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Off to a great start!

We are well on our way now! Everyone is beginning to settle in and become used to the routine of the afternoon. This issue of The Chronicle holds many tid bits of information that you may or may not already know. Because we are a new Mpls Kids site, we want to make sure you know the things that make our program work. Please read thoroughly and let us know if you have any questions!

Absences

When your child is not going to be attending our program please call the site or email Jenn.

The school does not share information you tell them with us; illnesses, classes, doctor's appointments, early pick-up, etc.

It saves us a lot of time and worry if we know ahead of time when your child will be absent.

iPad

The iPad sign out system is pretty slick but does have it's glitches. Please make sure to sign your child out every afternoon when you pick them up.

If you need to add names to your pick-up list, there are cheat sheets located on the bulletin board or you can call our main office.

Because the iPad is tempting for the children, we ask that only adults sign out.

Mpls Kids Bulletin Board

Our daily schedule, activity calendar, and NSD calendar are always on the bulletin board. Occasionally, we will post flyers for other events or important information you may need to know.

Please glance up that way every now and again to keep in the loop of anything new.

Magnet Board Tracking System

Your kiddos have adopted this beautifully! So here's what is it's really all about-

Kenwood Mpls Kids will be going through accreditation with MNsaca (Minnesota School Age Care Alliance) next year. One of their accreditation standards is to implement a working "tracking system." The boards that you see by room 118 are the base of the system. There are 2 parts to the tracking system.

1. Each child has a square magnet with their name on it. We call this one their moving magnet or license to drive. Whenever the children move to a room or space that magnet travels with them and they give it to an adult. The staff member puts it on a magnet board. That magnet board acts as a working roster of which children are in which space. They also need to ask an adult for their moving magnet when they leave a space and we "walkie them on" to their next space.
2. The boards by the iPad act as a tracker for parents and staff. When the child takes their moving magnet to go into a different space, they also move their black dot magnet to the square corresponding to which space they are in.

We like this system for a couple of reasons. One, although we are aware of the children in our space, it adds another layer of organization. Two, the children need to physically interact with the adults when they reach a space or leave a space. This is one of their responsibilities as a Mpls Kid kiddo.

Toys from Home

Toys from home are not allowed at Mpls Kids. The only exception to this rule is that playing cards are allowed on Fridays.

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



NSDs or Non-School Days

Non-school days are days when Kenwood is closed but Mpls Kids is open. You must be registered through our main office with your online account in order for your child to attend. We will be open from 6:30-6pm on NSD. Children need a lunch and beverage or water bottle every day unless otherwise noted. There will be a general permission slip for you to sign. Some trips require waivers in addition.

More information will be located near the iPad closer to the date of each NSD.

Wednesday, Oct. 19

On-site Fall Celebration

Thursday, Oct. 20

Sever's Corn Maze

Friday, Oct. 21

On-site Mad Science, physics & chemistry

Thursday, Nov. 3

Goodtimes Park

Friday, Nov. 4

On-site visit from the Bell Museum

Tis the Season...

It can't be helped, the season of sickness is looming. Please let us know when your child is sick or has contracted something contagious or catchy or buggy:(

We follow the MPS guidelines:

A child should not come to school (and will be sent home from school) if they have or have had :

- A fever of 100 degrees F (orally) or higher in the past 24 hours WITHOUT fever-reducing medication
- Vomiting or diarrhea in the past 24 hours
- An undiagnosed skin rash

We know all of the children's names and we are slowly working on connecting parents with children. Thank you for your patience!

A staff board is located on the door to room 118 with pictures and brief bios. Take a gander the next time you are waiting for your kiddo:)

Jenn-Site Coordinator

Kris-Childcare Assistant

Yonah-Childcare Assistant

Maureen-Childcare Assistant

Abdi-Childcare Assistant

Monica-Childcare Assistant



We have started going to the park across the street to play field games...Capture the Chicken is the site favorite!

Thank you for your patience as we need a little extra time to bring them back safely.

Please feel free to contact Jenn at anytime if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you!

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Late Pick-ups

Mpls Kids closes at 6:00pm and, usually, the school also closes at 6:00pm. You will be charged \$1/minute after 6pm for the first 2 late pick-ups. After the third pick-up, a \$25 fee will be assessed. The 4th and 5th late pick-up result in a \$25 charge. Service will be terminated after the fifth late pick-up. We don't want this to happen!

As we all know, Minnesota roads are going to be unpleasant and traffic a bit of a nightmare in the upcoming months. Please have a number of friends/family you can call if you are running late.

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.