

# Kenwood Courier

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Dear Kenwood Families,

**Spring has finally Sprung!** Snow pants and snow boots, be gone! Hello, sunshine and short-sleeves! What a treat it is to see kids on the playground and across the street at Kenwood Park, playing and running and enjoying the long-awaited, sunny spring weather! This is a golden time of year at Kenwood, with plenty of outdoor excitement and many community activities to keep the last month of the school year fun-filled and busy.

**April's Dining For Dollars** campaign was a burger-ific success at **My Burger**. Thank you to all those who dined at My Burger! As always, seeing the exceptional Kenwood School community fill a restaurant on behalf of our school and PTA is a wonderful sight. We hope you enjoyed your experience and look forward to seeing you out at the next Dining For Dollars event! And speaking of... We are thrilled to welcome **Ben & Jerry's** to the 2018-2019 lineup! Join us on **Friday, May 17, from 2:35pm - 4:30pm** for an after-school ice cream delight at Kenwood School. That's right! We're bringing the ice cream to you! The Ben & Jerry's truck will be serving up their famous ice cream immediately following school, in the Kenwood School parking lot. Kenwood PTA receives a whopping 20% of the sales from this event, so bring your sweet tooth! Yum and fun! A big thank you to Debra Altschuler for bringing in Ben & Jerry's and coordinating the entire 2018-2019 Dining For Dollars campaign.

**April snowstorms bring May flowers?** At Kenwood, they do! The annual **Plant Sale** is well under way, and orders have been placed! We are so excited that a portion of this year's plant sale pickup dates coincide with our Ben & Jerry's Friday! Grab a cone, pick up your plants! And remember, if you didn't get a chance to place an advanced plant order, there will be a plethora of beautiful plants and flowers available for purchase during the pickup dates. Plant sale pickup starts on **Friday, May 17** at 12pm. Proceeds from the plant sale each year support our beloved 5th Grade Eagle Bluff trip. On behalf of the PTA and all the Kenwood 5th Graders, we thank you! And if you're looking to add some last-minute spirit wear purchases to your flowers and ice cream, fear not! Erin Eggenberger will have a spirit wear pop-up shop outside, near the plant sale, on **Friday, May 17, from 2:30 - 4:30pm**. Thank you, Erin, for coordinating and operating Woody's Spirit Wear Shop during the 2018-2019 school year.

**Come what MAY!** May Day, May Flowers, May Taiko Drumming, May Center for Book Arts, May National Walk/Bike to School Day, May "Do As The Animals Do," May Teacher Appreciation week... and the list goes on! May is plump full of so many things at Kenwood we *may* just explode with excitement! Included in May will be an **evening to recognize all our parent volunteers** for any and all contributions within the school, classrooms and school/PTA events. Join us at **The Lowry, Tuesday, May 7, from 5:00pm – 8:00pm** for a casual, open-house style, parent gathering. It's always a pleasure to unwind over a little adult happy hour with our fearless and dedicated community of volunteers. Lite snacks will be provided for our volunteers, and drink and menu options are available for purchase. Also coming in May will be the **Spring Family Picnic!** Mark your calendars for **Saturday, May 18, from 11:00am – 1:00pm**. Join other Kenwood School families for a casual, bring-your-own-picnic gathering at Kenwood Park. What a perfect way to wrap up the 2019-2020 school year! More details to come! If you wish to attend any of the May PTA events and would like assistance with transportation, please contact Lori Smith or Amanda Talan.

**The PTA is thinking ahead to next year and looking for new volunteers and members!** The PTA's main functions are to provide community-building events and activities for Kenwood families, bridge communication between the school community and the Minneapolis Public School District and manage fundraising efforts and dollars within and for Kenwood School PTA. PTA fundraising efforts provide grade-level art residencies, classroom support, field trip busing, activity scholarships, workshops, potential future after school programming, professional development, and much more. Please contact Coryn Petersen [corynpetersen@gmail.com](mailto:corynpetersen@gmail.com) or Jane Wolke [wolke.jane@gmail.com](mailto:wolke.jane@gmail.com) if you have any interest in future PTA or volunteer opportunities. New faces bring new ideas, and new ideas bring new possibilities! We need you! Until then, we are anxious to see all our Kenwood School friends out and about, enjoying the sun and celebrating our community as we sail into our last 5 weeks of the school year.

Happy Spring!

