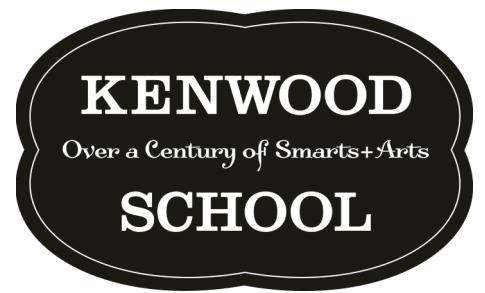


# Kenwood Courier

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**From Your PTA Co-Presidents:** Snow! Snow! Snow! We hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful fresh layer of snow! With warmer temps this week, the kids will undoubtedly enjoy some good, old-fashioned sunny wintry snow fun during recess.

**KENWOOD 2018: A SPACE ODYSSEY:** The Kenwood Auction is just 5 days away! A night you won't forget, this adult-only event is not only fun but functional! The auction is the largest PTA fundraiser of the year, and without it, we couldn't enjoy experiences like those mentioned above. Our Smarts + Arts mission relies on our generous auction donors and our generous auction bidders, alike. With items like \$10 Raffle Tickets and \$10 Wine Wall draws to Live Auction packages valuing \$1450, there is a massively wide range of options and multiple ways to contribute. You could even bid on an In-Home African Drumming session for 8 with the beloved Brother Ghana! Are you a galactic gal, a stormtrooper, an alien? Dress the part, if you like, or come as you are - a Kenwood Parent looking for a night of conversation, libations, donations, fundraising, dancing and fun! We can't wait to see you there!

## TOP 10 THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT THE KENWOOD SPACE ODYSSEY AUCTION

1. **IT'S THIS SATURDAY, MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup>** AT 6:30PM, AT ST. MARY'S GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH!
2. **REGISTER AND BUY YOUR TICKETS IF YOU HAVEN'T DONE SO! PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS ONLINE NOW** by clicking [here](http://bit.ly/KenwoodAuction2018) or visit [bit.ly/KenwoodAuction2018](http://bit.ly/KenwoodAuction2018) and follow the instructions to register. You will receive an email confirming your registration. Tickets are available at the door for \$30/person, but we **STRONGLY** recommend you take care of it now. Registering online now will dramatically reduce lines at check-in. All parents and staff are invited. (Note: This is an adults-only event.)
3. **WE STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS!** Sign up for a volunteer shift by visiting the link below. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084fa4a829a5fd0-kenwood1>
4. The **AUCTION CATALOG IS NOW VIEWABLE** at [bit.ly/KenwoodAuction2018](http://bit.ly/KenwoodAuction2018)  
Many categories and items are open for bidding. Don't miss your chance to get in on the bidding now! Note that some categories/items will not be open for bidding until the night of the event.
5. **CHECK YOUR CALENDAR** to see which Kenwood Get-Togethers and Teacheriffic events you might want to attend and Live Auction items you might want to bid on.
6. **COME EARLY!** Come for great food and drink and get your bidding started early. If you are a new family to Kenwood, please join us for a private pre-auction reception at 6pm.
7. **STAY LATE AND GET READY TO HEAR SOME MUSIC** and do some mingling! The DJ will continue after the live auction and the party will continue on until midnight.
8. **DRESS HOW YOU WISH!** Show up as you are or break out some outta this world costumes. Everything from jeans to casual dress to costumes is perfect.
9. **THINK DRINKS!** There will be a cash bar and a chance to take home lots of great wine.
10. **QUESTIONS?** Contact Cindy at [cdocteurwhite@gmail.com](mailto:cdocteurwhite@gmail.com) or Melanie at [lameremel@yahoo.com](mailto:lameremel@yahoo.com)

**SEUSSICAL THE MUSICAL:** What a performance! We never underestimate the awesomeness each Kenwood Student possesses, but to see so many of Kenwood's 4th and 5th graders performing their hearts out, left us speechless and moved. The heart-warming musical, which offered up multiple apropos messages of acceptance, friendship, and self-worth, had us smiling (and crying) for days! We couldn't be prouder of what our community can do together. Our student actors, singers, and crew worked hard for months, and it showed! And not only were the student performances impressive, the music, set and costuming were all fit for a professional stage. Special thanks to our fearless director and music teacher, Cindi Quehl, who is a personified representation of Smarts + Arts. And with the help of Assistant Directors, Kathleen Bloom of Lundstrum Center for the Performing Arts and parent-volunteers Emily Beugen, this musical performance was realized. Special thanks to Kenwood parents Julie Coykendall and Cindy Harloff for the glorious Seussical costuming as well as the countless hours of pitching in where needed. Thank you to Benson Hardy and Patty Thomas for creating the gorgeous backdrop and Scott Kohanek for running the lights and sound. We would also like to thank Carl Flink and Jenna Victoria for their choreography and dance rehearsal help, as well as Thomas Pann for recording the performance. And to our parent band, James Anderson, Luca Gunther, and Eric Wulfsburg who provided the charming music throughout, we couldn't have done it without you. A huge thank you as well to the parents that practiced lines with the students and drove kids home after practice. What a team! What a show! Bravo! Bravo!

