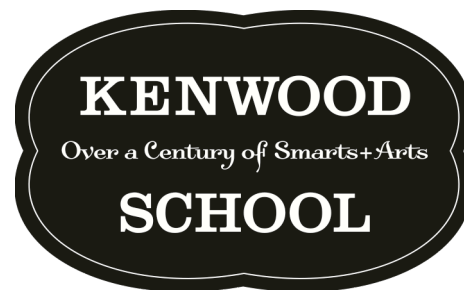


Kenwood Courier

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Welcome to the 2017-18 school year at Kenwood School! We're Melanie LaMere and Coryn Petersen — Co-Presidents of the PTA. Melanie has a 5th grade daughter at Kenwood and a 6th grade daughter who started at Anthony this year. Coryn has 3 daughters at Kenwood... a 4th grader, a 2nd grader and a new Kindergartner. We were pleased to meet so many parents of Kindergartners, as well as some returning parents, for coffee on the playground on the first day of school. Thank you to the Lowry for providing the coffee and delicious scones.

What We Do: The Kenwood PTA is busy all year long building community, enhancing communication between home and school, and raising funds to pay for residencies, supplies, and experiences that make Kenwood a unique place for kids to learn and grow. Please see the back page for a list of current PTA board members. If you are interested in getting involved, or would like more information please feel free to contact any of the board members.

Back-to-School PTA Events: Four weeks into the school year and the PTA has already sponsored two events — the **Ice Cream Social** and the **Crawl**. We hope you were able to attend the Back-to-School Ice Cream Social and Open House. It is always great to meet your classroom teacher, see the specialists and enjoy ice cream, of course! Thank you to Heather Wulfsberg for chairing this event and to all the parents who volunteered their time. The Kenwood Crawl, chaired by parents Traci Auger & Hellen Bassett focused on fitness and fun, while raising money for Kenwood PTA and our mission to maintain SMARTS + ARTS. It was a perfect day to come together as a community. Families ran and walked around the park, along with numerous staff and Principal, Dr. Wharton-Beck. Thanks to the 30+ volunteers that made the event possible! And thank you to the various local businesses that donated, as well. The event was a success and will help the PTA fund the many extra activities at Kenwood School!

Curriculum Night: Thanks to all the teachers for taking time to help parents understand what happens each day in the classroom. The night was well attended and helped set the tone for a great year of learning at Kenwood. Curriculum Night is meant to be an introduction to the goals and expectations of each classroom. It is also an excellent preparation for parents for their individual meetings with teachers at conference time. Parent/Teacher Conferences are on Tuesday, October 17th from 2:30-7:00pm and Wednesday, October 18th from 7:30am-2:00pm. If you have not yet scheduled an October conference with your child's teacher, please do so.

Coming soon! Fall Read-A-Thon: We are excited for the return of our newest PTA fundraiser, The Read-A-Thon! It will take place at the end of October, encouraging kids to read books and raise funds for our school. There will be prizes for the class with the most participation, students with the most minutes read, students who raise the most money and more. Look for more details to come home in folders soon. Thank you to Beth Mason and Rachelle Morken for volunteering to co-chair this event.

Sign up to help with a Conference Meal: We have a long standing tradition of treating our dedicated teachers to good eats at conference time. Our teachers strive to meet with every single family so to keep them energized, we'll provide tasty snacks and meals. Keep an eye out for the Signup Genius link.

Kenwood Crawl: Thank you to everyone that came out to the Kenwood Crawl. The weather cooperated and we were able to raise nearly \$16,000 with donations still coming in. If you still have your donation envelope at home, please send it into the office.

The first prize for fundraising goes to **Camilo** from Room 239. **Corina** from Room 206 and **Garrett** from Room 138 tied for the highest number of donations with 65 donations each. Well done **Camilo, Corinna, and Garrett!**

The award to the classroom with the highest participation, at 71%, goes to **Room 141 – Mr. Brezny!** They are the proud recipients of the Kenwood walking stick and a recess-in-the-park party. **Mrs. Schuette – Room 239**, raised the most amount of donations as a class, \$2,320! They also win a recess-in-the-park party. Congratulations to both classes.

A special thank you to Traci Auger and Hellen Bassett for organizing this event, as well as all the parents who volunteered for a shift. We would also like to thank ARTrageous Adventures and Kenwood Gymnastics for their wonderful activities as well the generous donations from area businesses Corner Coffee for the coffee, Isles Coffee & Bun for the puppy dog tails and, Lund's and Kowalski's for fruit and water.

