

Bancroft Mpls. Kids News

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Introducing Shaketta, Bancroft's new Site Coordinator

My name is Shaketta Felton, I was born in Chicago, Illinois which is where most of my family resides. I grew up in St. Paul, Minnesota in a huge family, I am the second oldest of six kids. When I am not spending time with my family I enjoy going to the movies with my husband, long walks, trying new foods, and most importantly dancing. If I had to describe myself in a few words I would say, outgoing, positive, observant, and bubbly. I find joy in seeing others smile and laugh, also my greatest passions includes solving problems and lending a helping hand when someone is in need. I most look forward to working with a team that has a passion to help youth also to watch children grow and explore their cognitive and motor skills with fun activities. I am extremely excited to join the, "Minneapolis Kids" family.



Kids Welcome:

After School: 2:00-6:00



It's Election Season!

Here's the information you need related to your ballot and Minneapolis Public Schools. Minneapolis voters will be asked to renew the school district's current operating referendum authorization, which expires after the 2016-17 school year. If passed, funding would help Minneapolis Public Schools manage class sizes and provide supportive services and activities for students. Property taxes are not projected to increase if the referendum renewal passes. Learn more here:

www.mpls.k12.mn.us/referendum2016.

Did you know you can vote before Election Day by absentee ballot for any reason? Early voting began on Sept. 23 and runs through Nov. 7. To locate early voting in-person sites or get information about voting by mail, visit vote.minneapolismn.gov.

Non School Days @ Hale

Our First Non School Days are coming up October 19th, 20th, 21st. Bancroft combines with Hale and Field Mpls Kids and care is provided at Hale.

Great American Tall Tales

Oct 19th- (Onsite)

Johnny Appleseed Activities

Oct 20th- (Field Trip)

Jack and the Cornstalk: Severs Corn Maze

Oct 21st-

Midnight Pumpkins
Harvest time fun

Enrollment for Non School Days is offered online at <https://minneapolis.thatscommunity.com>



"Hats Off to Afterschool!"

This national celebration will take place the week of October 17th-21st and Bancroft MPLS Kids will hold an open houses for families on Tues., Oct. 18.

Stay Tuned for More Info!



Parent Advisory Council

Did you know Mpls. Kids has an advisory council? The purpose of the council is to “provide advice and recommendations to the Manager and Leadership Team that ensures the affordability, accessibility, availability and quality of the School Age Care program.”

We are in need of a Bancroft Parent Advisory Council Representative!!!

As our PAC Rep you would attend 4-5 meetings (dinner and childcare provided) to discuss improvements to the Mpls. Kids program.

Please contact Shaketta if you'd like to serve as the Bancroft Rep!

Mpls. Kids Policies

Sign In/Out:

Parents or authorized adults MUST sign children in and out daily and make contact with a staff.

Absences:

It is necessary to call or email the site if your child will not be coming to Mpls. Kids that day. This is especially important after school as we will be looking for your child if they are on our attendance and do not report to our program.

If you want to change your child's schedule you must let the main office know two weeks in advance so as to not be charged for days you cancel.

Release of Children:

If someone other than a legal guardian is picking up your Child please let the staff know. They will need to show a photo ID when signing children out.

Peanut Free:

We have a peanut free room. We ask that children do not bring peanut products into our room and if your child consumed a peanut product before school please be sure that they have washed their hands thoroughly

Schedule Change & Withdrawal

A schedule change is defined as: adding or subtracting one or more components, or changing the number of days/weeks for the school year or extended period of time. Minneapolis Kids does not swap days or credit for incidental days missed. Schedule changes require a two week notice and are made by contacting the main office. Two weeks' notice is required when cancelling service. Full fees are due until the two week period is complete.

Late Pick Up:

All children must be picked up by closing time at 6:00 p.m. If you know you will be late, please make arrangements for someone else to pick up your child before closing and inform staff at the site. Repeated late pickups will result in termination of service. Staff is required to remain with children until they are picked up. Unless the staff has been notified by you, at 6:00 pm they will begin calling emergency contacts listed on the enrollment form. Late fees will be charged according to the following schedule:

1. Following the first incident a late fee of \$1 a minute will be assessed for picking a child up after 6:00 pm.
2. Following the second incident, a late fee of \$1 a minute will be assessed for picking a child up after 6:00 pm.
3. After the third late pick-up, a fine of \$25 will be assessed. Parent will be notified that future late pick-ups could result in termination of service.
4. After the fourth late pick-up, a fine of \$25 will be assessed. Parent will be notified that future late pick-ups could result in termination of service.
5. Service will be terminated after the fifth late pick-up.

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.

