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Our Newsletter for Families

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FROM YOUR PTA CO-PRESIDENTS...

With Winter Break behind us and hopefully and Spring Break still a couple months ahead of us, it is time to put our heads down and get to work. For students that means lots of learning, for the PTA that means putting on the auction! **The Silent Auction is the biggest fundraiser of the year for the PTA and is vital to our ability to provide the extras that make Kenwood a special place for students to learn.** Please consider how you can help the auction by volunteering for the many and varied jobs that need to be done. Contact Cindy White (cindy_brett@hotmail.com) or Melanie LaMere (lameremel@yahoo.com) to get involved. Attend the auction, have some fun, and making purchases from the fabulous merchandise offered. We need both your help and your attendance. We can't do it without you. **The Auction is on Saturday, February 27th** at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church. You won't want to miss it.

The PTA Wants You – If you've ever thought about volunteering at Kenwood, now is the time! We have several open positions on the board and many volunteer jobs that need to be filled! We acknowledge that we are all busy and are committed to finding ways for everyone to be involved – whether it be an hour a week or 10 minutes a month. We know that the community of parents makes Kenwood strong and we want everyone to contribute in ways that they can. Please contact Anna at annaintokyo@gmail.com or Julie at juliecoykendall@hotmail.com.

Kenwood 5th graders just returned from Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center.

Eagle Bluff, is an accredited, non-profit, member-supported educational and environmental organization. Its mission is to foster environmental awareness, responsibility, and literacy, through the use of everyday life skills such as teamwork and problem solving and to promote respect and personal responsibility. Our 5th graders will spend 4 days and three nights at Eagle Bluff. Building on Kenwood School's academic standards, attributes and philosophies, a residential experience was created especially for them. The students were immersed in 6 hours of classes a day consisting of environmental science, outdoor skills, challenge skills and cultural programming. After dinner, kids wound down with one of 27 different naturalist programs including STARLAB (an inflatable planetarium), raptor presentation, night hikes or participating in Eagle Bluff Olympics. All classes meet Minnesota academic standards.

This is such an exciting experience to have as 5th grader! Our 4th graders are ready to go after hearing all the great stories from this year's trip. Many 4th graders are already busy doing extra chores or saving their allowance to put towards the cost of their trip. Eagle Bluff is not a PTA sponsored field trip. However, an Eagle Bluff Field Trip Fund has been established to support this opportunity for all current & future Kenwood 5th graders.



The upcoming 4th & 5th Grade Plant Sale to show your support and help

lower the price of the trip for every student, as well as to provide scholarships so that ALL 5th graders will be able to attend Eagle Bluff. There will also be a dining for dollars evening. Funds raised during the last school year are helping to cover costs for the current 5th graders; funds raised this spring will go towards helping next year's 5th grade. It works as a "Pay-It-Forward" initiative.



As you can see, Kenwood is a busy place!

Thank you for your support,
Julie Coykendall & Anna Schmalzbauer

February is "I LOVE TO READ" month. Encourage your child to read and discover great new books this month.

Remaining Spirit Days for Kenwood Kids



Thursday, February 11
•• Read In Red Day ••
Wear red & show your love of reading!

Friday, February 19
•• Crazy Hat/Hair Day ••
Wear a hat while wearing a crazy do!

Friday, February 26
•• Book Character Day ••
Dress up as your favorite Book Character

KENWOOD CARNIVAL UPDATE

The Kenwood Carnival is a favorite community activity for kids and parents alike. **This event will not happen** if we do not get a group of volunteers to plan it. **Three volunteers have step forwarded – but we need more!** Don't be intimidated! We have notes on what has worked well in years past – and ideas on how to simplify it – it does not have to look the same as in previous years. This is a great way to get involved, meet new friends and to be part of a planning committee. Please contact Anna at annaintokyo@gmail.com or Julie at juliecoykendall@hotmail.com to learn more.

We need a team of volunteers in place February 15th or we will be forced to cancel this beloved community event.

