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Our Newsletter for Families

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performance filled with love and positivity. Nicely done students, staff and parent volunteers.

FROM YOUR PTA CO-PRESIDENTS...

With Winter Break behind us and Spring Break several 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 annual Kenwood School Auction is the biggest fundraiser of the year for the PTA (the event raised over \$50,000 last year) and is vital to our ability to provide the extras that make Kenwood a special place for students to learn. **The Kenwood "Vegas Escape" & Auction** is on Saturday, February 25th at St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church. Not only is this a fundraiser, but it is fabulous party! This is an adults-only event that you won't want to miss so book your babysitter now and send in your RSVP!

How you can help:

- Consider volunteering for the many jobs that need to be done. Contact Cindy White (cdocteurwhite@gmail.com) & Melanie LaMere (lameremel@yahoo.com) if you would like to be involved. We are especially looking for volunteers the week leading up to and the night of the event.
- Contribute by hosting a Kenwood Get Together, donating a silent or live auction item, a bottle of wine for the wine wall or items for classroom baskets.
- Attend the auction and make purchases from the fabulous items offered and have FUN! We can't do it without you.

Each year the PTA provides:

- All grade-level (African & Taiko drumming, MN Book Arts for example) and school-wide (Midwest Food Connection, Barn Dance for example) artist residencies.
- Field trip buses
- Support for the school play & Safety Patrol
- Community Building events (Ice Cream Social, Barn Dance & Family Activity Night)
- Community Liaison & Band teacher positions
- Teacher classroom supply stipend, and other school needs that inevitably pop up
- Many other things, too long to list!

The impact of all those things is huge on the quality of the Kenwood experience. The PTA spends approximately \$200 per student, per year. Please contact Melanie at lameremel@yahoo.com or Julie at juliecoykendall@hotmail.com if you are interested in becoming a part of this worthwhile group.

FACEBOOK: Be sure to like "Kenwood Community School" on Facebook to get many important updates about Kenwood Elementary events!

ARTS + SMARTS:

The 3rd-5th grade Choir Concert was fantastic. I think we're all still humming "What the World Needs Now." It was a

The 4th & 5th Grade School Play, Beauty & the Beast, sponsored by the PTA is quickly approaching. Evening play performances are February 15 & 16th at 6:30 p.m. If you haven't attended a Kenwood School play before, you are in for a treat. It's amazing to see how the multi-purpose room is transformed into a theatre, filled with talented performers. Thank you to Cindi Quehl, Kathleen Bloom and various parent volunteers who help make the play a success.

Picnic Time! The date for the all-school picnic is Saturday, May 20th. Look for more details in the coming weeks. Thank you to Lisa Thompson and Jenny Kriha for volunteering to co-chair this exciting new, community building event.

Thank you for supporting our awesome school!

Julie Coykendall & Melanie LaMere

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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

Friday, February 10
•• Crazy for Reading Day ••
Wear a hat while wearing a crazy do!

Thursday, February 16
•• Read in Red Day ••
Wear red and show your love of reading!

Friday, February 24
•• Book Character Day ••
Dress up as your favorite Book Character

★ Family Involvement Day ★

Monday, February 13th

Celebrate the role of family & community in your child's education!



- During the school day you can:
- Stop by and visit your child's classroom
 - Eat lunch with your child and feel like a kid again.*

* You can bring your own lunch or order one through Chris Madden, Kenwood Family Liaison at christine.madden@mpls.k12.mn.us Lunch orders must be in by Tuesday, February 7th. Pick up and pay for your lunch in the school atrium at the check-in desk on February 13th.

NEW ONLINE BUS PASS REQUEST FORM!

The next time your child is going to a different location by bus (other than his/her normal schedule, **fill out our NEW Online Bus Pass Request Form on the Kenwood School website — kenwood.mpls.k12.mn.us**. It's located on the main web page on the right hand side. Fill out this online form to request a Bus Pass for your child. Once the pass has been processed you receive a confirmation email by a Kenwood Staff member. **Bus Passes must be submitted by 11:00 a.m. on the day they were requested.** Thank you!



District calendar

The MPS calendar has been set through the 2018-19 school year. Visit mpls.k12.mn.us to see the calendar for next year.

Kenwood School E-Blasts

Keep informed about what is happening school-wide. 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. E-blasts are sent out every Monday with extra reminders for important information & school events.

