

Marcy Minneapolis Kids

Accredited through the MN Afterschool Accreditation Program

November 2018



Community Education

SCHOOL AGE CARE

Minneapolis Kids

Kids

Welcome:

Before School
6:30—9:40 am

After School
2:00—6:00 pm

Non School Day
6:30 am—6:00 pm

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News You Can Use

Hello Marcy Minneapolis Kids Parents,

We are almost two months into the school year and it seems that the days are just flying by.

We had a lot of fun during the first non-school days of the school year. We went to Luceline Apple Orchard in Watertown. We went on a hayride, visited two petting zoos, went through the corn maze, got to pick out a pumpkin, and enjoyed the most delicious fresh from the tree apples. The sun was shining, everyone remembered to dress for the weather, and it was an overall awesome day.

We celebrated “Lights on Afterschool” along with other Community Ed and Afterschool programs on Wed. Oct. 24th. We had fun taking pictures at our Mpls Kids photo booth, we had glow sticks that we played Red Light Green Light in the gym with and other “in the dark gym games”. Finally, we enjoyed a trail mix snack at the end of the day. Parents joined in on many of the activities.

The second non-school day field trip was also a blast. Pizza Ranch was a hit and the kids want it to be on the “field trip favorites” list. We had a lot of fun on the field trip, and we also had a great time onsite. The indoor scavenger hunt turned into a huge competition but, it gave us all an opportunity to talk about playing games “just for fun” and as always working on “being a good sport”.

Thank you to parents for being flexible about using door number 14 on non-school days and on days when we cannot buzz the front door. I know it is an inconvenience but, I assure you that the buzzer system for Minneapolis Kids is being worked on, and we will let you know as soon as it is in place.

Please remember that if you want childcare during the non-school days, you must sign up for those days in advance. We cannot always accommodate your child care request on short notice depending on staffing and what is planned for the day. All billing questions and schedule changes must go through the main Minneapolis Kids main office. The phone number for the main office is 612-668-3890 or you may email Jackie at Jackie.Kjono@mpls.k12.mn.us.

Dates to Remember in November

Nov 1st non school day onsite art and science fun day. Bring a lunch and beverage

Nov 2nd non school day Field trip to Eagles Nest Indoor Playground 11:30-2:30 Bring a lunch and beverage we will eat onsite before the field trip.

Nov 21st non school day onsite toys or electronic from home day, and other fun activities. Bring a lunch and a beverage

Nov 22nd Holiday Minneapolis Kids CLOSED

Nov 23rd Holiday Minneapolis Kids CLOSED

Re-Accreditation

We are moving right along on our reaccreditation journey. We have our team in place, and we will have our first Accreditation Team meeting in mid-November.

Look for a survey on November 1st from our software system Eleyo. Please take a little time to fill this out. We need 60% of parents to complete this for our accreditation requirement. We will then discuss areas for growth in and create an action plan. We also survey youth and staff.

Thanks to the staff and parents that have agreed to help us work on the self study and Accreditation process. Your help is truly appreciated.

Referendum

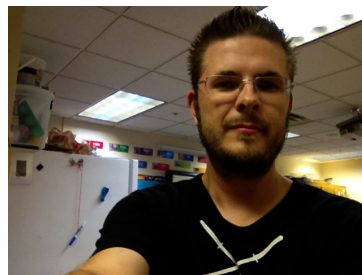
The MPS Strong Referendum is one important piece to creating a strong sustainable school district for the communities of Minneapolis. If passed, the referendum will give MPS access to an additional \$30 million of revenue. The funds will be used across the district to improve student achievement and well-being through equitable investments in literacy, social emotional learning, and support services.



Meet Your Marcy Minneapolis Kids Staff



My name is Selina Warren and I have worked at MPS since 1994. I am the mother of three sons and four grandchildren. I enjoy sleeping, music, reading, cooking, dancing and having fun. I like working with children because they are fun. I just like children and I really enjoy when they share their stories with me.



My name is Chris Pomeroy and I have been working at MPS for almost 10 years. I am also working as an SEA at Riverbend as well as working at Marcy Mpls Kids as a CCA. I enjoy playing board games and card games in my spare time, and hanging out with my friends to usually play those games.



My name is Yeng Vue, and I have worked at MPS for almost sixteen years. I enjoy working with children because I enjoy the daily interactions. They make me laugh and I also know that children are our future.

I am very close to my nine siblings and my parents.

I enjoy hiking, fishing, camping, and participating in marathons. I am planning a big trip next year to visit Thailand with my mother and my sisters.

I really like working with children, because it is a different experience everyday, and you are always surprised by what comes up. Kids are just awesome!



Hi, my name is Darryl Larkin,

I worked at Justice Paige for almost two years before moving to Marcy Mpls Kids.

I enjoy playing sports, especially basketball. I grew up in MPS and I really enjoy working with children.



Hi my name is Lebene Geoffroy, I joined the team at Marcy in August. I am originally from Togo, a country in West Africa, but have lived in the US for eight years. I am currently finishing up my degree in Nutrition Science Studies at the University of MN. I am happy to be working at Marcy Minneapolis Kids.



Vickie has worked at MPS for more than 20 years. She spent years being a CCW at Family Learning Center and eventually took a position with Minneapolis Kids.

Vickie is the Program Coordinator at Loring and Bryn Mawr Minneapolis Kids, and she shares the coordinator duties at Marcy on non-school days. Vickie enjoys children, and she says "they just make me happy".



My name is Rhonda Williams and I work at Loring Minneapolis Kids during the school year and non-school days at Marcy Minneapolis Kids. I have for more than 10 years experience.

I like to laugh, and have fun with the children that are in my care. I enjoy spending time with my family and one of my most enjoyable hobbies is making jewelry, especially earrings.



My name is Aretha and I work at Bryn Mawr Mpls Kids during the school year and at Marcy Mpls Kids on Non-School Days. Aretha has more than 20 years experience working at MPS.

Lights on After School

We had a blast celebrating the important role afterschool programs play in our nation on October 24th.

Did you know that only 1.9 million children in the U.S. participate in an afterschool program?

Afterschool programs keep kids active and consuming nutritious foods. Studies show students in afterschool programs are more physically fit than students not in a program, and parents of students in afterschool report that their child's programs are providing healthy drinks and snacks.

Research shows that kids in afterschool programs go to school more, see improvements in their behavior, and increase their likelihood of moving on to the next grade level and graduating.

Consistent participation in quality afterschool programs is linked to significant gains in student test scores and work habits.



Lights On
Afterschool



It's Getting Cold Out There!

Cold weather is here. Please make sure your child comes to school with a warm jacket, hat, mittens and boots. As the snow flies, we will be asking for snow pants as well.

Be sure to label everything with your child's full name. The lost and found starts to fill up in November.

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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