

Kenwood Courier

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Welcome to the 2018-19 school year at Kenwood School! We are Coryn Petersen and Jane Wolke — Co-Presidents of the PTA. Coryn has 3 daughters at Kenwood in 5th, 3rd and 1st. Jane has 2 boys at Kenwood in 3rd and 1st and a daughter in pre-k. We were pleased to meet so many kindergarten and new families for coffee on the playground during the 1st week of school. Thank you to Dunn Brothers (on 34th & Hennepin) for generously donating the coffee and delicious pastries for the event.

What We Do: The Kenwood PTA is busy all year long building community, enhancing communication between home and school, and raising funds to pay for art residencies, supplies, and experiences that make Kenwood a unique place for kids to learn and grow. Please see the back page for a list of current PTA board members. If you are interested in getting involved, or would like more information, please feel free to contact any of the board members.

PTA Events: Four weeks into the school year and the PTA has already sponsored two events — the **Ice Cream Social** and **Kenwood Crawl**. We hope you were able to attend the Back-to-School Ice Cream Social and Open House. It is always exciting to meet your new classroom teacher, see the specialists and, of course, enjoy some cool treats with friends, old and new! Thank you to Alicia Gibson for chairing this event and to all the parents who volunteered their time. The Kenwood Crawl, chaired by Leslee Johns and Sarah Madison, focused on fitness and fun, while raising money for Kenwood PTA and our mission to maintain SMARTS + ARTS. We had a nice, warm day to come together as a community. Families ran and walked around the park, along with numerous staff and Principal Heidi Johnson. Thanks to the 30+ volunteers that made the event possible! And thank you to the various local businesses that donated, as well. The event was a huge success and will help the PTA fund the many extra activities at Kenwood School!

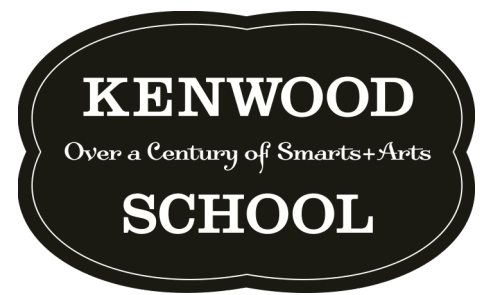
Curriculum Night: Thanks to all the teachers for taking time to help parents understand what happens each day in our classrooms. The night was well attended and helped set the tone for a great year of learning at Kenwood. Curriculum Night is meant to be an introduction to the goals and expectations of each classroom. It is also an excellent precursor for parent/teacher conferences which are coming up on Tuesday, October 16th from 3:00-7:00pm and Wednesday, October 17th from 8:30am-3:00pm. If you have not yet scheduled a conference with your child's teacher, please do so.

Conference Meals: We have a long standing tradition of treating our dedicated teachers to some good eats at conference time. Our teachers strive to meet with every single family, so to keep them energized we will provide tasty snacks and meals. Keep an eye out for the Signup Genius link coming soon.

CHINOOK BOOKS: Save all year at local shops you love while supporting Kenwood School. Purchase a Chinook Book for \$22 and 50% goes to our school's PTA. With your purchase, you will also receive the mobile app! Use at places like Lunds/Byerlys, MN Children's Museum, Erik's Bikes, multiple restaurants and more. To purchase, please contact Sarah Kreykes at 612-987-5164 or sarah.kreykes@gmail.com or stop by the office. It's a great way to shop and SAVE locally.

Coming soon! 'Fall Into a Good Book': We are excited for the return of our 3rd annual PTA fundraiser, the **Read-A-Thon!** It will take place at the end of October, encouraging kids to read books and raise funds for our school. There will be prizes for the class with the most participation, students with the most minutes read, students who raise the most money and more! Look for details to come home in folders in mid October. Thank you to Beth Mason and Rachele Morken for volunteering to co-chair this event again.

- Coryn Petersen and Jane Wolke



Kenwood Crawl Update

Thank you to everyone that came out to the Kenwood Crawl. It was a beautiful (although very hot!) day and we were able to raise over \$16,600. If you still have your donation envelope at home, please send it into the office.

The first prize for fundraising goes to **Ella** from Room 239. **Garrett** from Room 224 had the highest number of individual donations – a total of 73. Well done **Ella** and **Garrett!** Ella receives a \$50 gift card to Big Thrill Factory and Garrett receives a \$50 gift card to AirMaxx Trampoline Park and Arcade.

This year there was a tie for the classroom with the highest participation on the day of the Crawl. Congratulations to **Ms. Bettes'** and **Ms. Gregory's** classes. They are the proud recipients of the Kenwood walking stick and a recess-in-the-park party.

Ms. Ferrell – Room 224, raised the most amount of donations as a class, \$1,726! They also win a recess-in-the-park party..

A special thank you to Leslee Johns and Sarah Madison for organizing this event, as well as all the parents who volunteered for a shift. We would also like to thank ARTrageous Adventures and Kenwood Gymnastics for their wonderful activities as well the generous donations from area businesses Dunn Brother's for the coffee, Isles Coffee & Bun for the puppy dog tails and, Lund's and Kowalski's for fruit and water.

