

Kenwood Courier

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There is a certain amount of synergy that occurs between 7:15 and 7:30 a.m. when I greet the children at the beginning of the day. Their collective “poise of presence” enables them to be open to the possibilities of education. In other words, Kenwood students arrive at school READY to learn. As I visit their classrooms, your children remain actively engaged in the learning process at every level! Kenwood students ask thought-provoking questions during grade – level book club meetings, exchange interesting ideas with their peers, explore the complexity and beauty of nature through walking field trips, and share their artistic talents through grade level “Spotlights”.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

“What did you learn today? What mistake did you make that taught you something? What did you try hard at today?”– Carol Dweck. Please reserve October 17th and 18th for Parent-Teacher conferences. Fall conferences provide a structured setting for parents and teachers to discuss their children’s academic performance and achievement. These one-to-one meetings with teachers, and following up with both your children and their teachers afterward, lay the groundwork for a successful school experience.

Kenwood Crawl 2017

Walkers of all ages kicked off the annual Kenwood Crawl in grand style. The pep in their step helped to ward off the uncast clouds! This time-honored event hosted current students, staff, Kenwood alumni, parents, grandparents, and host of canine friends. The Kenwood Crawl raised a remarkable \$16,000 for school arts residencies. Thank you to our event chairs — Traci Auger and Hellen Bassett; our community sponsors — ARTrageous Adventures Corner Coffee, Corner Ballon Shoppe, Isles Bun & Coffee, Kowalski’s Market, and Lunds and Byerlys; our MC – Russell Wolfe; our Graphic Designer – Nancy Hope; MSP Communications/*Twin Cities Business Magazine* for their generous donation of Science Museum and Big Thrill Factory tickets for student winners; and all the parent and student volunteers, as well as the teachers for their steadfast commitment to promoting and sustaining the arts at Kenwood School. We had nice weather, great music, delicious snacks and a great group of students, teachers and family members—and more than a few dogs! Congratulations to all students for a successful 2017 Kenwood Crawl!

Please welcome Danielle Sanders, our new secretary

My name is Danielle Sanders. I come from a tax and accounting background, and am eager to start this new role in assisting Kenwood as a whole. I am new to the school district and as a school secretary, but I am used to working in a busy environment with having been an Office Manager in a tax office for almost 20 years. I am a mother of two children who attend St Paul charter schools. My daughter, Akili is in her freshman year at Nova Classical Academy, and my son, Ishaan is in the 3rd grade at Twin Cities German Immersion School. I am proficient in German and American Sign Language. I spent my senior year in high school in Germany as an exchange student. That experience sparked my love for language and different cultures. I learned sign language more due to family necessity as I have an aunt that is deaf, so my family as a whole learned it. I am happy to start this new chapter life, and appreciate the warm welcome that I have received so far.

We are pleased to have Danielle join the Kenwood team!



Kenwood PRIDE

Respect and safety are etched in the DNA of the culture of this school and are reinforced on a daily basis. Kenwood Kids show their Kenwood PRIDE every day by demonstrating these values: Peacefulness, Respect, Integrity, Dependability, and Engagement. Teachers provide lessons about each of these qualities, what they look like in the classroom, and what they look like in the common areas around Kenwood School. Beginning in October, our Student Council members will recognize students who demonstrate our Kenwood PRIDE values. A different classroom will be highlighted each week to ensure that every room is recognized during this school year. We encourage parents and other significant adults in our children’s lives to talk about PRIDE values with their student and support our efforts to promote a safe and respectful environment for all students. Kenwood PRIDE compliments our Second Step Curriculum.

Attendance Matters

School begins promptly at 7:30 am. We would like to reverse the trend of many of our students arriving to school after the 7:30 am bell rings. School is a dress rehearsal for life. Developing a practice of being punctual to school sets the tone for the day. All Kenwood teachers start the school day with a Responsive Classroom and/or Second Step lesson. When your student arrives to class late, they have missed an essential piece of instruction. Thank you for helping us to reinforce good habits.

