

# 14 Kenwood Courier

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## Our Newsletter for Families

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## FROM YOUR PTA CO-PRESIDENTS...

**Spring is here!** I cannot believe that Spring Break has already come and gone and that we are in the final push of the school year – only 2 months until summer vacation! So much happens in these two months that I know they will fly by... as the PTA begins to plan for next year our primary task is looking for VOLUNTEERS. The Kenwood Community is strong because so many donate hours to classrooms, special projects, making photo-copies – you name it, we have a volunteer for that! Thank you! However, we are still a few volunteers short for upcoming events and for next year.



**Parents as Partners** — Each week more than 80 volunteers come together to work with groups of students to help build math skills. The program has been successful — math scores have improved at Kenwood. Kids and parents alike love the program. We are looking for volunteers for all grade levels for next year. If you are interested in learning more about Parents as Partners, contact Julie Coykendall at [juliecoykendall@hotmail.com](mailto:juliecoykendall@hotmail.com).

**The Carnival is coming!** This year the Carnival will be held on Saturday, May 14th!

The spring carnival is an all-time favorite for kids, parents and alumni and the neighborhood community! It is a fun-filled day of games, prizes, food and outdoor activities! If this year will be your first, you are in for a treat! This year it almost did not happen. Thank you to the team that came together to continue the tradition! There is still a HUGE need



for volunteers to work the day of the event. A separate communication will come out with all of the various shifts that will need volunteers. Please consider volunteering your time for this amazing day! This is a great way to get involved and continue a wonderful tradition at Kenwood!

**Spiritwear is a big hit at Kenwood!** We are looking for two volunteers to take over spirit wear. This involves choosing merchandise to sell, pricing, and setting up at events. This is a great volunteer job for someone with retail experience and the time commitment is limited.

**Dining for Dollars** continues to be a success. Please join us on April 19th for



the Kenwood Dining day at Galactic Pizza! The PTA has also scheduled an event at MyBurger on Thursday, May 12th.

**As you can see,** a lot of great things going on at Kenwood!

*Thank you for your continued support!*  
*Julie Coykendall & Anna Schmalzbauer*

## Minneapolis Kids is coming!

Minneapolis Kids is excited to announce the opening of a new location at Kenwood Community School for the 2016-17 school year.

Enrollment for the new Kenwood Minneapolis Kids location will begin at **noon on Monday, April 18** at [www.minneapolis.thatscommunityed.com](http://www.minneapolis.thatscommunityed.com).

Please contact the **MINNEAPOLIS KIDS MAIN OFFICE** at 612.668.3890, or [mpls.kids@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:mpls.kids@mpls.k12.mn.us) with any questions that you may have.

## Dine for Dollars at Galactic Pizza

Tuesday, April 19  
from 11:00 a.m. to Midnight

Mention Kenwood School when you place your order and they'll donate 25% of your total tab to the Kenwood PTA!

Offer valid on dine in, delivery or take out orders!

Galactic Pizza— 2917 Lyndale Ave. S., Mpls, 55408 612-824-9100



**GALACTIC PIZZA**  
Pizzeria • 2917 Lyndale Ave. S.

# National Bike/Walk to School Day!



## Wednesday, May 4th

**Promote exercise, reduce traffic, show school spirit!**

Upon arriving at school, sign our school poster and receive a sticker.  
(Bus Riders can do a short course around the playground to sign the poster & receive a sticker too!)

**Cyclists:** Wear helmets, use bike paths & lanes, bring a bike lock.  
**Walkers:** Use safe routes, cross at intersections, wear comfy shoes.

Questions? Contact Chris Madden at [kenwoodpta@yahoo.com](mailto:kenwoodpta@yahoo.com) or 668-2778

## It's Pits & Alleys this week in the Kenwood School Gym! Yeah! Ask your kids about it.

It's Pits & Alleys week in the Kenwood Gym. Pits & Alleys is something Mr. C. (Steve Cornelius), Kenwood's Physical Education teacher has been doing since 1992. It's a complicated obstacle course set up in the gym with mats, cones, ropes etc. Over the years it has metamorphosed into something much grander than its meek beginning. In the early days, the course was taken down and set up daily. Now it takes roughly 5 hours and all Friday afternoon to have it set up for Monday.

All students, K-5, have the opportunity to do this during their P.E. time. Basically, its is a game of tag inside an obstacle course. There are things to climb or jump over, crawl through, or avoid which could get you out for that game.

There is a lot of critical thinking going on since you have to determine which pathway (alleys) to take and order to not get tagged and put into the "PIT" or get trapped on a one-way street by the taggers.

Mr. C feels overall it is by far the most popular activity students do in gym class. It has become so popular that it's offered as a sign up evening event at Kenwood's annual Auction and has sold out every year raising thousands of dollars for our school. Many parents have been told by their children to not to come home from the Auction if they didn't sign them up for Pits & Alleys.

Ask your child about gym class this week. I am sure you will get a smile. Thanks Mr. C.!



**TALBOTS**

Please join us **&** help make a  
**DIFFERENCE**

At our event at 50th & France  
supporting Kenwood Community School PTA.  
Saturday, April 16th  
9AM-12PM  
Talbots will donate 10% of pre-tax sales.

**Pinocchio Cast Party is this Thursday, April 14 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.**

The permission slip must be turned in for your child to stay after school. Parents must arrange for transportation home at 3:30 p.m.

### CALENDAR

**Monday, April 11**

Start of Pits & Alleys week in the Kenwood Gym

**Thursday, April 14**

Pinocchio Cast Party  
2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**Saturday, April 16**

Talbots Fundraiser — Edina (50th & France)  
9:00 a.m. to Noon

**Tuesday, April 19**

Kenwood Galactic Pizza Day  
11:00 a.m. to midnight

**Thursday, April 28**

Kindergarten Round Up — Registration for Incoming Kindergartners for Fall 2016-17

**Monday, May 2— Friday, May 6**

Teacher Appreciation Week

**Saturday, May 7**

5th Grade Math Competition at North High

**Wednesday, May 4**

National Walk/Bike to School Day

**Tuesday, May 12**

Kenwood MyBurger Night

**Friday, May 13**

Plant Sale Pick Up — Noon – 6 p.m.

**Saturday, May 14**

**Kenwood Carnival — 11 - 3 p.m.**

**Thursday, May 19**

SMARTS+Arts Choir Concert & Band Concert  
6:30 p.m. — Kenwood Gym

**Monday, May 23 – Friday, May 27**

Volunteer Appreciation Week

**Tuesday, May 24 – Friday, May 27**

Kenwood Track & Field Days

**Tuesday, May 24**

Chipotle (Calhoun location)/  
Ben & Jerry's Night Fundraiser for  
5th Grade Eagle Bluff Trip –  
6:00 p.m.

**Monday, May 30**

NO SCHOOL — Memorial Day

**Friday, June 3**

All School Awards Assembly 8:00 a.m.

**Monday, June 6**


Fifth Grade Celebration

**Friday, June 7**

Last Day of School

**Saturday, June 11**

Kenwood Elementary Benefit Rummage Sale  
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



**Welcome Kenwood Community!**

Future looks bright!

**KENWOOD  
SCHOOL  
CARNIVAL**

**MAY  
14**

**Saturday 11am-3pm**

**Games, Prizes, Food, and Fun For Everyone! All invited!**

In the event of rain the activities move inside the Kenwood Park Rec. Center.  
Tickets are 50 cents each. Be a part of this long standing school tradition!