

Kenny Parent Newsletter

April 2015

What We've Been Up To

- Orlee has been reading the book Matilda, by Roald Dahl to the 1st and 2nd graders every Tuesday.
- Stephanie has been reading the book Brother Wolf, by Michelle Paver to the 3rd-5th graders on Wednesdays.
- K-2nd graders have been reading picture books and having discussions about family diversity and social skills topics.
- Kids of all ages have been planning and leading 4pm option activities.
- New Outdoor and Gym equipment arrived just in time for the early stretch of warm days in March. This includes flag football belts, soccer goals, jump ropes, soccer balls, basketballs, footballs, and kick balls.
- Now we are working on making sure all the Outdoor and Gym equipment gets put away when we are done playing with it everyday.
- A new Minecraft club started in March and the first activity was making a Minecraft themed mural.

Fall Registration

Fall Registration opens for current families, including current families with new kindergarteners, on **Monday April 20th at Noon**. You must have a **That's Communityed** account to register. Make an account online at :

www.minneapolis.thatcommunityed.com

Registration opens for new families, including new Kindergarten families, on **May 4th at noon**.

Contact the MPLS Kids Main office at #612-668-3890 with any questions.

Staff Changes

Phoebe will be out for half of April due to a broken arm. We are sad to have her gone and wish her a swift recovery. I am happy to announce that we will have Patrick Farwig, an SEA at Kenny subbing for Phoebe in her absence. Patrick will also sub for Tia when she goes on Maternity leave.

Get Involved

MPLS Kids has a Parent Advisory council (PAC) that meets once a month. Our current parent representative is Ann Marshik. If you are interested in getting involved, or you have a topic you would like her to bring to the next PAC meeting, you can email her @

annmarshik@gmail.com

Kids Welcome:

Before School 6:30-9:30

AM Kindergarten 11:00-2:45

After School 2:15-6:00



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Important Information

Afternoon Attendance Policy:

Please be sure to let staff for the know if your child will be absent day. We have to be very strict about finding every child upon arrival each day so that no one goes home on a bus to an empty home. If your child does not arrive on a day that they are signed up for the program, we will search the building and call you until we know the location and safety of the child. This takes a lot of staff time away from the other children, so please help us avoid this by calling or emailing before Noon to let us know of an absence from the afternoon program. #612-668-3344

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Late Pick-up Policy: Minneapolis Kids charges \$1 for every minute past 6pm for late pick-up. Care will be terminated if there are 3 late Pick-ups. If you know that you are going to be late, please find an alternate pick-up & notify Minneapolis kids of the change. We appreciate you respecting our schedule, as we have obligations after work as well.

Early Drop-off: MPLS Kids Opens at 6:30am. Students will not be admitted into the building until 6:30am. When teachers arrive early, they are there to set-up and prepare for the day and are unable to look after children.

Allergies and Medication: We require a written consent form signed by parent/guardian and physician in order to administer any medications. This includes prescribed and over-the-counter medications. Medicine must be in the original container with the original label. Please talk to your site coordinator if you need a consent form.



And Don't Forget...

Change to Pick-up Policy: You are welcome to have family or friends pick-up your child, but please be sure to alert the MPLS Kids staff ahead of time with the alternative pick-up person's name and the date of pick-up. With our new IPAD sign-out system you will also need to go into your That's Community Ed Account and add their name to your authorized Pickup list.

*Please remind them to bring their ID, as we will always ID any new pick-ups.

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Schedule Changes & Billing: If you need to make changes to your child's schedule or have a question about billing, please direct your inquiries to the MPLS Kids Central Office

@ 612-668-3890

Mplskids@mpls.k12.mn.us

To Enroll for Non School Days: You can find a list of the dates that MPLS Kids is closed and Non School day dates on the MPLS Kids Kenny webpage. Enrollment for Non School days is separate from school days; check with the MPLS Kids main office for enrollment date. Be aware that space on Non School days is limited do to staffing.

Send Appropriate Clothing: There will be many opportunities for the children to go outside. Make sure to send appropriate clothing and shoes every-day. Flip flops are not allowed on the playground so please send tennis shoes or other good play shoes every day. This is also required in the gym.



Keep Toys at Home: We allow children to bring one toy from home only on designated days. We ask that you do not allow children to bring toys from home on any other day.