Welcome Desk Help Needed

We are still in need of a volunteer willing to help at the welcome desk on Wednesdays from 7:30-8:00am. The job is fun – just greeting students & families and writing out passes to get to class. If you are able to help, please contact Lori Smith at lori.smith@mpls.k12.mn.us.

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.

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. Food may be homemade or store bought. If you are interested in donating food, please contact Jane Wolke at wolke.jane@gmail.com or visit the sign up at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E084FA4A829A5FD0-conference

Family Activity Night

Come on down to Kenwood on Thursday, November 16th for a free dinner, the Scholastic Book Fair, and our all school Barn Dance. The Barn Dance is the culmination of our school wide residency with ROOTS, featuring the fifth grade sword dance. It's a great time to kick up your heels and have your children teach you the dances. Kenwood kids love to see their parents dance, so please make a point to dance with your children! We are also pleased to announce that you will be able to view "Native American Art: Teaching in Present Tense" that evening. More detailed information will be coming home in the future.

2nd Annual "Native American Art: Teaching in Present Tense" Student Art Exhibit

During art class, each grade level will be introduced to Dakota and Ojibwe art traditions and contemporary practices. Grades 1-4 will learn about and work with accomplished living artists from Minnesota. This will be in honor and in celebration of Native American History Month (November). Some of the special activities and art projects are beginning before then. The finished pieces will be displayed beginning November 1. The exhibit will also be displayed during Family Activity Night in the lower level. Thank you to current parent, Angie Erdrich and Kenwood alumni parent, Heid Erdrich, who have generously given their time, talent and expertise in helping create these experiences. We would also like to thank Kenwood PTA for their financial support of this program. In addition, [congratulations to art teacher Margaret Swenson](#) for her groundbreaking Native American art curriculum which was studied last year by the Minneapolis Institute of Arts and will become a standardized curriculum for the state of Minnesota.

Kenwood TEA Clothing Fundraiser

The Kenwood fundraiser with TEA's Children's globally inspired clothing collection is going on from October 9 – 16th. You simply need to visit TeaSchoolDays.com between the above dates, shop and then enter our Promo Code "SDF17KENWOOD". You will receive 15% off your order, free shipping (6-10 days) AND Kenwood receives 15% of all sales!

Allergies and the Lunchroom

While parents are welcome to send food that they feel is appropriate for their children, we do have students with severe allergic reactions to peanuts and tree nuts. We ask you to consider sending nut free products to school in order to minimize the risk to these children.

Dining for Dollars

What is Dining for Dollars? It's a chance to support Kenwood School, socialize with other families, and enjoy some tasty food from area restaurants all at the same time. Restaurants generously donate a portion of their sales or proceeds on specific Kenwood dates back to us. Thank you to both [Minnesota Nice Cream](#) and [Nico's Taco Bar](#) for their generous donations so far this year. All money raised goes to the Kenwood PTA, which provides funding for our arts residencies. Mark your calendar for more Dining for Dollar dates to come – Galactic Pizza on October 24, Chipotle on November 13, The Lowbrow on December 11, and My Burger on February 8 to name a few.

Parents as Partners Needs You!

Parents as Partners, our parent-led math program, needs volunteers in grades 1,2,3,and 5 to commit to helping once a week, or every other week for 30 min. All materials and training are provided for you. You come at the assigned time, work with your small groups, and then head out for the rest of your day. A great way to help out the school and get to know your child's classmates. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Ben Nelson at papkenwood@gmail.com. If you're looking to do even more for the program, we also need grade leaders. Grade leads coordinate the parents, and produce the packets each week; about 30 extra minutes and some emails. [If you are interested or want some more information, feel free to contact Ben anytime and he'll let you know how easy it is!](#)

Calendar

Monday, October 9 – Monday, October 16

TEA School Days fundraiser

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

Tuesday, October 24

Galactic Pizza - Dining for Dollars

11:00am - Midnight

Thursday, November 2 & Friday, November 3

NO SCHOOL

Monday, November 13

Chipotle (2600 Hennepin Ave) – Dining for Dollars

4:00 – 8:00pm

Thursday, November 16

Family Activity Night

Give to the Max Day

Friday, November 17

Picture Re-take Day



