

# Kenwood Courier

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**Happy New Year, from the PTA!** With winter break behind us, and spring break on the distant, chilly horizon, it's time to put our heads down and get to work. For students, this means a lot of learning and residency focus. For the PTA, this means putting on the annual Kenwood PTA Auction. This is our biggest PTA fundraiser of the year! Together, we raised over \$60,000 last year and these monies are vital to our ability to provide the 'extras' that make Kenwood a unique place for students to learn, grow and thrive. **The Kenwood PTA Auction 2019: ROARING TWENTIES will be held on Saturday, February 23rd at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church.** Not only is this a fundraiser, it's also a fabulous party complete with music, libations and delicious eats! This is an adults-only event you won't want to miss, so book your babysitter now! Invites will be coming home soon.

**How can I help? We've gotten this question a lot lately! Let us count the ways...**

- 1. Kenwood Get-Togethers:** The events contributed by Kenwood families are among the most favorite items available at the Kenwood Auction. We know we can count on our generous families again this year! Whether you have events you donated in the past or thought of something new, we look forward to your contributions. Ideas include: hosting a specialized dinner, wine-tasting, game night, or pool party! The possibilities are endless! Many of the fabulous, time-honored Get-Togethers are co-hosted. Find a friend and donate together! Please fill out and return the form that went home with students last week OR email Christine Conner at [cjhallconner@yahoo.com](mailto:cjhallconner@yahoo.com) or Kristi Granacher at [kristi.granacher@gmail.com](mailto:kristi.granacher@gmail.com). **ALL donation deadlines are Friday, February 15th.**
- 2. Silent Auction Items:** Do you have a service or product you'd like to donate? Fill out the donation form or contact Sarah Kreykes at [sarah.kreykes@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.kreykes@gmail.com).
- 3. Live Auction items:** At the exciting live auction portion of the evening, bidders can score high-value ticket and dinner combos, group restaurant outings, and even vacations! These items are donated not only by local businesses but also generous Kenwood families (and friends of Kenwood families!). We need your help to keep the live auction intriguing and amazingly successful! For live auction donations or inquiries, please contact Coryn Petersen at [corynpetersen@gmail.com](mailto:corynpetersen@gmail.com). Our wish list includes the following high-ticket items (or a variation):
  - A family-fun cabin experience. We need your cabin to make it happen! We can work with you to outline any parameters (i.e. date range, minimum bid, etc.).
  - VIP tickets or suite at an upcoming sporting or cultural event – your 2 to 4 tickets plus a limo ride there and back ... that would be an AMAZING experience!
  - Tickets plus dinner or a hotel overnight, or all of it! A date night or staycation would be an incredible donation!
  - A unique product, experience or adventure. Think outside the box!
- 4. Corporate Sponsors:** Attention Kenwood parents with community businesses! If you have a local business that could benefit from the visibility the Kenwood PTA Auction brings to our community and would like to join our list of amazing and generous auction sponsors, please contact Amy Sanborn at [amysanborn18@gmail.com](mailto:amysanborn18@gmail.com) for more information about sponsorship levels and benefits.
- 5. Wine Wall:** Consider donating a bottle or two for the Wine Wall. Contact Leslee Johns at [lesleekw@yahoo.com](mailto:lesleekw@yahoo.com) to make arrangements for drop-off.
- 6. Volunteer!:** Consider volunteering for one or more of the many auction jobs from helping decorate, check-in guests, entering bids to clean-up! Keep an eye out for a SignUpGenius that will be coming in mid-February. Not sure if you are on the volunteer email list? Please email [Volunteer4Kenwood@gmail.com](mailto:Volunteer4Kenwood@gmail.com) to be added!
- 7. Please join us at the auction for fun, food, fizzy drinks and fabulous items to bid on!**

February is a busy month at Kenwood School. We have a lot to look forward to as a school community with many talented students, artists, instructors and dedicated teachers and volunteers. Thanks for being a part of it all!

Best, your Kenwood PTA Auction Co-Chairs:

Jane Wolke, Coryn Petersen & Sarah Kreykes

## February Conferences

Our goal is for every family to conference with their teacher/teachers this winter. Please fill out and return the sign up sheet by Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. You will receive confirmation of your conference time/times the beginning of February. Conferences will be held on Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Easy Money for Kenwood

Here are some easy ways to send extra \$\$\$ to Kenwood School. **Please note that we are NOT endorsing or pushing particular businesses or products**, but if you already shop at these stores or use these products we simply ask that you take advantage of the bonuses offered to schools.

**General Mills BoxTop\$ for Education:** BoxTops are found on brands such as Betty Crocker, Pillsbury, Kleenex, Hefty, Ziploc and more. Go to [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) to find a complete list of participating products. Each boxtop is worth 10 cents and they do not need to be perfectly trimmed, just make sure the expiration date is visible. This fall we earned \$268.50 with the program.

