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Our Newsletter for Families

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FROM YOUR PTA CO-PRESIDENTS...

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!
The Kenwood in Vegas 50s Auction was great fun and a tremendous success.

Net proceeds from the event surpassed our goal of \$55,000! Thank you for your support. This is the biggest fundraiser of the year. We use the monies raised through the auction to enhance Kenwood's arts curriculum through grade level and school-wide residencies, build community and cover basic school and classroom needs. It has also become a great social event and community builder for Kenwood parents. If you couldn't attend this year—please think about coming next year. The event space was visually stunning, the food was delicious, the donations were amazing, the costumes were impressive, the DJ was cool and the energy in the room was truly electrifying.

A huge thanks to the 2017 Kenwood in Vegas Auction Leadership Team –

Auction Co-Chairs, Melanie LaMere and Cindy White along with their team — Mary Beth Aamot, Traci Auger, Hellen Bassett, Matt Boos, Mia Boos, Adam Braun, Jen Brower, Ariel Carter, Christine Conner, Julie Coykendall, Sandy Dresen, Sonja Elias, Jeremy Fink, Kristi Granacher, Eliza Goodwin, Lisa Hedges, Marla Horwich, Sarah Kreykes, Susan Krook, Chris Madden, Heather Mickman, Coryn Peterson, Ian Peterson, Kathy Rodriguez, Amy Sanborn, Kim Sauvageot, Tara Saylor, Heather Shore, Lori Smith, Ann Tozer, and Heather Wulfsberg.

Thanks also to all of our staff and parent volunteers who helped during the event and helped with the huge tasks of setting up and cleaning up. It definitely takes many people to make this important auction happen and we are so grateful to this



generous parent community.

We are grateful to our very generous auction sponsors, who value strong public schools. A special call-out to our non-profit Neighborhood Associations

KIAA & CIDNA for supporting one of Kenwood Schools most important Community & Fundraising events of the year!

We look forward to funding more great residencies and school-wide activities in the year to come. We could not do it without all the community-wide support. **THANK YOU!!**

In other news, despite the early return home due to blizzard conditions in southern Minnesota, the 5th graders had a fantastic trip to Eagle Bluff. They experienced the infamous rope course, incorporated environmental learning into class-work and gained important independence. This trip is helpful in transitioning to middle school. **The Kenwood Plant Sale** will be kicking off soon and proceeds are used to offset costs associated with the trip for all students.

Our school community is truly amazing!

Melanie LaMere & Julie Coykendall

There is a snapshot of some of the PTA-Funded activities in the 2016-17 School Year (this year)

- Grade Level Art Residencies
- Field Trip Buses
- 4th & 5th Grade Band
- School Play
- Midwest Food Connection
- MN Book Arts
- Barn Dance Residency
- Family Activity Night
- Transportation for families
- Back To School Ice Cream Social
- Teacher Support (including supply stipends) and Staff Appreciation
- Kenwood Office Supplies
- School Safety Patrol
- Student Council
- Directory
- Yearbook



Kenwood Community Meeting



Thursday, March 16th 6:00 - 7:15 p.m.
Multipurpose Room.

Budget Update from Principal Wharton-Beck & Site Council

Limited childcare available by reservation only —
contact Chris Madden, Family Liaison

at christine.madden@mpls.k12.mn.us to reserve a spot by March 14.

Children must be 3 years old, no diaper changes, food or beverages allowed.

ANTHONY MIDDLE SCHOOL PRESENTS



Wednesday, March 22 at 6:30 p.m.

Friday, March 24 at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday March 25 at 2:00 p.m.

General admission tickets are available at each performance. Seating on a first come, first serve basis. Doors open 30 minutes prior to showtime.

Tickets at the Door: \$5 for Students & Children, \$10 for Adults.

RESERVE Pre-sale Tickets for sale online now for \$15.70 per seat.
<https://anthony-middle-school-musical-2017.ticketleap.com/>

Thank You Kenwood Families!

FOR ALL YOU DID TO MAKE THE 2017 KENWOOD IN VEGAS AUCTION
A FABULOUS EVENT.