Coryn Petersen & Jane Wolke  
Kenwood School PTA Co-Presidents

## THANK YOU!

Teacher Appreciation Week May 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>

While we appreciate our teachers all year long, this week has been set aside to recognize all they do for our kids. One of the best ways to say thank you is with a handwritten note, explaining how they have touched the lives of your kids.

We also recognize School Principals on May 6<sup>th</sup> and School Nurses on May 8<sup>th</sup>.

### Green Team Update

The Kenwood Green Team, on behalf of Kenwood Community School, invites you to a ribbon cutting event for the recently appointed Department of Natural Resources Cedar Lake Park School Forest! Please join your student as we walk from school to the Cedar Lake Park School Forest. On Friday May 24th, grades K and 1 will leave at 8:15, grades 4 and 5 at 10:00, and grades 2 and 3 at 12:15. Brief ceremonies will be followed by grade level activities then a walk back to school. Community members are invited to meet at the Ribbon Cutting location near the water pump inside the park at 21st south at 10:15am to join the fourth and fifth grade classes for a more robust ceremony.

The Kenwood PTA Green Team and the entire Kenwood Community School would like to thank the many people and organizations who have made this day possible, including the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, the Minneapolis Board of Education, the Cedar Lake Park Association, the many community members who gave of their time, Kenwood Community School's Principal Heidi Johnson, Kenwood teachers Cindi Quehl, Darwin Lee, Julie Young Walser, and former aide Tracy Johnson, and most especially to Kenwood alumni family and community mentors, the Erdrich/Patel family. Kenwood proudly becomes the fifth Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Minneapolis Public School partnership site.

Please contact the Kenwood Green Team with any questions at [Kenwoodgreenteam@gmail.com](mailto:Kenwoodgreenteam@gmail.com)

### K-12 Advanced Learner Program & Services at Minneapolis Public Schools

You are invited to learn about MPS K-12 Level of services for advanced learners. We'll talk about how to support your advanced learner in the classroom and at home, additions to the program for 2019-2020 school year, and acceleration options. This event is co-hosted by MCGT Minneapolis (Minnesota Council for the Gifted and Talented) and the MPS Talent & Development Department. Childcare will be available and a light snack provided. Questions? Christina Ramsey [christina.ramsey@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:christina.ramsey@mpls.k12.mn.us) or MCGT's Minneapolis Chapter at [minneapolis@mcgt.net](mailto:minneapolis@mcgt.net).

If you are unable to attend but would like more information please visit our websites:

MPS Talent & Development  
<https://talentdevelopment.mpls.k12.mn.us/>

MCGT Minneapolis  
<https://mcgt.net/minneapolis/>

Gifted Education Strategies  
<http://nagc.org/resources-publications/gifted-education-practices>

Thursday, May 9, 2019 - 6:30-8:00pm  
1250 W Broadway, Minneapolis, MN 55411  
(Davis Center Assembly Room)

### Comprehensive District Design 2019 – 2022

The district is in the process of gathering community input into how to best move forward with the future of Minneapolis Public Schools. The areas of focus of the MPS Comprehensive District Design are:

1. Improving academic achievement for all students
2. Delivering a sustainable funding model supported by increased enrollment
3. Providing equitable programming and school choice options for all families, regardless of zip code

Please join the district at any of the Community Listening Sessions:

- May 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm – Edison High School
- May 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm – Southwest High School
- May 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm – Wilder Building
- May 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:00pm – Davis Center

To learn more about the proposed designs, please visit the district website at [https://mpls.k12.mn.us/comprehensive\\_district\\_design\\_2](https://mpls.k12.mn.us/comprehensive_district_design_2)

You can view the Power Point presentation by clicking [https://mpls.k12.mn.us/uploads/4\\_25\\_19\\_ppt\\_schools\\_and\\_families.pdf](https://mpls.k12.mn.us/uploads/4_25_19_ppt_schools_and_families.pdf)

## Calendar

Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup> – Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>  
Teacher Appreciation Week

Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>  
Walk/Bike to School Day  
Last Day of ALC  
True Food Taste Test – Ginger Soy Pasta Salad

Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>  
Incoming Kindergarten Registration, 8:30am

Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>  
Plant Sale

Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>  
Spring Picnic, 11:00am-1:00pm

Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>  
Grades 4-5 Track and Field Day

Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Grades 1-3 Track and Field Day

Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>  
Kenwood DNR Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>  
NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day