Upcoming Events: Watch future *Couriers* for information on the EVEREVE shopping event on October 11th, Family Activity Night (includes a dinner, Barn Dance and Book Fair) on November 15th, and the various Dinging for Dollars events that we have at local restaurants throughout the year.

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, we simply ask that you take advantage of the bonuses offered to schools. The money raised pays for supplies used in the office and PTA school events — and the money really adds up.

General Mills BoxTop\$ for Education: We are continuing the BoxTop\$ for Education program this year so clip those BoxTops and send them to school. They are worth 10¢ a piece. BoxTops are found on brands such as Betty Crocker, Pillsbury, Kleenex, Hefty, Ziploc and more. Go to www.boxtops4education.com to find a complete list of participating products. Send your clipped BoxTops in the school office. This year Student Council will be in charge of this 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. So next time you shop at Kowalski's — please remember to put your receipt in the Kenwood box.

Amazon Smile: If you are an Amazon shopper, you can help earn money for Kenwood School. Log into www.smile.amazon.com with your usual amazon user ID. Search for "PTA Minnesota Congress 004884 Kenwood Elementary PTA" as the charity you want to support. Every little bit helps!

- On a computer you can simply look up AmazonSmile, login to your charity and make a bookmark.
- On your mobile device (iphone)

1. You cannot use Amazon Smile with the Amazon App on the iPhone. However, the good news is that you can set up a shortcut to the Amazon Smile website which gives a near identical experience to the app. It's very quick and easy to do. If you have the Amazon App installed you should remove it. To do this, tap and hold the app icon until it starts to jiggle. Tap the cross at the top left of the icon and confirm that you want to delete it. Don't worry, this will not delete your Amazon account or any of your settings.
2. On your internet browser go to AmazonSmile
3. Tap the 'share' button on the bottom of your screen.
4. Tap the 'add to home screen' icon.
5. You will now have an Amazon Smile icon on your home screen which you can use in exactly the same way you used the Amazon App.

PTA Board

Thank you to all of our PTA members for their willingness to serve this year. Please feel free to reach out to anyone on PTA if you have questions.

Coryn Petersen	Co-President
Jane Wolke	Co-President
Sarah Kreykes	Vice President/Fundraising Chair
Matt Dawson	Secretary
Jessica Lockrem	Co-Treasurer
Amy Sanborn	Co-Treasurer
Julie Coykendall	Residencies Chair
Leslee Johns	Volunteer Co-Chair
Rebecca Parrell	Volunteer Co-Chair
Jenny LeFevere	Marketing/Social Media Co-Chair
Ann Tozer	Marketing/Social Media Co-Chair
Al Rodriguez	Site Council Liaison
Darwin Lee	Teacher Representative
Lori Smith	Community Coordinator
Heidi Johnson	Principal

Yearbook Photos

You may have noticed us taking pictures around school. We are really excited about putting together the 18/19 Yearbook but it takes a village to get good coverage of everything. So, this year we'd love to see more of your photos. If you have snapped any goodies of Kenwood kids lately then please share them by sending to our email at kenwoodyearbook1@gmail.com or you can text them to 952-905-1690.

MPS Referendum

On Nov. 6, Minneapolis voters will be asked two questions regarding funding for Minneapolis Public Schools:

Question 1. Increase the Current Operating Referendum Levy: The operating levy would increase our General Fund, which funds for all types of school operations – such as staff salaries and benefits, textbooks, office supplies, and services for English Language Learners. Under Minnesota Law, Minneapolis Public Schools can ask voters for up to a certain amount per student. This question proposes to increase the levy to its maximum allowable amount, meaning Minneapolis Public Schools can't ask voters for future increases unless that maximum is changed by law.

Question 2. Establish a Capital Projects (Technology) Levy: The tech levy would raise revenue for the regular maintenance and upgrades of Minneapolis Public Schools' technology systems. By shifting these existing costs to a new revenue source, MPS can make freed up funds available for general operating expenses. No new technology is proposed.

If passed, the referendum would give Minneapolis Public Schools access to \$30 million in additional revenue. Both questions approved by voters would result in a tax increase of approximately \$11/month on a median valued home in Minneapolis. For more information, please visit the district website at mpls.k12.mn.us/referendum

Lost and Found

Whenever you find yourself at school, take a look in the lost and found located in the basement near the art room. We have sweatshirts and lunchboxes that are waiting to be returned to their homes! Please make sure to label your child's items and encourage them to check the lost and found on a regular basis.

Calendar

Thursday, September 27th
Site Council, 4:00-5:30pm



Wednesday, October 10th
International Bike/Walk to School Day

Thursday, October 11th
EVEREVE Shopping event, 7:00-9:00pm

Friday, October 12th
Picture Day

Tuesday, October 16th
Conferences, 3:00-7:00pm

Wednesday, October 17th
NO SCHOOL – Conferences, 8:00am-3:00pm

Thursday, October 18th – Friday, October 19th
NO SCHOOL - MEA

Thursday, November 1st - Friday, November 2nd
NO SCHOOL – Teacher record keeping days