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Our Newsletter for Families

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a favorite among kids and offers the school a great chance to share with the larger community.

We are looking for new ideas and ways to simplify this fun event. If you want to help carry on the tradition, please contact Anna at annaintokyo@gmail.com.

Once again the Kenwood community will be preparing Holiday baskets for families in need. Watch for a flyer to come home in early December to request a basket or to sign up to make a food contribution to these wonderful baskets.

Have a great Thanksgiving Holiday with your families! Don't forget to go to MyBurger this Thursday.

Anna Schmalzbauer & Julie Coykendall

FROM YOUR PTA CO-PRESIDENTS...

Can you believe that Thanksgiving is almost here? We have had a beautiful fall and it is hard to believe that we have already finished 50 days of school. Ask any Kindergartener and they will count to 50, and tell you about how they celebrated.

Family Activity Night — The whole school kicked up their heels at the Barn dance, feasted on pasta (**a huge thanks to The Lowry restaurant for donating the food!**) Many students also have a few new books from the book fair to read over the winter! A big thanks to the many volunteers make this night possible, especially Denise Fahl, who coordinated the delicious dinner with The Lowry; Book Fair organizers Kirstin Anderson, Susan Weir, Lisa Thompson, Cindy White and Heather Wulfsberg; Volunteer Coordinator Lori Smith; and Christine Conner, who helped organize the event. Special thanks to our wonderful music teacher Cynthia Quehl for coordinating the musical entertainment, Artist-in-Residence Bob Walsler, and all the talented volunteer musicians who make the Barn Dance such fun. Thanks to Chris Madden, who helped with all the communications and details for the event.

Thank you for your participation Give to the Max Day. We raised \$10,000 for Kenwood School. This money will be used for academic enrichment. Yeah!

Thank you for your participation in the Innisbrook Fundraiser. We made almost \$10,000 for Kenwood! A big thanks goes out to Ruth Ehalt for chairing this fundraiser.

Parents as Partners is off to a great start this year! Thank you to Mindy Glover, Jane Davis, Lori Smith, Julie Coykendall and Ben Nelson for taking a leadership role and coordinating 1 – 5 grade levels. Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and community members who come each week. Students, parents and teachers love the program. The program is a hallmark of the Kenwood spirit. It says so much about the dedication of our community to ensuring all kids learn.

The PTA is looking for volunteers. We have two large events listed below that simply won't happen without your help! Please consider volunteering your time and skills to support our wonderful school.

The Kenwood All School Plant Sale — The sale happens every Spring and the funds collected support the 5th grade field trip to Eagle Bluff and the Kenwood PTA. The fifth graders spend 4 days and 3 nights at an environmental science center in Southern MN. The trip is the culmination of their time at Kenwood and helps prepare all students for the independence of middle school. Sale funds also support general PTA events. Please contact 5th Grade teacher Mr. Lee (darwin.lee@mpls.k12.mn.us) if you want to learn more. No green thumbs necessary!



We are also looking for a crew to help plan the Kenwood Carnival. This event is

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Address.**
Thursday, November 19th
4:30 to 5:30 p.m.
in the Multi-purpose Room.
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Kenwood Night Out November 19th — 4pm-7pm

Treat yourself and your family to a quick, casual and tasty meal out on Thursday, November 19th at **MyBurger**, between 4-7 p.m.

Mention you are there for **"Kenwood Night Out"** (KNO) and **MyBurger** will donate 25% of all "KNO" sales to Kenwood Elementary School. It's that easy!

Anyone can participate — grandparents, neighbors, aunts, uncles, cousins, alumni, co-workers, etc.. Just say: "KNO" when you order and **MyBurger** will donate **25% of their total sales** – including the purchase of gift cards to **Kenwood Elementary School**.

Questions? Contact Chris Madden:
kenwoodpta@yahoo.com

MyBurger is located in Calhoun Commons;
3100 Excelsior Blvd. (next to Yogurt Lab)



TO THE MAX
give DAY
NOV 12, 2015

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN
Give to the Max
for Kenwood School
We raised \$10,000 for Kenwood School. This money will be used for academic enrichment
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Coats & Waterproof Mittens needed!

