

Lake Harriet Upper Campus

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Minneapolis Kids

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Here's to Another Great Year!

Welcome to Mpls Kids at the Upper Campus! And a hearty “welcome back” to our many returning friends.

Summer—It was a delightful summer with our younger friends and staff at LHL. We are proud of our older kids for stepping up to be incredible role models for the younger kids. Well done!

Staff—We welcome Beau Breems to our morning staff. He is from Marcy Mpls Kids and joined our staff in June, so our summer friends know

him already. Angelique, Carl, & John are returning in the mornings. In the afternoon, Terry returns along with Beau. Anita is here in the morning and afternoon.

Newcomers—We are based out of the cafeteria. Please enter Door #7 on Washburn. The kids' baskets are in the atrium area. The Family Table with the Sign In/Out iPad is at the bottom of the stairs. Questions welcome!

Sign In/Out—A reminder that all kids MUST be signed

in and/or out by an adult. For safety reasons, please **do not drop your child off at the sidewalk**. The exception is if you've signed a W.S.B. Club permission form (see below) and follow the procedure.

Accreditation—We continue the process to ensure we are maintaining the quality standards set by the MN Afterschool Accreditation Project. We encourage your participation in the process. More info to come!

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Medicine and Your Child

If your child needs medication (prescription or over-the-counter) during his/her time at Mpls Kids, **written instructions from a doctor or dentist are required** along with written permission from the parent to administer the medication. The form is available on our website or from staff.

Prescription and OTC medication must be in the original container and properly labeled with the child's name, date, amount and frequency of dosage.

Walk.Scooter.Bike Club

As a grades 4-8 school, many kids are practicing staying home alone and other transitional activities to teen life, including walking and biking to and from school. We are pleased to offer this option to our LHU families.

If you are interested, there is a permission form to sign and return plus a procedure

in place to create a safety net for all.

We are not advocating this for every child. We LOVE seeing our kids' families! We are simply leaving this decision to each family to determine what is best for their situation and their child.

Forms are available on the Family Table in the cafeteria.



Kids Welcome:

Before School 6:30-9:30 am

After School 4:10-6:00 pm

Non-School Days at LHL 6:30 am-6 pm

Happy late August Birthdays!

27—Alec L & Jill

29—Andrew S

Happy September Birthdays!

7—Sam H

9—Vanessa S

18—Amelia S

20—Hailey P

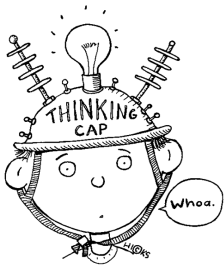
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We are CLOSED:

Monday, September 7
for Labor Day



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Ideas—If your beloved son or daughter decides to talk with you about Mpls Kids, pass along any ideas or frustrations. We will do our best to make additions/changes.

Some things are unrealistic, as in the favorite request of no computer limits, yet all ideas are considered and implemented as best we can.

Non-School Day Families

Non-School Day Registration opened August 17 for October—Winter Break.

Completing the registration form does NOT guarantee your child is scheduled to attend. After processing your registration, the Main Office will email you confirmation that your child is set to attend or to let you know if s/he is on a wait list. Please contact the main office with registration or billing questions.

Our calendar of activities will be posted at the end of the month on our website.

We will relocate to the LOWER Campus for ALL non-school days due to staffing constraints.

Morning Families

Free Breakfast—We are first in line at 9:15 and the school kids are allowed into the building for breakfast at 9:20. Everyone goes through the breakfast line. If s/he is not hungry, the unwanted items are placed on the Share Table. Those who are still hungry are able to take items from the Share Table free of charge.

We consider this practice our daily act of kindness. Many kids don't eat breakfast at home, have a late lunch, or are truly hungry in the morning. An extra free item may make for a much improved morning. Lunch numbers must be entered for

federal funding purposes, but families are not charged unless a child chooses to take more than what is allowed. The child is always told when there will be an extra charge.

Gym—Kids must wear tennis shoes to play in the gym. Due to middle school sports practices and games we often don't have use of it after 8:15. When that happens we do our best to adapt our atrium. We typically do not have use of the gym in the afternoon during sport seasons.

Homework—See below for info on our optional parent/child contract.

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**. The school does NOT let us know if your child is absent during the school day. We must find every child who does not show up as scheduled after school and it will save us a phone call to you. Thanks!

Homework Aces—Many kids discover on their own the advantages of working on their homework with us. Some families prefer all homework is done at home. And some families prefer a guarantee that homework is done during MK time.

For those in the last group we offer a homework contract. Parent and child work together to decide on the amount of time (10-30 minutes) and days of the week and then both sign the contract. We do our best to encourage them to honor the agreement. Only a parent can modify or cancel the contract.

Closing Time—We love spending time with your kids and we hope they have as much fun as we do! However all **kids must be checked out by an adult by 6pm**. Our staff is also off the clock at 6pm and want to go to their evening activities. We really appreciate the extra effort families take to honor closing time.

Late meetings, weather and traffic are all part of a working parent's life, so **make a plan now** for when you may be late. Any adult you designate may pick up your child. Then when the inevitable happens, give that person a call and then call us on our cell phone 612-919-2004 with the change. Thank you!

Late fees will be charged according to the following schedule:

- 1st incident—\$1 a minute
- 2nd incident—\$1 a minute
- 3rd incident—a fine of \$25
- 4th incident—a fine of \$25
- 5th incident—service will be terminated
- from the Parent Handbook

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.