## Dining for Dollars – Noodles & Co

3040 Excelsior Blvd, Minneapolis, MN 612-915-6440

Take a night off of cooking and support Kenwood School all at the same time. On Monday, March 12 from 4:00 – 8:00pm Noodles and Co will donate 25% of all patron's bills back to Kenwood. No flyer necessary, but let them know you are from Kenwood and please remember to thank them for their support.

### African Drumming with Brother Ghana

Yet again, the talented and delightful Brother Ghana brought his beautiful African Drumming residency to Kenwood's Kindergartners. The Kindergartners reveled in their new drumming experience and exploded with brightness and confidence as they performed their beats and danced their little souls out! Well done, Kindergartners!

### Eagle Bluff

Taking no time to jump back into Kenwood action after returning from the President's Day weekend break, the 5th Graders made their annual voyage to Eagle Bluff last week! Thank you to all of the parent chaperones who made the trek, and to Kenwood 5th Grade Teacher, Darwin Lee, for keeping this joyous and exceptional experience alive.

### I Love to Read Month

Kenwood will be celebrating I Love to Read during the month of March! We will kick off the event on Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> during Read Across America Day – Dr. Suess's birthday. Show your Kenwood Spirit and your love of reading by participating in these events:

Friday, March 2: Kenwood Spirit Day (wear blue and gold)

Friday, March 9: Crazy Hair and Hat Day

Friday, March 16: Wear Green Day

Friday, March 23: Pajama Day

Thursday, March 29: Dress as your Favorite Book Character Day

### 2018/2019 PTA Needs

The PTA is looking for a Spring Picnic Chair, as well as a Fall of 2018 Kenwood Crawl Co-Chair. Please contact Melanie LaMere at [lameremel@yahoo.com](mailto:lameremel@yahoo.com) or Coryn Petersen [corynpetersen@gmail.com](mailto:corynpetersen@gmail.com) for further information or if you have interest. Each year, the PTA provides teacher stipends, grade level and school wide artists in residencies, field trip buses, community building events, support for the school play and safety patrol, family liaison, and other needs that inevitably arise. The impact of all those things is huge on the quality of the Kenwood experience. The PTA spends approximately \$170 per student, per year. Please contact Melanie at [lameremel@yahoo.com](mailto:lameremel@yahoo.com) or Coryn at [corynpetersen@gmail.com](mailto:corynpetersen@gmail.com) if you are interested in becoming a part of this worthwhile organization.

As we mentioned in our previous Courier message, February has been a busy month at Kenwood! We are so excited to keep that momentum going as we move into March with the Kenwood Auction, I Love to Read Month, the Student Council Dances, and many more rich and wonderful events, activities and experiences. And as always, we look so forward to participating in these delightful moments with you! We will see you at the Auction!

Best,  
Coryn Petersen & Melanie LaMere  
Kenwood PTA Co-Presidents

### School Safety

Minneapolis Public Schools is committed to supporting safe and welcoming learning and work environments for students and staff. Each school is required by law to conduct 5 lockdown drills, 5 fire/evacuation drills and 1 tornado drill each year. By practicing these drills, students will be prepared in the event that they are needed. For more information about how the district responds to emergencies, view the [Parent's Guide to What We Do](#). There is also information located on the district website at <http://emss.mpls.k12.mn.us/>. In addition, please refer to Ms. Johnson's letter eblasted last week.

### Kenwood Budget Survey

As we enter the budget season, we would like to gather your input so that we may make the most informed decisions for our school. Please take the time to take the short survey, sent out last week by family liaison Lori Smith. If you did not receive the survey, please email her at [lori.smith@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:lori.smith@mpls.k12.mn.us) and she will send it to you. Please complete the survey by Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Kenwood Dance Parties

Help us raise money for a playground friendship bench while putting the FUN back in FUNdraiser. There is a \$3 (K-2<sup>nd</sup>) and \$5 (3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>) per person suggested donation to attend the dance, but you can contribute more or pay what you are able. Only currently enrolled Kenwood students may attend their assigned dance. Please drop off students at the 21<sup>st</sup> street door, and come inside to pick up children promptly at the end of the dance.

## Calendar

Wednesday, February 28th  
5th Grade Ski Trip

Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Read Across America Day

Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30 – 11:45pm  
Space Odyssey - Adults only Silent Auction

Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 – 5:30pm  
Site Council Meeting

Friday, March 9, 6:30 - 8:30pm  
Grades 3-5 School Dance

Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 10:00-11:30am  
Grades K-2 School Dance

Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 - 8:00pm  
Noodles & Co – Dining for Dollars