**Kowalski's Market on Hennepin:** Kenwood School has a receipt deposit bin at Kowalski's Market on Hennepin Avenue. This is part of their Groceries for Good Causes program. It is meant to help nonprofit organizations like schools. Customers place their receipts in labeled boxes at the front of the store. A donation is made quarterly based on the total number of receipts (not the amount of money spent) collected in each charity's bin. Thank you to Kowalski's for their latest donation - \$224! The next time you shop at Kowalski's — please remember to put your receipt in the Kenwood box and thank them for their support.

**Amazon Smile:** If you are an Amazon shopper, you can help earn money for Kenwood School. Log into [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) with your usual amazon user ID. Search for "Kenwood Elementary PTA" as the charity you want to support. Every little bit helps!

### Connect Concert: Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup>

Kenwood students in grades 1-5 are preparing to attend a concert by the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra at the Ted Mann Concert Hall on the University of MN campus on February 1<sup>st</sup>, at 10:00am. Kenwood is one of 13 elementary schools in the Minneapolis and St. Paul school districts that are partners with the CONNECT program which is sponsored by the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra. In December, Lembit Beecher, composer of "Conference of the Birds" came to Kenwood to speak with students about his creative process. The students will hear this piece and the first movement of Haydn's Symphony No. 6 as well as a few other pieces.

### Chess Competition: Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>

Minneapolis Public Schools (MPS) invites you to attend the first **GIRLS-ONLY** Check It Out chess tournament on Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. This new opportunity has been added to promote female participation in STEM related activities. The Check It Out Tournament is FREE and open to all MPS K-12 students. This fun and casual chess tournament is for players of all levels and includes a lite breakfast and lunch for participants and families. **Students do NOT need to be participating on a team to register. Individuals will automatically represent their school team.** For questions or more information, contact Janae Krantz-Odendahl in Student Engagement at 612-668-1202 or [janae.krantz-odendahl@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:janae.krantz-odendahl@mpls.k12.mn.us).

Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
8:30 AM to 4:00 PM (check-in from 8:30am – 9:00am)

Folwell Performing Arts Magnet  
3611 20th Ave S Minneapolis, 55417  
ENTER DOOR 4 off 20th Ave

### Family Involvement Day: Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup>

Kindergartners will be performing as the culmination of their residency with Brother Ghana. You are also invited to join your child for lunch during family involvement day. Feel free to bring your own lunch or preorder one from the school. If you would like to preorder a lunch, please contact Lori Smith by Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at [kenwoodcommunitycoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:kenwoodcommunitycoordinator@gmail.com)

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- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Lunch: 10:35-11:05
- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Lunch: 11:45-12:05
- 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Lunch: 12:20-12:50

School Lunch:  
Chicken ala King/Bisquit or Bagel Yogurt Pack  
Mini Carrots, Apple Slices, Dried Cranberries, Milk

### Composting at Lunch

Our school is one of 12 Minneapolis public schools selected to be part of a \$50,000 School Recycling Grant from Hennepin County! The grant provides funding to K-12 schools to start or improve recycling programs and divert recycling and organic materials from the trash. One new piece of equipment our school is receiving is a recycling station for our cafeteria. It will have receptacles for trash, recycling, and organics. We are scheduled to begin this program on Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in supporting the implementation of our new recycling stations we would love to have you volunteer during lunch periods. Please contact Lori Smith at [kenwoodcommunitycoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:kenwoodcommunitycoordinator@gmail.com)

### True Food Taste Test

Three times each school year, MPS Culinary & Wellness Services hosts True Food Taste Tests during lunch in elementary and middle school cafeterias to expose students to new flavors and food, and encourage adventurous eating habits. Next week, students and staff at participating elementary and middle schools will have the opportunity to try Sunrise Breakfast Grain. This breakfast grain blend, made with ancient grains and warm spices, is the perfect recipe to warm up on a wintery day. For more information and the recipe, visit the MPS Culinary & Wellness Services website: <http://cws.mpls.k12.mn.us/tfft>.

With support from The Wedge and Linden Hills Co-op, MPS Culinary & Wellness Services began our True Food Taste Tests in 2013. Since then, we've taste tested a variety of recipes featuring local ingredients, Farm to School produce, and unique textures and flavors! Curious what recipes we've taste tested in the past? Check out the recipes at <http://nutritionservices.mpls.k12.mn.us/recipes>

MPS Culinary & Wellness Services is committed to providing all MPS students access to quality food and active living, which are essential for students to achieve their full academic potential, attain full physical and mental development, and improve lifelong health and well-being. Since the transition back to scratch-cooking, there has been an increase of over 1.25 million breakfasts and lunches served in MPS from school year 2012-2013 to 2017-2018 under the National School Lunch Program.

## Calendar

Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>

Grade 5 Spelling Bee – Lake of the Isles Church, 9:30am

Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup>

Site Council Meeting, 4:00-5:30pm

Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup>

CONNECT Concert – Grades 1-5

Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>

True Taste Test in Lunch  
District Enrollment/School Request Deadline

Saturday, February 9<sup>th</sup>

All Female District Chess Tournament

Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup>

Family Involvement Day  
Kindergarten Drumming Performance, 8:20am

Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>  
Conferences

Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup>  
Annual School Play - Alice in Wonderland, 6:30pm

Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup> and Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup>  
NO SCHOOL



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