Upcoming Events: Watch future *Couriers* for information on Family Activity Night (includes a Dinner, Barn Dance and Book Fair) on November 16th and Kenwood Galactic Pizza day on Tuesday, October 24. Yummy pizza for dinner for a good cause — Kenwood School!

Coryn Petersen & Melanie LaMere

KENWOOD SCHOOL WEEKLY E-BLASTS — The best way to keep informed about what is happening school-wide.

If you have not received email updates from Family Liaison Lori Smith, please e-mail lori.smith@mpls.k12.mn.us to get on this valuable email list. E-blasts are sent out every Monday with extra reminders for important information & events sent on an as needed basis.

PRIDE at Kenwood

PRIDE is the positive behavior program at Kenwood School. Kenwood Kids show their **PRIDE** every day by demonstrating the following qualities: **P**eaceful, **R**espectful, **I**ntegrity, **D**ependable and **E**ngaged. Teachers provide lessons about each quality. Students who demonstrate our Kenwood **PRIDE** values will be recognized during weekly announcements by the Student Council. Parents are asked to talk about the **PRIDE** values with their children and support the school’s efforts to promote a safe and respectful environment for all students.

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 Lisa Hedges, at kenwoodyearbook1@gmail.com and contact her if you are available to take pictures at an event.

Kenwood Online Directory

This year’s directory is now available for new and returning families! For returning families, you should have received an email from the directory asking you to update class info, add a child and then confirm. Passwords can be reset if needed. For new families, please use the following link to enter your family’s contact information. <http://bit.ly/1uAdBdB>. If you have questions or concerns please contact Christine Conner at Kenwooddirectory@gmail.com. Note: There is a link to the Kenwood Online School Directory on the right hand side of the school’s homepage. <https://www.myschoolanywhere.com/directory-login.a5w>

Site Council

Kenwood’s Site Council addresses policies that govern the school and its administrative budget. This group is comprised of parents and school staff and meets monthly throughout the school year. While other schools have Site Councils, the true collaboration that exists at Kenwood among the teachers, administration and parents is unique and something we should all appreciate. Meetings are generally the second Thursday of each month from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. in the Media Center. If you are interested in attending a meeting or would like more information, please contact Site Council chair Stephanie Fink at Stephanie.s.fink@gmail.com. The next meeting will be Thursday, September 28.

SITE COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Parents: Stephanie Fink (Chair), Mohamed Ahmed, Devon Alexander, Sean Boyce, Kirsten Eitreim, Rob LeFevere, Al Rodriguez, and Megan Vaught

Staff: Dr. Aura Wharton-Beck, Principal; Susan Ferrell, Grade 2 teacher; Cynthia Quehl, Specialist teacher; Lori Smith, Family Liaison; Julie Young-Walser, Grade 5 teacher

PTA Board Members

- Co-President Melanie LaMere
- Co-President Coryn Petersen
- Co-Vice President/Fundraising Chair Cindy White
- Co-Vice President/Fundraising Chair ...Sarah Kreykes
- Secretary Matt Dawson
- Treasurer Jessica Lockrem
- Deputy Treasurer Amy Sanborn
- Residencies Chair Julie Coykendall
- Volunteer Coordinator Jane Wolke
- Marketing/Social Media Co-ChairTraci Auger
- Marketing/Social Media Co-Chair Ann Tozer
- Marketing/Social Media Co-Chair Amanda Williams
- Site Council Liaison Devon Alexander
- Principal Dr. Aura Wharton – Beck
- Teacher Rep Darwin Lee
- Family LiaisonLori Smith

Again this year, we have a great mix of new and experienced members who meet once monthly as a group and then as needed on committees working on various events throughout the year.

Calendar

- Tuesday, September 26
Chess Club 2:00-3:00
- Thursday, September 28
Site Council Meeting 4:00-5:30pm
- Wednesday, October 4
International Walk/Bike to School Day
- Thursday, October 5
Nico’s Tacos – Dining for Dollars
11:00am-11:00pm
- Friday, October 13
Picture Day
- Tuesday, October 17
Parent Teacher Conferences 2:30 - 7:00pm
- Wednesday, October 18
NO SCHOOL - Parent Teacher Conferences
7:30am – 2:00pm
- Thursday, October 19 & Friday, October 20
NO SCHOOL - MEA Statewide Teacher Professional Days