Minneapolis Public Schools now require that all parent volunteers going on School Fieldtrips submit a Criminal Background Check form by mail to the district along with a \$5 fee.

This background check is good for two years from the date it was approved.

Note: It takes 5-10 days for processing. Forms are available in the school office.

CALENDAR

Monday, February 13

Kenwood Family Involvement Day

Wednesday, February 15 & Thursday, February 16th

Beauty & The Beast — Performances 6:30 p.m. Multi-purpose Room

Thursday, February 16

Site Council Meeting 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Friday, February 17

NO SCHOOL — Parent/Teacher Conferences

Monday, February 20

NO SCHOOL — President's Day

Tuesday, February 21 – Friday, February 24

5th Grade leaves for Eagle Bluff Trip

Saturday, February 25

Kenwood School Auction

Tuesday, February 28

5th Grade Ski Trip

Thursday, March 16

Site Council Meeting 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Friday, March 31- Friday, April 7

NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK

Monday, April 10

School resumes

KENWOOD AUCTION UPDATE!

The Auction is getting closer. The Committee is working hard to secure some exciting Silent & Live Auction items and 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 6th**) 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. Thanks!

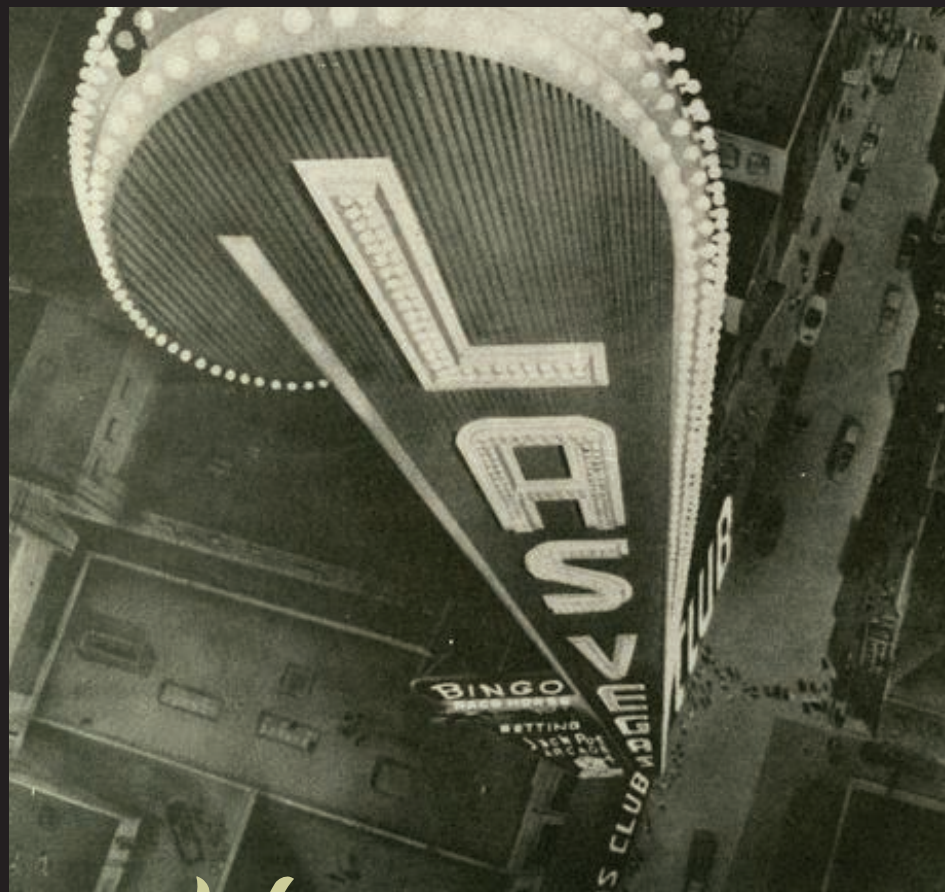
IMPORTANT DATES:

Friday, 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.)
- Final date to send in Auction Donations, Get Togethers and Grade Level Basket Donations
- Last day for wine donations

Saturday, February 25th Kenwood in Vegas 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!**



50'S STYLE
Kenwood
in Vegas

THE ANNUAL SCHOOL AUCTION
AN EVENING FOR ADULTS TO BENEFIT KENWOOD KIDS
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2017