



**Minneapolis Kids**  
Minneapolis Community Education

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Field Trips are fun and educational!  
We had a Great time at the Minnesota History Center learning all about the history of Minnesota!



## Positive Engagement Plan

This month we will launch our positive engagement plan or as we call it PEP! The goal of this plan is to create consistent and positive expectations for students that partner with the expectations of the school day.

### We will use the color zones

- Green— I feel good and my behaviors are in line with what's expected
- Yellow— I feel a little off and my behavior is falling below the line of what's expected
- Red— I am feeling yucky and my behavior is below the line of expectation



## How does this benefit our students?

**Understandable Expectations:** By creating understandable and definable expectations children know what is needed to be successful in their day.

**Color Zones** Color Zones assist us in trying to work through why a student may be having an off day. When behaviors arise we can discuss how they are feeling. "How are you feeling? Are you feeling in the yellow zone? What can we do to help you get back into the green zone so you can be successful?"

### The PEP Plan:

Working with the children in our large group times we will brainstorm what types of behaviors fall in which zones. This will be printed on large posters that will be hung in our spaces for everyone to see.

This month's curriculum "New Year New Attitude" will be a month filled with social/emotional, community and team building activities designed to introduce our new plan in a way that is fun and engaging.

Lastly we will launch our positive reinforcement plan with the kids. This plan is called Critter Catchers. When the kids earn critters they can trade them for tech time!

**Kids & Families Welcome:**  
After School 2:00—6:00 pm  
Non School Day  
6:30 am—6:00 pm

# What's happenin' in January?!



January Daily Onsite Schedule

January Activities Calendar k-2

January Activities Calendar 3-4



## January Non School Day Programming | Tall Tales from Hale

Fri Jan 27th Paul Bunyan Woodworking Shop

Mon Jan 30th Babe and The Blue Ox Field Trip: Buck Hill Snow Tubing  
Bag Lunch Needed



Please note that a cold lunch from home is required for every non-school day. On days with field trips we ask that the lunch be packed in a disposable bag. Thanks!

3\$-5\$ allowed for the snack area in the chalet

Please pack your child all of the gear needed for cold weather

Snow Pants | Gloves | Hat | Boots | Coat | Scarf

We suggest that if you are able you also pack an extra pair of gloves and socks in case they get wet :)

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

## Tips for Families at Minneapolis Kids During Winter

There's a blanket of snow covering Minneapolis, so here are some things to keep in mind...

- ◇ Minneapolis Kids offers outside play every day unless the temperature outside goes below 0° F with wind chill considered. Please send your child with appropriate outdoor clothing– coats, hats, gloves, and boots. snow pants are required if they want to play in the snow.
- ◇ We find it helpful for both students and staff if children's gear is labeled with their name or initials.
- ◇ Have your child carry their snow gear in a durable, reusable bag.
- ◇ If you have a Kindergartener: practice getting snow-ready at home so they know what their stuff looks like and what order to put it on. We can assist them in getting geared up but there are many more of them than there are of us!
- ◇ Remember, when MPS is closed due to snow or cold weather, then MPLS Kids is closed as well. When after-school activities are canceled, Mpls Kids will remain open until 6:00.