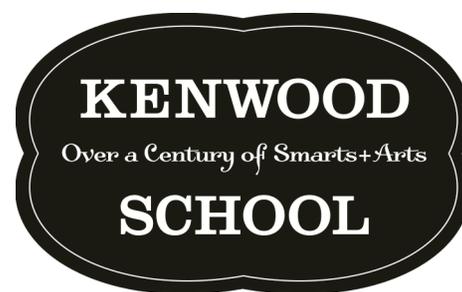


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Can you believe Thanksgiving is almost here? We've had a busy (and chilly) fall and have already finished 50 days of school! Ask any Kindergartner... they will count to 50 and tell you about the 50 days celebration... 50s style.

It was a grand old time! It was so fun to see so many Kenwood families at this year's **Family Activity Night!** Thank you to The Old Spaghetti Factory for catering the time-honored and heavily-attended family pasta dinner. We loved seeing families enjoying dinner and dining along side other Kenwood families and friends. Equally wonderful was to see our Student Council helping serve dinner. Thank you to co-chairs, Alexis Racciatti and Coryn Petersen along with Edith-Nicole Cameron, Denise Fahl, Lori Smith, Cathy Sullivan and Student Council as well as the many volunteers that helped make this evening a success! The 13th annual Barn Dance Residency Program that followed the dinner was as joyous as ever. It was so great to see parents dancing with their children. An annual highlight is always the fifth grade sword dance performance. A massive thanks to Bob Walsler for bringing this enchanting residency to our community for the 13th year - what a treasure! Thank you to all the parents and families for your participation during the dance and respect of the beautiful art that Bob, the musicians and the students created. Additionally, thank you to the Kenwood Parent Band and Jenny LeFevere, Cyndi Quehl, Julie Young-Walsler, Mary Jo Dark, and Jane Wolke for their work either in preparation for or during the evening. It really was an action-packed and truly special evening. Yee-haw!

Books and Spirit for the win! The Scholastic Book Fair, run by Sandy Dresen, Kristi Granacher and Amy Sanborn wrapped up during Family Activity Night. A big hand to these co-chairs, their team of volunteers and Joan Kallas, who all spent the entire week setting up, working with students, and selling over \$9500 in books! That will make for some happy readers in our community. Kenwood has spirit, and spirit wear sales were soaring during Family Activity Night. Thank you to Sarah Kreykes for managing our spirit wear throughout the year.

Beautiful curriculum, beautiful art! The Native American Arts Residency, "Native American Art: Teaching in Present Tense," culminated in an exhibit outside the art room during Family Activity Night. Student art in this exhibit was created under the guidance of art specialist Margaret Zimmerman-Swenson and visiting Ojibwe and Lakota artists Gordon Coons, Dyani Whitehawk, and James Aulio. Thank you to Margaret Zimmerman-Swenson and these thoughtful artists for bringing the Native American Art curriculum into Kenwood and encouraging such stunning student artwork. If you did not get a chance to admire the work, stop on down the next time you are at Kenwood. The exhibit will be on display for the next few weeks. Thank you to Angie Erdrich and Heid Erdrich for all their involvement in this residency.

Thank you for Giving To The Max! Give to The Max day was Thursday, November 16th, and once again the Kenwood community came together and generously donated to Kenwood Community School. Special thanks to Christy Kujawa, Coryn Petersen and Ann Tozer for managing the Give To The Max day at Kenwood School. A spectacular \$5155 was donated! That's \$5155 to support our Smarts + Arts mission. Bravo to our phenomenal community of givers, and once again, thank you for supporting Kenwood School.

Burritos, bowls and Kenwood families! It's always such a pleasure to see Kenwood families attending the Dining For Dollars events. Thanks for contributing to Dining For Dollars night at Chipotle! Thanks to Sonja Elias for coordinating this event, as well as Chipotle Uptown for partnering with Kenwood School. Mark your calendars for the next Dining For Dollars event, which will be Monday, December 11th at The Lowbrow.

It has been an action-packed two and a half months of school! Please enjoy break and have a happy Thanksgiving holiday with your families!

Coryn Petersen & Melanie LaMere

Student Council Takes on the Capitol By Piper D'Emanuele

On October 24th, Kenwood Student Council members took a field trip to the Minnesota State Capitol. Thirteen students and nine adults drove to St. Paul after school to learn all about government and how to get involved.

The field trip was organized by Kenwood graduate, Piper D'Emanuele. "The whole point of this field trip was to get students, especially young girls, excited about government. Being a young woman interested in politics I see a huge problem with women not being represented and respected as we should be. I want to do everything in my power to change this trend."

The trip started out with a tour of the newly refurbished Capitol building. Students and parents explored the Rotunda, Governor's office, Senate Chamber, and ended in the House of Representatives' Chamber. While there, the group met State Representative Frank Hornstein and worked with him to hold a mock debate on the House Floor. The students chose to debate the use of school uniforms in Minneapolis Public Schools. After the debate, Representative Hornstein said, "I think we have a lot of future leaders in this group."

