

Dowling Minneapolis Kids

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We would like to take this opportunity to officially announce that Dowling Minneapolis Kids has begun an Accreditation process by participating in the *Minnesota Afterschool Accreditation Program (MAAP)*. This is a project made available to us by the *Minnesota School-Age Care Alliance (MnSACA)*. Here at Minneapolis Kids we are always looking for ways to improve our program in an effort to continue providing a fun and educational out-of-school time experience; therefore, we are very excited about this project!

What is Accreditation?

It is a process that promotes specific program improvements based on researched-based best practices in the field of School Age Care. Some of these areas include relationships, safety, health & nutrition, indoor space and environment, programming and activities, and supporting and inspiring learning.

What does this mean for you?

Primarily, it means peace of mind. You will feel confident knowing that you have chosen a school age care program for your child that is committed to providing quality programming in a safe, enriching environment. All of these features have been shown to improve academic performance, self-esteem, and avoidance of future harmful activities. For your child it means more options, more new things to try, and more fun!

What is your role?

We need to hear from you. Parent and child feedback is a crucial part of this process; it helps us identify where we need growth and improvement. Over the next few weeks we will be asking our parents and children to fill out a survey for us, and your cooperation with this is very helpful.

We are also in the process of putting together our **Stakeholder Team**. This is a group of parents, children, staff, teachers and/or administrators all invested in supporting us through this process. This group only meets four times over the course of a year, starting with our **Kick-Off Event in November**. If you are interested in being on our Stakeholder team please let Erica, Site Coordinator, know.

NOVEMBER RELEASE DAY:

We will be open the Wednesday before Thanksgiving break (November 26). The plan is to do an onsite cultural day.

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

November 27-28– MPLS KIDS **CLOSED**

December 22-23, 29-30 January 2– WINTER BREAK

December 24-25, 30 January 1– MPLS KIDS **CLOSED**

KIDS WELCOME

Before School 6:30-8:30

After School 2:00-6:00



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