Our social worker, Michele Goddard is requesting donations of waterproof mittens, coats and snow pants that are new or still in good condition to school office. **Thank you for your help.**

If you are in need for resources for holidays, please contact our school social worker Michele Goddard at 612-668-2784

Picture Retake Day

November 19th is picture retake day for students who were absent for the first photos or who want another picture taken. **Students getting a 2nd photo MUST return the original packet when they come for the retake.**



Innisbrook Update

Thank you for everyone who participated in the 2015 Innisbrook Fundraiser! Our total revenue, which included product sales and opt out donations, was \$19,413. Product sales amounted to \$17,041 and opt out donations totaled \$2,372. This netted Kenwood School a profit of nearly \$10,000. As a result of our strong efforts, our arts programs will continue to flourish. Ms. Williams had the highest number of participants. There was a three way tie between Ms. Julie, Ms. Rasmussen and Ms. Maupin for second place. Each of them will receive a beautiful Innisbrook gift basket. Ms. William's 4th grade had the highest sales and will enjoy a party of their teacher's choice.

Holiday Food Boxes

Kenwood Families have a tradition of providing the makings of delicious holiday meals for others in our school community who are experiencing difficult times. In backpacks on December 1st, please look for a flyer from our school social worker, Michele Goddard. If you would like to make a donation, simply fill out the tear off portion of the flyer and return it to school by the stated date. **We will need assistance in assembling the boxes on the morning of Wednesday, December 16th. Contact Chris Madden at christine.madden@mpls.k12.mn.us or 612-668-2778 if you can help.** If your family would like to receive a food box this year, please don't be shy about calling Michele at 668-2784 to request one. She can also share information about other holiday resources and programs, like Toys for Tots.



Chinook Books for Sale

Chinook books are for sale in the school office. \$22 for the book, \$14 for the online version and \$30 for the combo pack. 50% of purchase goes to Kenwood.

Mrs. Gregory's used book sale

Mrs. Gregory & her third grade students are gearing up for their annual Kenwood Used Book Sale. The money from this sale goes to purchase books for Kenwood School's Book Room collection. The sale will be Thursday and Friday, December 17 & 18 in the third grade hallway. Donations of used children's books are appreciated. If you have books to donate, please send them in with your child. Baskets for the books will be set up in the school atrium and outside of Mrs. Gregory's Classroom – Room 221.



Anthony Middle School Tours Start In December.

Anthony Middle School is Kenwood Elementary School's pathway school. If you would like to schedule a tour or need more information, visit their website <http://anthony.mpls.k12.mn.us/>. There will also be an Information Night at Anthony on January 14, 2015.

Science Fair at Kenwood

The Kenwood Science Fair is happening again for 3rd, 4th & 5th Graders. All 3rd Graders are doing the Science Fair as part of their regular science curriculum. The fair is optional for 4th & 5th Graders. All Science Fair projects are due Thursday, December 10th. The Science Fair will be Thursday, December 10th from 6:00 to 6:45 p.m. at school. Information packets went home a few weeks ago. If you have questions, contact 5th Grade teacher, Darwin Lee or 3rd Grade teacher, Deb Gregory.

Kenwood Tours

School Tours will be starting after Thanksgiving for parents of children starting Kindergarten in the Fall of 2016. If you know someone interested in a tour of Kenwood, have them contact Kenwood School Family Liaison Chris Madden at 612-668-2778 or christine.madden@mpls.k12.mn.us. **The MPS School Request Cards for 2016 Kindergarten are due on March 5, 2016.** Kenwood School will also be having an information night for Prospective Parents on February 9th.

KENWOOD SCHOOL WEEKLY E-BLASTS

The best way to keep informed about what is happening school-wide.

This is an opt-in list. To get on this valuable e-mail list please contact Family Liaison Chris Madden, christine.madden@mpls.k12.mn.us

E-blasts are sent out every Monday with occasional extra reminders for important information & events.

CALENDAR

Thursday, November 19

Kenwood MyBurger Night 4:00-7:00 p.m.

PICTURE RETAKE DAY

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

State of the School
Media Center 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, November 25, Thursday, November 26 & Friday, November 27

NO SCHOOL — Thanksgiving Holiday

Thursday, December 10

Kenwood Science Fair 6:00 to 6:45 p.m.

Wednesday, December 16

Holiday Food Box contributions are due at school by 8:00 a.m.

Choir Concert 7:30 - 8:00 a.m.

Monday, December 21- Friday, January 1

NO SCHOOL — Winter Break

Monday, January 4

School Resumes

Help Wanted

Mark your calendars — **Saturday, February 27th, 2016** will be the annual **Kenwood Silent & Live Auction!** Believe it or not, the planning has begun but we still have a few spots available on the planning committee. We are looking for three or more people to 1)co-chair the live auction, 2)co-chair solicitations and 3) chair the raffle. If you want to be more involved this year, please reach out to the Auction Co-Chairs, Melanie LaMere (LaMereMel@yahoo.com) & Cindy White (Cindy_brett@hotmail.com). It's a fun and easy way to meet and get to know other Kenwood parents. We also encourage both Moms and DADs to get involved! It's for such an important cause.