

Kenny Parent Newsletter

February 2015



Parent Involvement Opportunities

History/Culture Club:

We are launching a new weekly club this month, called the History and Culture club. The club will explore different topics surrounding history, and different family traditions from the staff and students at Kenny MPL Kids.

As part of this club we would love to have family members come in and present about one of their family traditions. This could be anything from a show and tell, to a cooking project.

The club would be held every Tuesday from 4:00-5:00pm.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Orlee, via email @

orlee.smull@mpls.k12.mn.us

Parent Advisory Council:

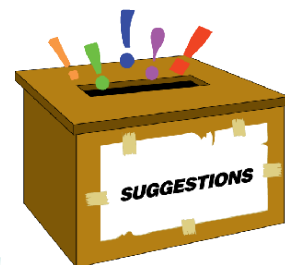
MPLS Kids has a Parent Advisory council (PAC) that meets once a month. Our current parent representative is Ann Marshik. If you are interested in getting involved, or you have a topic you would like her to bring to the next PAC meeting, you can email her @

annmarshik@gmail.com

Kenny MPLS Kids suggestion Box:

The older group will be working on creating a suggestion box for families, that will be located by the sign-out shelf. Please add your suggestions for improvement to the program at any time. We would love to have your input about how we are doing and your ideas about how to be the best program we can be.

Thank you!



February 13th Non School

On Friday February 13th MPLS Kids is open and we will be making music videos and Lego movies onsite. Friday January 30th is the last day to make changes to your child's schedule for this day. Please contact the MPLS kids Main Office if you need to make any changes.

@ 612-668-3890

Mplskids@mpls.k12.mn.us

Please Bring Snow Pants & Boots everyday

We require students to wear snow pants and boots or another pair of shoes outside whenever it is wet or snowy. Both of these items are key to keeping the carpets and floor inside as dry as possible. Please remember them everyday! Thank You!!!

Kids Welcome:

Before School 6:30-9:15

After School 2:30-6:00



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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 everyday. 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.

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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