Piper hopes this field trip got young girls thinking about going into politics and young boys thinking about respecting women in leadership roles. Mitchell said, "My favorite part was the debate because it was fun acting like a real representative. Corinna said, "This Capitol visit made me realize that I have an important job by being on Student Council because I can help and serve other students and my school community." Mrs. Sullivan, Student Council Advisor, will continue this field trip and make it a Student Council staple for years to come.

Principal Update

Many of you received the letter from Area Superintendent Ron Wagner and Interim Principal Heidi Johnson emailed last Friday. Ms. Johnson will begin the transition to Kenwood in November and December, and will formally begin on January 8, 2018. Please read her letter of introduction (emailed last Friday and coming home in backpacks) for more information.

Read a Thon Update

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2nd Annual Kenwood Read a Thon. In 12 days, Kenwood kids read a total of 84,284 minutes and raised over \$12,500! 168 students were awarded with bookmarks for participating and 155 students were awarded with pencils for meeting the reading goal of 240 minutes. Congratulations to **Ms. Gregory's class** for winning a classroom party for best participation – 74%. Ms. Gregory and Ms. Ferrell each received a \$25 gift certificate to the book fair for having the classrooms with the most minutes read – 12,114 and 9,249 minutes. Congrats to the following students for their individual success:
Roman K (Ferrel) – most minutes read, K-2nd grade
Charles G (Ms. V) – most minutes read, 3rd-5th grade
Nora S (Brezny) – most money raised, K-2nd grade
Avabelle H (Ms. V) – most money raised, 3rd-5th grade
These students each received a Kindle Fire. Great Work!
In addition, the following students received a \$10 book fair certificate from the random drawing of all participants: **Maggi B, Eden C, Norah D, Hope D, Evelyn L, Harlowe P, Julian R, Abigail S, Adam S, and Ziana W.**
Thank you to parents Beth Mason and Rachelle Morken for their work behind the scene.

Attention Native American Families

In celebration of Native American History Month and Family Involvement Day, we would like to get a more accurate count of our Native American student body. We would like all Native American families to be aware of all the offerings of the Minneapolis Office of Indian Education. Please fill out a 506 form (see link below) and return it to Lori Smith. Your child does not need a tribal enrollment number. However, fill out the form to the best of your knowledge because the school district does receive federal assistance for each child whose parent or grandparent is an enrolled tribal member. <https://www2.ed.gov/programs/indianformula/506form.pdf>

Evereve

Shop 'til you drop! The first ever EVEREVE (formerly Hot Mama) fundraiser is coming on Thursday, November 30th, from 7:00-9:00pm at the Edina location. A portion of all purchases will be donated to Kenwood School. What a great way to add some pieces to your closet, check names off your gift list, AND contribute to Kenwood School. Shopping, mingling, complimentary wine and snacks, and a great cause.

A Message from Site Council member Al Rodriguez

¡Se habla Español!
Dejeme saber si quiere que le traduzca al Español alguna de las noticias en este periodico. Please contact Lori Smith and she will forward all requests to Al.
Correo: lori.smith@mpls.k12.mn.us
Telefono: 612-668-2778

School Tours

School tours are happening at Kenwood. If you know of someone looking for a school placement for the fall of 2018, please have them contact family liaison Lori Smith at lori.smith@mpls.k12.mn.us to schedule a tour. Our pathway middle school, Susan B. Anthony Middle School, will be hosting an open house for prospective parents on Tuesday, December 5th at 5:00pm. There will be a brief presentation in their auditorium followed by student led tours. You can also tour Anthony on Tuesdays at 10:00am and Fridays at 2:00pm starting December 12th. Please contact Anthony's main office at 612-668-3240 to schedule one of the daytime tours.

Winter Weather

As winter approaches, please be familiar with the winter weather policy regarding school closings. Please go to <http://kenwood.mpls.k12.mn.us/> for specific information. The early cold weather caught many of us off guard. As a result, the office has loaned out the entire supply of extra gloves. If your student borrowed a pair of gloves, please return them to the office so they are available for the next person to use. If you have extra gloves that you are willing to donate, please send them into the office.

Holiday Food Baskets

Kenwood families have a tradition of providing the makings of delicious holiday meals for others in our school community who are experiencing difficult times. More details will be coming home in early December. If your family would like to receive a food box this year, please contact social worker Amanda Talan at 668-2784 to request one.

Seussical Jr.

The annual musical is open to all 4th and 5th graders students that would like to participate. If your student is participating in this year's musical, please email family liaison Lori Smith at lori.smith@mpls.k12.mn.us to get on the parent email list. Email will be the primary form of communication for play updates and information.

Calendar

Monday, November 20

NO ALC CLASSES

Tuesday, November 21

Play Practice (4th and 5th grades)
NO CHESS CLASS

Wednesay, November 22 – Friday, November 24

NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving break

Thursday, November 30

Evereve Shopping Event (Edina location) 7:00–9:00pm



Woody Woodchuck

