

# Kenny MPLS Kids News

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## Changes Here at Kenny

As you all know there have been many changes at Kenny in the past few months. The new home-rooms for all grades are working wonderfully. We hope that the change in spaces and the new tracking system will continue to become more efficient as time goes on. Transitions are going much smoother which means more time for fun activities and less hassle for the students.

Regarding pick-up, the pop-stick system appears to be working much better now that everyone has had time to adjust. We will con-

tinue to encourage children to remember to change their sticks before changing options. I am also excited to say that we now have a second iPad that will be available for parents to sign-out their children at the Blue Bear (Lunch Room B) and Clever Cats (Lunch Room C) rooms. This should make pick-up much more convenient for everyone!

Finally, the biggest change of all, McKenzi Scott is now the sole Site Coordinator at Kenny. Susan Joy did a wonderful job here at Kenny the

past few months and we are very grateful to have had her here during this time of transition. Moving forward all questions or concerns may be directed toward McKenzi. Please feel free to introduce yourself if you have not already had the opportunity. She is very excited to continuously get to know the children and families here at Kenny!



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## Non-School Days

Friday February 12th is a non-school day in which MPLS Kids will be open. We have planned a fun field trip for all ages!

K - 2nd grade will going to Pump it Up, an indoor play area filled giant inflatable equipment and a variety of fun

games and activities. The 3rd - 5th grade group will be going to Skateville for a fun-filled afternoon of roller skating.

Monday February 15th is a holiday and MPLS Kids will not be open.

## Let Us Know

It is that time of year where after-school activities are starting again! If your child will be coming late to MPLS Kids due to an after-school activity, advanced notice is greatly appreciated.

If your child is scheduled for MPLS Kids and will not be attending, please let us know ahead of time.

### Kids Welcome:

Before School: 6:30 - 8:05

After School : 2:00-6:00

Release Days: 6:30-6:00



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## New Staff



Along with the changes here at Kenny has come some new staff members. We are happy to have both Tor and Mike working with us here at MPLS Kids and look forward to future additions to our team. Tor will be working with the K - 1 group in Purple Panda and Mike will be working with the 2nd and 3rd graders in the Blue Bear Room.

New staff gives us the opportunity to integrate new creative learning ideas and warm new personalities into the daily happenings here at MPLS

Kids.

Keep an eye out for the new staff board that will be going up this month! It is always important to get to know the staff that will be working your children. Therefore, a new board with pictures and short biographies will be going up the first week of February. Feel free to inquire about any of the fun facts present in the staff bios and get to know our awesome staff a little bit better.



## Cold Weather

A reminder that MPLS Kids offers an outside play option every day that the temperature is above zero degrees. Please make sure that children come with appropriate outdoor clothing for this wonderful winter weather! It is always a good idea to mark clothing as we have many children with the same boots, hats, mittens, and snow pants.

It is also important to know that if Minneapolis Public Schools are canceled due to weather, Minneapolis Kids will be closed as well. School closings are announced on the radio as well as posted online.



Our Mission: To provide high quality school age child care for families. We offer a safe, nurturing, educational and recreational experience where children are encouraged to pursue interests and develop friendships, independence, and confidence.



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