

# Lake Harriet Upper Campus

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**Minneapolis Kids**

Minneapolis Community Education

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## Helpful Info

### Registration/Scheduling/Billing/Account Questions

Call the main office at 612-668-3890  
or email [mpls.kids@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:mpls.kids@mpls.k12.mn.us)

### Account <https://minneapolis.thatscommunityed.com>

Click on "Minneapolis Kids" on the left side of the screen

### 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"

**Email List** My current list was pulled from the Account information and I use the district's school messenger to send emails. If you have not received an email via school messenger from me and want to, please email me at [anita.adams@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:anita.adams@mpls.k12.mn.us) It is my primary form of communication with families along with notes near the Sign In/Out Computer. I try to limit emails to once a month. Also let me know if you want to be removed from the list.

## Orientation / Family Fun Night

Thanks to all who joined us for Family Fun Night at Lower Campus on Oct 22! We had lots of fun dancing to the tunes of our favorite DJ "Kiddance". Parents attended a short Orientation and intro to the accreditation process in the lunchroom and then joined the kids and staff dancing in the gym. It was lots of fun! A big thank you to our staff from both campuses who were able to stay late and danced with us! We are always thankful for our Mpls Kids families and our brilliant staff.

## Accreditation Corner

We are on our way! The 5 areas we focus on throughout this process: **Administration, Wellness, Activities, Relationships, Environment.**

We are putting together a **stakeholder team** comprised of **2-3 parents**, school people, and our staff. This team works together to help guide our site with improvement

plans. **We need you!** Let Anita know if you are interested in being part of the team.

If you haven't taken the **parent survey**, please do! Paper copies are on the Family Table and an electronic version was sent via email. We are seeking a 100% return rate.

## Welcome!

Welcome to Eve Townsend as she joins our morning and afternoon staff! She has worked in the Chicago school system for many years and is now a Minnesota resident. Eve loves live music, theatre, and hanging out with her two boys. We are thrilled to have her on our team!



### Kids Welcome:

Before School 6:30—9:30am  
After School 4:10—6pm  
Non-School Days at LC 6:30am—6pm

### Happy November Birthdays!

3—Ellie D 26—Al K  
5—Nicole G 28—Jana O  
6—Mitchell P 30—Hank G  
14—Landon M

### We are CLOSED:

Thurs & Fri, November 27 & 28  
for Thanksgiving

### Winter Break:

Dec 22, 23, 26 & Dec 29, 30, Jan 2  
**CLOSED:**  
Dec 24 & 25, Dec 31 & Jan 1



**Please update—**  
The new account system is where we go to find your child's info, including phone numbers to contact you in an emergency.

Please update your info plus 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

**Outside Play—**The temperature is dipping a bit and a few crazy kids are looking forward to snow. ☺

Please give an extra push to wear a warm coat. When the snow does start flying, encourage a hat, mittens, boots, and snow pants if s/he likes to be one with the snow. It makes outside time more enjoyable. Plus then they are ready for recess time when all are required to go outside after lunch.

**Washburn Entry—**Students without an adult escort (not in Mpls Kids) must remain outside the

building until the first bell rings at 9:25. Those who want breakfast are allowed in early at 9:20, but must remain in the cafeteria.

As the weather turns colder you will see more and more kids in the Washburn entry (door #7). They must keep the area between the 2 marked doors free of bodies and backpacks to allow our families and other adults to easily enter and exit the building. We monitor it closely, but if you find the doorway not free, please let a staff know so we can fix it. Thanks.

## 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.**

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

**Homework—**There have been a few questions about homework time. Kids are able to do their homework here in the morning and afternoon, yet it is optional. Many have discovered the advantages of doing it here thus freeing up time at home. Some

families may want a firmer commitment to get some work done here. For those that do, we offer a Homework Aces contract. It's an agreement between parent and child to do homework (or reading if no homework that day) for a specific amount of time (10, 15, 20, 25, 30 minutes) on set days. Once the contract is signed by both parent and child and turned in, we do our part by strongly encouraging the child to honor the contract. Only a parent may change the contract terms. After many years, we haven't experienced any serious tantrums. ☺

## Non-School Day Families

**Registration for January—April** non-school days will open in December. Watch for a notice from the main office with the exact date.

### Non-School Day Recap

**Oct 15 Rollerskating—**The kids rocked the rink as they skated to their hearts' content. We continue to be amazed at how well the kids skate and help others learn the skill.

**Oct 16 Wacky Day—**A day of craziness gave way to silly hairdos, complete with washable color. Our outdoor scavenger hunt for Mr. Odd-

*ball's lost articles for his pretend trip was fun to see. Teamwork at its finest was when each team dressed one person in all the found items. Very silly looking!*

**Oct 17 Corn Maze—**Thanks to all as we made a last minute location change. The LC building was closed for a plumbing issue, so we were at UC for the day. The kids challenged their brains in the corn maze, jumped in the giant pit of corn, and were able to bring home a mini pumpkin.

**Oct 31—**A relatively new game for us took on new heights as we played Pits and Alleys in the gym. A few "monster" activities were added and fun was had by all.

### Reminders for Non-School Days:

- 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
- Arrive at least **30 minutes prior** to departure time for field trips
- Contact the main office with scheduling questions
- Activity Calendar — on website

### Wednesday, Nov 26

#### Grand Slam 11am—3:30pm

Please send a bag lunch. May bring up to \$5 to spend at the arcade.

**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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