information provided on Applications for Educational Benefits:

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- generates millions of dollars in funding for Minneapolis Public Schools and our schools, students, and families.
- determines benefits for students and families such free bus cards and discounted internet service. **All families are still strongly encouraged to complete an application for their household.**

All students will receive no cost breakfast and lunch for the entire 2021-2022 school year due to a federal waiver. Families do not need to add money to their TITAN accounts except for things like second entrees and/or a la carte items. All families are still strongly encouraged to complete an [application](#) for their household as the information determines critical funding for Minneapolis Public Schools.

### Safe Routes to School

Want to improve the walking, biking and rolling routes to our school? The City of Minneapolis Public Works has partnered with MPS Safe Routes to School to develop a survey around the barriers and opportunities to make walking, biking, and rolling routes to school safe, comfortable and convenient. Please take the short survey by September 24. [Take the survey and learn more on the MPS Safe Routes to School website.](#)

### Safety Drills

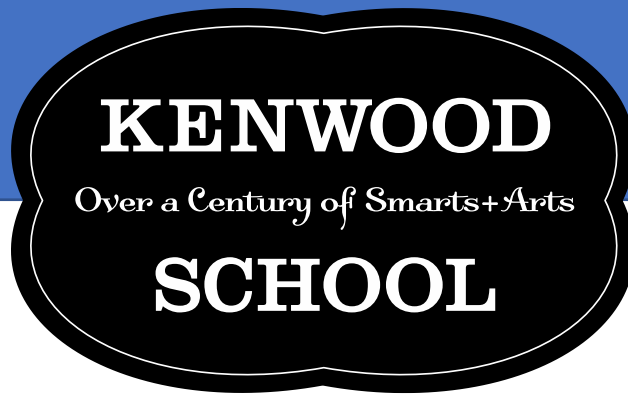
Throughout the year, you may hear students mention having a safety drill at school. All schools are required to hold a certain number of fire, lockdown, and tornado drills each year. Teachers will prepare students by going over the procedure ahead of time and reminding them that these are just some of the ways we practice being safe in school. Language used is appropriate for young children.

### PTA Open Positions

Kenwood PTA is still seeking board members, including President, Co-Treasurer, Central PTA Liaison, and Equity and Justice Liaison. If you are interested in joining PTA, please email [amysanborn18@gmail.com](mailto:amysanborn18@gmail.com) for more information.

### Kenwood Crawl – Saturday, September 25

Mark your calendars for the annual Kenwood Crawl – a great way to meet some new friends and get some exercise, all while helping to support Kenwood kids. Students, staff, family members, friends and neighbors are invited to participate with the goal of raising funds to support Kenwood's performing arts programs. Hennepin Healthcare will be onsite to offer free flu shots (masks required to be worn while receiving a shot). The event takes place across the street at the park (rain or shine) from 9-11am. Donation



envelopes will be sent home next week. Donations are optional – everyone is invited and everyone walks! We also need help to make this event successful and fun for everyone. Please take a look at the [sign-up sheet](#) and see if there is a shift that works for your schedule. Please email [lori.smith@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:lori.smith@mpls.k12.mn.us) or call 612-668-2760 for transportation requests by Thursday, Sept. 23.

### **Volunteering at Kenwood**

We have always been fortunate to have many volunteers assisting our students, however we will not be using volunteers during September. We will revisit this in October to determine if it makes sense at our location. Thank you for your understanding.

### **Room Helpers**

If you are interested in being a room helper (formerly known as room parent), please email parent volunteer Britta Gustafson at [britta.gustafson@gmail.com](mailto:britta.gustafson@gmail.com). Every classroom has different needs, but most room helpers assist teachers a handful of times throughout the year. Many classrooms share the position with another caregiver, so feel free to let Britta know you are interested.

### **District COVID-19 Health and Safety Information**

Information for families has been posted on the [MPS webpage](#). You can view the [daily health screener](#) to determine if a child should stay home from school and view the [COVID19 Data Dashboard](#).

### **Upcoming Dates**

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

- September 25: Kenwood Crawl, 9:00-11:00am
- October 6: National Walk/Bike to School Day
- October 7: Curriculum Night
- October 8: Picture Day
- October 19: Parent Teacher Conferences (after school)
- October 20: Parent Teacher Conferences (all day) (NO SCHOOL)
- October 21-22: MEA (NO SCHOOL)