

# Whittier Newsletter

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## Staffing Changes at Whittier

Allie Greene-Winek will be serving as the Citywide Site Coordinator at Whittier.

A bit about her:

I have my bachelor's degree in psychology and elementary education from Hamline University. I taught 2nd grade last year at Wenonah and started this year off teaching 2nd grade at Elizabeth Hall International. I love to travel; I have been to Italy, Thailand, and Uganda. I frequently go down to Arizona to visit my mom and sister who reside there.

Whittier is a great program and I will make sure it stays that way.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns at:

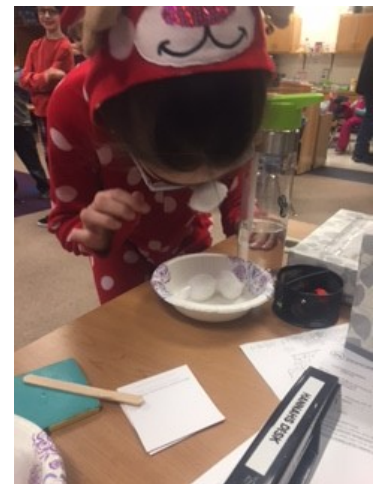
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We will be welcoming **Neville** as a new child care assistant to Mpls Kids. He will be spending the mornings at Whittier and the afternoons at Lyndale.

**Madhu** will also be joining our staff and will work at Whittier in the mornings and afternoons. She has worked in Mpls Kids for many years and is excited to be here.



We played fun relay games on Ms. Hannah's last day.



## Thank you to Hannah

Hannah will be working at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester doing research. She is excited for this opportunity as it is what she went to school for, but sad to be leaving the wonderful families at Whittier.

We want to thank Hannah for all the great work that she has done and wish her the best of luck in her new adventure.

### Kids Welcome:

Before School 6:30-9:30

After School 4:00-6:00

Non School Day

6:30 am—6:00 pm



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## Friday Clubs



We have started student led clubs again. This time around the three clubs are; art, sports, and leadership. All of the clubs meet on Fridays at 8am in the Minneapolis Kids room. The kids have already picked what club they are part of and have started to plan projects or activities that their club will want to do. These clubs are *student led*, so the staff members are not leading the clubs; we order supplies to help make their desired activities possible. This is a fun way for our students to collaborate, share ideas, and be leaders.



## Accreditation Update

Thank you for completing the accreditation surveys. We appreciate your feedback, we have looked over it and put it into an action plan. You may see some slight changes with our program as we improve our services and implement the action plan.

Our stakeholder team has been wonderful in helping us by observing our program and looking for areas where we can improve on. We appreciate everyone's help in this process.

## Positive Engagement Plan

We have launched our Positive Engagement Plan (PEP) and the children are doing very well.

Our basic PEP includes 3 "rules":

Be Respectful  
Be Responsible  
Be Safe

What we ask ourselves and the children is are they we being respectful, responsible, and safe in each area that we have programming (our main room, outside, hallways, restrooms, computer lab, gym and cafeteria).



**Monday, January 16:** MINNEAPOLIS KIDS CLOSED

**Friday, January 27th:** Non-School Day at Lyndale, we will be on site having a book day

**Monday, January 30th:** Non-School Day at Lyndale, we will be taking a field trip to Good Times Park

**Friday, February 17th:** Non-School Day at Lyndale

**Monday, February 20th:** MINNEAPOLIS KIDS CLOSED

## Winter Weather

Minneapolis Kids offers outside play every day unless the temperature outside goes below zero. 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.

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.

## Child Absences

Please notify Minneapolis Kids when your child will not be in attendance, even for one day. Our voicemail is on 24 hours a day (612-668-4179) or you can email Allie.

The school main office and nurse do not automatically communicate with us when a child goes home early or that you picked up your child during the day.

## Important Upcoming Dates

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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