



Lake Harriet Upper Campus

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Minneapolis Kids

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For your friends with little ones

Minneapolis Kids Jr.



Minneapolis Kids Jr. is up and running! Mpls Kids Jr. offers a safe, nurturing, educational, and recreational experience specifically designed for **children entering the following school year**. Children are encouraged to pursue interests, and develop friendships, independence, and confidence. The program runs at **Lake Harriet Lower** (10AM-1PM) and incorporates curriculum from Mother Goose Time (www.mothergoosetime.com). Please see the Mpls Kids website for more information.

Ice Fishing Extravaganza on Jan 24

Bring your family and join our own Karl E. ice fishing on Lake Harriet! **10am-2pm. Donation: \$5 per kid** to cover gas, bait, propane, and hot cocoa costs. He also arranged for Clam Corp to donate prizes and give-aways! **Sign up at the Family Table**. Questions? Email Karl at karl.erickson@mpls.k12.mn.us or stop by in the afternoon and talk with him in person.



Accreditation Corner

Our 5 focus areas: **Administration, Wellness, Activities, Relationships, Environment**

Yea kids! They finished their surveys with an incredible 100% return rate! The lollipop reward after completing the survey may have enticed more than a few.

Thanks to all who completed the **parent survey!** We are at a 29% return rate so **we need YOU** to bring us up to at least 60%. Paper copies are at the Family Ta-

ble and the online link is www.surveymonkey.com/s/LHUParentSurvey. Let us know you completed it and you can have a lollipop too! ☺

We need 2-3 parents to join our stakeholder team. This team guides our site with improvement plans. Let Anita know if you are interested.



Info to Keep Track of . .

Questions about Registration/Scheduling/ Billing/Your Account

612-668-3890 mpls.kids@mpls.k12.mn.us

Your Online Account <https://minneapolis.thatcommunityed.com>

Click on "Minneapolis Kids"

LHU website

<http://mplskids.mpls.k12.mn.us/lhu.html>

Our current newsletter, non-school day activity calendar

Facebook Search "Minneapolis Kids School Age Care" and like us!

Email List If you have not received an email via school messenger from me or want to be removed from the list, please email me at anita.adams@mpls.k12.mn.us

Kids Welcome:

Before School 6:30—9:30am

After School 4:10—6pm

Non-School Days at LC 6:30am—6pm

Happy December Birthdays!

3—Ben D

16—Ben B

6—Greta W

30—Gray M

9—Remy O

Happy 1/2 Birthdays (June)!

9—Joy M

25—Marin T

15—Shreya R

30—Cole K

24—Morgan G

Winter Break:

Dec 22, 23, 26 & Dec 29, 30, Jan 2

We are CLOSED:

Dec 24 & 25, Dec 31 & Jan 1

Jan 19—MLK Jr Day



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Your Account



This is where we go to find your child's info, including phone numbers to contact you in an emergency and names of those authorized to pick up your child.

Please update your contact info and add anyone who may pick up your child in the "notes" area. If you have trouble with the system, please call the Main Office for help. Thanks!

Morning Families

Staff Change—Karl Erickson will be with us in the afternoons only. He accepted a job working at LHU during the school day as an AE. We are very happy for him, yet will miss him in the morning. Kids will be able to see him often throughout the day.

Gym—Basketball season is in full swing. Teams practice with the full court with the boys' team practicing in the morning and the girls' team practicing in the afternoon. This means no gym for us for awhile. On the plus side, we can use it before 7:45, on game days and Fridays when there is no prac-

tice. We must adapt to the reality of being in a school with middle grades sports. Outside will be open when the weather cooperates and we will try to creatively use the atrium.

Projects—Kids are gathered around the table visiting and weaving like crazy using the potholder looms both in the morning and afternoon. The finished ones make great coasters! Tabletop football has been the other favorite with elaborate kid-determined rules and even tourney brackets. It's fun to see teamwork in action.

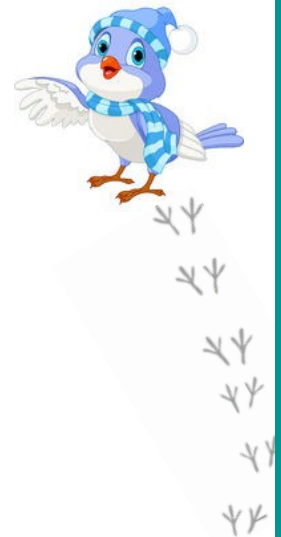
Afternoon Families

If your child will **NOT** be attending after school as scheduled, please give us a call at **612-919-2004** or **send an email to Anita by 3pm**. It saves us a phone call to you. Thanks!

Closing Time—Thanks for honoring our 6pm closing time. We really appreciate it!

Basketball Games—We get to cheer for our school teams on game days! Kids are welcome to watch the games as long as they show good sportsmanship and respect for both teams. Games usually begin at 5pm.

Community Ed Classes—Watch for the winter flyer and sign up for a class(es) to begin mid-January. If your child is scheduled to be with us the afternoon of the class, we pay for the class. This is a great opportunity to try something new or further explore an interest. Quite a few kids tried a class or more this fall and enjoyed it. Registration is open to all students in grades 4—8, so register early to reserve your spot. If not enough enroll in a class, the class will be cancelled.



Upcoming Non-School Days

Details on the Activity Calendar

Mon, Dec 22 Cinema Grill 10:30—3p

Tues, Dec 23 Sledding at Minikahda Vista Park (optional walking trip)

Wed & Thurs, Dec 24 & 25 CLOSED

Fri, Dec 26 Parkshore Senior Friends visit us at LHL 1:30—3p

Mon, Dec 29 Park Tavern Bowling 11:30—2:30p

Tues, Dec 30 Mini Hops (eat lunch at LHL)
10:00—12:30 Grades 2+
12:30—3:00 Grades K-1

Wed & Thurs, Dec 31 & Jan 1 CLOSED

Fri, Jan 2 Game Show Mania at LHL

Non-School Day Families

December 1 at 12 noon

Registration opens for Jan—April Non-School Days. Go to your online account to register. We are at Lower Campus for all non-school days (aka release days).

Non-School Day Recap

Nov 26 Grand Slam—This is a favorite field trip for the older kids. They had a blast playing laser tag, mini golfing, bumper cars, trying their luck at the arcade, and a few challenged themselves in the batting cages. They continue to be great role models for the younger kids!

Reminders for Non-School Days:

- All kids **MUST** be **pre-registered**. Sorry, no drop-ins are allowed.
- We are at **LOWER** Campus
- Please use Door #3 on Drew Ave.
- Bring a **lunch + drink** every day. Make it disposable for FT days.
- Send outdoor gear—coat, snow pants, boots, hat & mittens
- Arrive at least **30 minutes prior** to departure time for field trips
- Contact the main office with scheduling questions
- Detailed Activity Calendar—on our website

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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