We are thrilled that together we far exceeded our goal of raising \$50,000. The money will go towards maintaining the Smarts + Arts curriculum through residencies, new resources and other support and improvements. Although it is Kenwood's largest fundraiser of the year, it has also become an important Kenwood Community Builder. For those of you that attended, hopefully it was an evening to remember.

THERE ARE SO MANY THANK-YOUS WE NEED TO MAKE BUT WE THOUGHT
IN AN EFFORT TO KEEP IT BRIEF WE WOULD TRY TO COVER THEM ALL
IN A TOP 10 LIST PREPARED IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER!

OUR TOP 10 LIST OF THANKS INCLUDE:

1. **YOU for your SUPPORT!** For volunteering, donating, attending, bidding, hosting and choosing to be an active part of the Kenwood School Community. AND, for showing up in some stellar costumes.
2. **VOLUNTEERS!** It would not have been possible without the help of hundreds of volunteers that worked on this auction together. Some started months ago with pre-planning, all the way through to the day and night of the auction and even the final wrap up going on now. All help, big and small was greatly appreciated.
3. **GENEROSITY** from our sponsors, donors, local businesses, families and friends, and teachers and staff that contributed to the silent and live auction.
4. **DÉCOR!** Thanks to Team Honeyshine for making everyone feel like they were back in Vegas, Baby.
5. **CREATIVITY** – thanks to the individuals who created the beautiful invites, numerous posters and entertaining live auction slide show.
6. **FANTASTIC FOOD AND DRINK** thanks to Nico's Tacos, Freehouse, and Cub Foods.
7. **NEW KENWOOD FAMILIES** for joining us at the Pre-Party and experiencing your first Kenwood Auction. Welcome!
8. **GREAT GRADE LEVEL BASKETS** and **WINE WALL**- Thanks to all of you that contributed, organized or bought these fun baskets and bottles of wine.
9. **KENWOOD KIDS and parent and grandparent volunteers for creating beautiful art work** that was admired all year and then bought by loving families.
10. **DOLLARS INTO ACTION** — Principal Dr. Wharton-Beck and all the teachers and staff who put all those dollars we raise into action.

IT COULDN'T HAVE BEEN DONE WITHOUT YOU! THANK YOU!
Melanie LaMere and Cindy White, 2017 Kenwood in Vegas Auction Co-chairs

Kenwood School Plant starts now!

Proceeds from the sale will help lower the price of the 5th grade Eagle Bluff Field trip for every student and provide scholarships so that ALL 5th graders will be able to attend. Any additional funds will help support the PTA. Plant sale forms went home today in backpacks. Extra plant sale forms are in the school office and a pdf will be available on the Kenwood School Website. **All plant sale order forms are due by Friday, March 24th.** Plants will be available for pick up at school on Friday, May 19th.



School Attendance

Our Kenwood School handbook clearly outlines the school and district attendance policy. **Regular attendance is important to school success. It is expected that a student will attend daily and will be on time.** Please call the school office before 8:00 a.m. when your child is absent (612) 668-2780.

The Woodchuck Walk Starts Again for Spring!

We are excited to announce that starting next week children who ride the yellow school buses will once a week experience the joys and reap the benefits of walking to school in an effort to increase student health, raise academic achievement, build community, and foster environmental awareness. Other Minneapolis Schools have started this program to much success!

Starting tomorrow — Tuesday, March 7, all school buses will drop students near Morgan & Douglas where they will be met by Kenwood staff. Children will walk along the designated route to school, accompanied by staff, school patrol, parents, & volunteers. The Woodchuck Walk will continue every TUESDAY through the rest of the school year, weather permitting. We need parent volunteers to make this happen. Please sign up through the link on our Kenwood website.



Woody Woodchuck

CALENDAR

Thursday, March 9

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

Thursday, March 16

Community Meeting 6:00 - 7:15 p.m.
Multipurpose Room

Thursday, March 23

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

Wednesday, March 29

SPOTLIGHT — 8:15 a.m. Multi-purpose Room
SPOTLIGHT — 1:00 p.m. Multi-purpose Room

Friday, March 31- Friday, April 7

NO SCHOOL - SPRING BREAK

Monday, April 10

School resumes

Monday, April 17

Earth Day Classroom Clean Up