If you have a child ready for kindergarten this fall (2016) you must fill out a Request Card.

(Even if the child has older siblings at Kenwood, you must fill out a request card.)

Request Cards are available online at the MPS website.

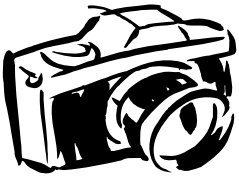
School Request Cards are due March 5!

Chess Club

The next 10 week session of the after school Kenwood Chess Club run by Twin Cities Chess Club will start on **March 5th and run through May 8**. Look for more information about registration to come home in the next few weeks.



Yearbook Photos Needed.



We are always in need of parent photographers. We will need many photos of student events for the yearbook. If

you are taking pictures of your child, try to take pictures of other kids too — especially groups of kids. We try to include a candid photo of every child at Kenwood School in the yearbook. Please submit your pictures to Jen Wise, at jen.wise@ergoninc.com and contact her if you are available to take pictures at an event.

Attendance

When your child will be absent from school for any reason, please call the school attendance line at 612-668-2780. **Even if you have sent a note to the teacher — you still need to call the attendance line, preferably by 8:00 a.m. or you will be receiving a call from school to confirm your child's status.**

Kenwood School E-Blasts

One of the best way to keep informed about what is happening school-wide is to get on the weekly e-blast from Family Liaison Chris Madden. If you do not receive these e-blasts please e-mail Chris Madden at christine.madden@mpls.k12.mn.us to get on this valuable e-mail list. E-blasts are sent out every Monday with occasional extra reminders for important information & events.

District calendar

The calendar has been set through the 2018-19 school year. Visit mpls.k12.mn.us and click on calendar under "Resources".

CALENDAR

Friday, February 12

NO SCHOOL — Parent/Teacher Conferences

Monday, February 15

NO SCHOOL — President's Day

Wednesday, February 17

SPOTLIGHT — 8:00 a.m. Multi-purpose Room

SPOTLIGHT — 1:00 p.m. Multi-purpose Room

Wednesday, February 24 &

Thursday, February 25th

Pinocchio — Performances

6:30 p.m. Multi-purpose Room

Saturday, February 27

Kenwood School Auction

Thursday, March 3

5th Grade Ski Trip

Saturday, March 5

School Request Cards are due

Wednesday, March 16

SPOTLIGHT — 8:00 a.m. Multi-purpose Room

SPOTLIGHT — 1:00 p.m. Multi-purpose Room

Friday, March 25- Friday, April 1

NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK

Monday, April 4

School resumes

does your Kenwood kid know what this is?



totally eighties. saturday night. february 27th.

It's this year's annual Kenwood School Auction!

An evening for adults to benefit all the children of Kenwood School.

Live music. Good food. Cash bar. 6:30pm to Midnight.

St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church

3450 Irving Ave. S. Minneapolis. Be there or be square.

Kenwood Auction Update!

The Auction is getting closer and the Auction Committee is working hard to secure some exciting Silent and Live Auction items and there are some really great Get-Togethers. Keep 'em coming!

The Auction Catalog will be coming home next week but we are still accepting donations. Anything turned in after today (**February 8th**) will be included in the Addendum.

Auction Wine Wall — Please consider donating a bottle or two of your favorite wine to the Auction. Any type of wine is appreciated, but please make sure each bottle has at least a \$10 value. Donations may be dropped off in the school office, in the designated box. Thank you!

Important Auction Dates:

Wednesday February 17th

Auction RSVPs due back.

(Tickets will also be sold at the door the night of the event but if you RSVP — it helps us with planning.)

Friday February 19th

final date to send in Auction

Donations and Get Togethers & final date for Grade Level

Basket Donations

Monday February 22nd

last day for wine donations

Saturday February 27th

Kenwood totally eighties Auction

The Kenwood PTA appreciates all your generous support of the auction. Please do not feel obligated to donate to each auction ask. We have different options to appeal to different families. **Thank you!**