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Winter is Coming!

The colder weather is finally arriving! We will still be going outside when the temperature and wind chill are zero degrees or above so be sure to have appropriate winter gear sent with your child(ren). If you would like to leave extra winter items (hats, gloves, boots etc.) at Mpls Kids, please just let a staff person know and we can set up a safe storage option.

Students that do not have appropriate clothing will not be able to spend time outside due to safety precautions.



Please Remember to Call

If your child(ren) will not be attending Mpls Kids on a day they are normally scheduled, please make sure to call our site and let us know ahead of time. We have students from six different schools and do not always receive messages from schools regarding attendance. We appreciate your help!

Photos @ Site

Families—we have some exciting things happening at Mpls Kids and students want to show off their hard work! We are planning on posting photos at site of some projects and events taking place at Mpls Kids. We would also like to feature a few pictures in our monthly newsletters going forward. If you are not comfortable with your child being included in photos, please let Ann know!

Kids Welcome:

Before School 6:30-8:20

After School 2:00-6:00

Non School Day

6:30 am—6:00 pm

Lost & Found

It is that time of year where students are wearing more layers—and losing more layers! Our lost and found has been getting very full very quickly! We are planning on continuing to empty out the basket at the end of each month. Please be sure to check periodically, as some things may end up in the lost and found before they are noticed to be missing!



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Winter Break Non-School Days

Winter break is only 3 weeks away! If you have not already registered for any Non-School Days and you are in need of child-care, please do so very soon! Below you will see a brief schedule of events for the Non-School Days over winter Break:

Monday Dec. 19 - Magical Monday!

Tuesday Dec. 20 - **Field Trip:** The Depot Ice Rink

Wednesday Dec. 21 - **Field Trip:** Mill City Museum

Thursday Dec. 22 - Pajama Party!

Friday Dec. 23 - CLOSED

Monday Dec. 26 - CLOSED

Tuesday Dec. 27 - **Field Trip:** Old Log Theater

Wednesday Dec. 28 - Winter Wonderland!

Thursday Dec. 29 - New Years Celebration!

Friday Dec. 30 - CLOSED

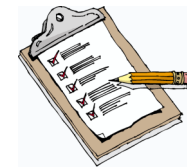
Monday Dec. 2 - CLOSED



Accreditation Update

We are going strong with our accreditation process! A few minor changes will be implemented into our schedule and our tracking (magnet) system that you might notice in the coming weeks.

Also, just a quick reminder to please take a couple of minutes to complete a *parent survey* to help us determine our action plan for improving our program. We greatly appreciate the feedback!



If you have any questions or concerns regarding the accreditation process, please feel free to reach out to Ann or another Mpls Kids staff!

New Staff

You may have noticed some new faces at Mpls Kids.

We have three new staff members that we are excited to have in our program!

Gaynell has worked with kids throughout her life and finds it very gratifying. She likes making kids feel welcome and getting them involved in activities.

James has been an camp counselor and is super excited about working with Mpls Kids. He loves leading groups of kids in team-building and gym games.

Melissa came to us from KinderCare. She likes to have fun and play with kids.

Alex has worked with the Boys & Girls Club. She has led groups of kids in a variety of activities. She is passionate about working with kids and is excited about working in our program.

Welcome New Staff!!

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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