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# Kenny Parent Newsletter

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## New Clubs

We are excited to announce some fun clubs, with ongoing projects starting up at the end of Dec and beginning of January. These clubs are open to anyone, and we encourage children to stick with the club as much as possible.

Clubs include:

- Mondays- Drama Club  
This club will be lead by Phoebe and will include a chance for students to plan, design, and implement a dramatic project. Ideas for projects may include; a play; a talent show; music videos; a movie...etc
- Wednesdays– MPLS Kids GKG (Generous Kids Giving) Club  
This is a club for students to participate in researching, planning, and implementing Community Service projects. It will be lead by Malcolm. We would love ideas from parents about CS opportunities that you have a connection to. Contact Orlee or Malcolm.
- Thursdays– Mpls Kids Newspaper Club  
This club was created and will be lead by students Olivia P and Allie D. Students will work as a team to create a Kenny Mpls Kids Newspaper, which they will then distribute to families. Students will work on newspaper items such as; cartoons; articles; interviews; photographs...etc
- Fridays- Chess Club/ Mahjong Club  
This club will be lead by Lavonya (chess) and Tia (Mahjong). Students who participate will have a chance to learn, practice, teach and play either or both of these games. Students of all skill levels are invited to join the club!

## January 16th Non School Day

On Friday January 16th Mpls Kids is open and students will be going on a field trip; Snow Tubing at Elm Creek Park Reserve. Friday January 2nd 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.

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## 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



## Important Information

### Afternoon Attendance Policy:

Please be sure to let staff know if your child will be absent in the afternoon. 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 Thatscommunityed 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

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**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.

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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