

# Kenwood Courier

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## A Note from your PTA C0-Presidents:

Hey Kenwood Fans, here are the TOP 10 things we are most THANKFUL for at our school right now!

**10. Our love of reading!** The 3rd annual Read-A-Thon finished up earlier this month and in 12 days our kids read for 106,881 minutes! That's almost a 27% increase over the minutes read last year. Bravo to our kiddos! And a huge thank you to Rachele Morken and Beth Mason for leading the charge again this year and adding a Little Free Library to help fuel our fire for read- ing! And we raised over \$11,700! WOW!

**9. Woodchuck Spirit!** We've got it here at Kenwood and thank you to Erin Eggenberger for taking on Spirit Wear and coordinating the pop-up sales throughout the year! Also a BIG thank you to Jenny Lefevere, who has been busy creating new signage, featuring our favorite little woodchuck, for the many events we have going on! New yard signs are now available in the office (\$5 suggested donation).

**8. Dining for Dollars!** Eating for a cause... sign us up! Thank you to Debra Altschuler and Sarah Kreykes for organizing these yummy partnerships with fabulous restaurants. We noshed on delicious Galactic Pizza and raised \$400 for Kenwood! Mark your calendars for more fantastic foodie opportunities: Chipotle (Hennepin & 26th) - Tuesday, Nov. 27th and The Lowry - Sunday, Dec. 16th.

**7. Techies!** i.e. People who are good with computers! You help make this digital world go round. We love you and we NEED you... specifically to help out with the Kenwood Auction (which is coming up on Feb. 23rd). We need computer and AV people! Contact us today if you can help out. It'll be fun, we promise.

**6. Give to the MAX!** It's a day when we all give to those organizations near and dear to our hearts. Thanks to our village, we raised \$3,300. Thank you all, especially Coryn Petersen and Ann Tozer for organizing and marketing!

**5. Shopping...** for the kids! Thank you Sarah Kreykes for organizing the Evereve shopping event, where we had a ball chatting, noshing, sipping and shopping! We raised over \$1,500 for Kenwood too, woo-hoo!

**4. Family Activity Night!** We ate together, danced together, laughed together, and just took time to enjoy the beautiful community we have all helped to create here at Kenwood. This is the 14th year that Dr. Bob Walser has been enchanting us with this PTA sponsored Barn Dance artist residency. The highly anticipated 5th grade sword dance did not disappoint! Thank you to PTA and Old Spaghetti Factory for the wonderful dinner, Coryn Petersen & Christine Conner for organizing, Cathy Sullivan and our student council for their support and service, Cyndi Quehl, Julie Young- Walser, the band and of course, all the extra volunteers it takes to pull off a big, successful event!

**3. Scholastic Book Fair!** This week long event wrapped up on Family Activity Night. Our young readers are eagerly reading their new books and our Media Center benefits with added books and technology! Win-win! Thank you to our co-chairs Amy Sanborn, Leah Harp and Kristi Granacher! Thank you to Joan Kallas, Judy Reidt, Sarah Kreykes, Coryn Petersen, and the many additional volunteers for setting up and working with our little readers!

**2. Native American Arts Residency!** We hope you were able to peruse the incredible display of art gracing our walls leading down to the multi-purpose room (on display until Dec. 21st). Studying the Native American culture and traditions through art has been a beautiful journey lead by our art specialist, Margaret Swenson. Thank you to Dr. Angie Erdrich, Heid Erdrich, Aaron Erdrich, James Autio, Gordon Coons, and Marlena Myles for taking part as artists in residence.

**1. Kenwood teachers, our principal, and staff!** Seriously, you all are the BEST. You are on the front lines every day helping to create an inspiring and safe learning environment for our kiddos. We appreciate you SO much. Thank you!

Whew! It's been an action-packed fall... as we gear up for this upcoming holiday season, we hope you all get to unwind, relax and enjoy time with your families. Cheers! - Jane Wolke and Coryn Petersen

### Kenwood Eblast Updates

Are you getting the weekly emails on Mondays? If not, please email Lori Smith at [kenwoodcommunitycoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:kenwoodcommunitycoordinator@gmail.com) to be added to the list. Eblasts are sent every Monday and on an as needed basis. It's a great way to gather information about what is happening at Kenwood School.

