New & Returning Partnerships 2019-2020

**MY WAY CAFE** My Way Café brings fresh, whole, nutritious, delicious food to students for breakfast and lunch every day. Meals are cooked and served by a caring staff of food service professionals (different from lunch monitors). Daily and monthly menus will be shared with students and families in September and can be found here: https://www.bostonpublicschools.org/Page/7322

**BOS FOOD LOVE / FOODCORPS:** FoodCorps connects kids to healthy food in school. They are a team of AmeriCorps leaders who serve in high-need schools to make sure students learn what healthy food is, fall in love with it, and eat it every day. They focus their service on delivering hands-on lessons in gardening, cooking and tasting healthy food; improving school meals; and encouraging a schoolwide culture of health.

**PLAYWORKS:** Our Playworks coach joins all students during recess, creating structured games and opportunities that encourage cooperative play. Additionally, Playworks facilitates the Junior Coach program which encourages teams of students in grades 4 and 5 to work together to learn games and teach them to younger students during their recess blocks. Teachers join the Playworks coach during weekly or biweekly Class Game Time, which brings consciously cooperative physical activity to classes in 20-minute lessons. Lastly, Playworks brings Sports Leagues for grades 4&5 that include basketball, volleyball and soccer.

**GREEN CITY GROWERS:** Through our partnership with Green City Growers, Kenny students learn about environmental sustainability and healthy living while harvesting an on-site organic garden! Our Green City Growers partner provides in-school gardening courses and workshops for students. During the school year, Green City Growers collaborates with our science teacher to participate in lessons related to plants, seeds, soil, and nutrition.

**SCHOOL BASED COUNSELING WITH MS. STANASZEK & MS. ANTOINE** “Ms. Gerarda” Stanaszek joins us for an increased 4 days/week through the HFLW, a community based agency that provides 1-1 behavioral health counseling during the school day, with minimal disruption to student learning. “Ms. Berthonia” Antoine provides 1-1 services through her private practice 2 days / week. If you believe a student would benefit from school-based counseling, contact the school at 617-635-8789 to complete a referral.

**CRADLES TO CRAYONS** Cradles to Crayons is an organization that provides children from birth through age 12, living in homeless or low-income situations, with the essential items they need to thrive – at home, at school and at play. Services through Cradles to Crayons supply these items free of charge by engaging and connecting communities that have with communities that need. The Kenny Elementary School is currently providing KidPacks to families that express interest in receiving seasonal clothing, shoes, pajamas, and other clothing essentials. Please contact the school at 617-635-8789 for a referral.

**RUN CLUB WITH THE NEW BALANCE FOUNDATION** The New Balance Foundation has partnered with the Kenny Elementary School to increase physical movement for students during and after the school day. This is an incentivised program that encourages students to include more walking or running in their daily routine with the hope that they will improve their physical and emotional health and have a healthier, happier mindset to address their academics.
SPORTSMEN’S TENNIS
The Kenny School is partnering with Sportsmen’s Tennis this year to provide school-based and out-of-school-time tennis instruction, opportunities for individual and team play, and further life skills development. Students will have the ability to learn about other opportunities for social skills and leadership groups, and enrichment opportunities that exist in the Boston community.

BOSTON PARTNERS IN EDUCATION: MENTORSHIP & TUTORING
Boston Partners In Education is an academic service that works to enhance the academic achievement and personal growth of students by providing focused, in-school tutoring and mentorship. Services are available as 1-1 support, small group tutoring, or as a general support within the larger classroom setting through an individualized referral process. For more information, or to complete a referral, contact the school at 617-635-8789 or speak to your child’s homeroom teacher.

ROSIE’S PLACE ADVOCACY SERVICES
Rosie’s Place is a shelter for women and children located in the South End of Boston. The advocates from Rosie’s Place are committed to providing guidance and resources to clients ranging from food and shelter to legal assistance, counseling services, health and wellness services, employment support, and academic opportunities. Look for an updated schedule to find the dates that Rosie’s Place will be offering services on-site for families from the Kenny Elementary School during the school year or contact the school at 617-635-8789 for information.

SPOTLIT: SpotLit is a literacy program offered by the City Stage Company that offers Kenny Students the opportunity to participate in performing arts while reinforcing literacy skills! Our SpotLit coordinator works in collaboration with Kenny School ELA teachers to incorporate movement into literacy while providing a fun and exciting opportunity for children to participate in improv-theater during the school day.

BUILDING OUR KIDS’ SUCCESS (BOKS): is a program offered by Reebok to Kenny Elementary School students on selected mornings in the fall and spring. This program provides training and curriculum for our staff to assist our students with getting a positive start to their day with physical fitness. The BOKS program supports improved physical and emotional health, school attendance, strengthened leadership qualities, and connectedness to the school environment.

THEY MADE IT … SO CAN I (GRADE 5 SPEAKER SERIES): “They Made It … So Can I” is a 5th Grade Speakers Series that creates timeless memories of success stories through diverse speaker presentations to Kenny students so that they can carry the seeds of empowerment to middle school and beyond. Five to ten speakers visit our entire 5th grade class from November through May, ending with a writing expression contest that celebrates a students from the Kenny with a stretch limo to a luncheon and awards ceremony off-site in June.
COUNTDOWN TO KINDERGARTEN
Countdown to Kindergarten engages families, educators and the community in a citywide effort to enhance early learning opportunities and to support the transition into kindergarten. At the Kenny School, hundreds of local families participate in the Countdown to Kindergarten program as they prepare their young ones for kindergarten. Participants in the Countdown to Kindergarten program are not enrolled in the Kenny Elementary School and are not guaranteed a seat in our K1 or K2 classrooms. Within the program, families learn about school readiness, participate in activities with their children and learn how to choose schools and register in the Boston Public Schools (BPS).

AMERICA SCORES SOCCER TEAMS
Boston Scores partners with Kenny School teachers and their coach-mentors to provide students with after-school soccer & enrichment programs. Students typically participate 5 days per week, including 2 days of girls & boys soccer practices, 2 days of enrichment classes (poetry or civic leadership) & a soccer game day in which teams are transported to play other BPS schools.

PIERCE HOUSE MUSEUM
Through our partnership with the Pierce House, Kenny School students have an opportunity to learn and discover history through a local lens. Students participate in a series of lessons and activities in a historical location while learning about the history of Massachusetts and Dorchester.

THE ADAMS STREET LIBRARY
The Adams Street Library is under construction this year and will re-open as a 21st Century library with regular library hours for our classrooms to access hundreds of books, technology, an extensive audio-visual collection and more. Many of our events throughout the year take place at the Adams Street Library and we look forward to its reopening!