#### Read-A-Thon Update

Way to go Kenwood kids! In addition to the wonderful books that were read during the read-a-thon, 163 students were awarded bookmarks and pencils for participating. 139 of those students met the reading goal of 240 minutes or more. Ms. Ferrell's and Ms. Williams' classes tied for the room with the most participation and earned a classroom party. Ms. Ferrell's and Ms. Suedbeck's classrooms had the highest reading totals for their grade levels and were each awarded a \$25 classroom gift certificate to the Scholastic Book Fair. 10 lucky students won \$10 Book Fair certificates from the drawing to use last week at the as well.

**Maia R. and Freya T.** each received a Kindle Fire for reading the most minutes for their grade ranges. **Mika B. and Kingston L.R.** also received Kindle Fires for raising the most amount of money for their grade ranges. The following students each read the most amount of minutes in their class and have earned the opportunity to have lunch with Principal Johnson: **Lucy L, Alexis R, Haya P, Peteris S, Owen D, Theodore P, Adam S, Maia R, Norah D, Linus A, Neko K, Vanya G, Freya T, Jordan B, and Sarah B.** Congratulations to these students for their hard work!

#### Winter Gloves, Hats, and Mittens

The health office has loaned out nearly the entire supply of winter gloves. Please make sure students have appropriate gear for these cold days – kids go outside for recess unless the temperature or wind chill is below zero. If a child borrows some gloves from the office, please make sure they return them so they are available for the next person to borrow. Please check the lost and found before winter break!

#### News from the Health Office: 612-668-2766

The health office would like to ask for your assistance in helping us provide the best possible care in and out of the health office for your children. Please inform the health office attendance line if your child is out sick (noting symptoms and if they have a contagious illness) & notify attendance if your student is absent for vacation or other family event. This is important information the health office is required to keep track of to monitor illnesses and attendance of students.

If your child has suffered an injury outside of school - head injury, fracture, sprain or other incident that required medical attention and the injury will have an impact on the student at school - please inform the health office. We are required to have medical documentation for students with health accommodations, medication administration, no recess/gym or limits on activity when at school. This information allows the health office staff and school staff to provide for your student's safety and health needs when at school during a recovery to health phase.

#### Middle School Open House and Tours

Attention 5<sup>th</sup> grade families! Our pathway middle school (Susan B. Anthony) will be holding an open house on Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-6:30pm. The evening starts in the auditorium with a presentation and families are divided into small groups for tours immediately following the presentation. They will also hold daytime tours on Wednesdays starting December 19<sup>th</sup>. Please call Anthony Middle School at 612-668-3240 if you are interested in scheduling a daytime tour. <http://anthony.mpls.k12.mn.us/>

#### Third Grade Used Book Sale

Do you have any extra books lying around after the Read-A-Thon? Mrs. Gregory & the third grade students are gearing up for their annual Kenwood Used Book sale. The sale will be organized and run by the third graders on Thursday, December 20<sup>th</sup> and Friday, December 21<sup>st</sup> in the third grade hallway. Books will be 25 cents each. All proceeds of the sale will go to update the book selections for the Kenwood School Book Room, a small room on the second floor which houses multiple copies of books for book club use in all Kenwood classrooms.

Baskets for children's books will be set up outside of Mrs. Gregory's Classroom (Room 221) as well as in the atrium after the Thanksgiving break. This book sale is designed for our students, so please do not send in books written or intended for adults. The most popular and needed books tend to be chapter books. We appreciate your donations!

#### Holiday Food Boxes

Kenwood has had a long-standing tradition of helping families in our school community during the holiday season. Families that are able can choose to donate part of a meal or an entire meal for a family experiencing difficulties. A flyer will be coming home after the Thanksgiving Holiday with more specifics. If you can donate, please fill out the form so we can plan for the number of meals we are able to provide. All food donations should be unprepared (non perishable - ie frozen, canned, or boxed). **If your family would like to receive a food box this year, please don't be shy about calling Amanda Talan at 612-668-2784 to request one.** She can also share information about other holiday resources that may be helpful for your family.

#### Changes to Afternoon Schedules

In addition to sending a note to your student's teacher, please alert the office if there is a change in your student's afternoon schedule. The office is a busy place and having that information can help keep kids going to the right location after school.

### Calendar

Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>  
NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break

Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>  
Dining for Dollars – Chipotle (on Hennepin) 5:00-9:00pm

Thursday, November 29<sup>th</sup>  
Site Council Meeting, 4:00-5:30pm

Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>  
MPS Check It Out Chess Competition

Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup>  
Dining for Dollars – The Lowry

Thursday & Friday, December 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>  
Third Grade Used Book Sale

Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday, January 4<sup>th</sup>  
NO SCHOOL – Winter Break

Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>  
School resumes