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Thank You from The Food Group

A heartfelt thank you for all of your generous donations to our food drive for The Food Group (formerly known as the Emergency Foodshelf Network). On December 11, we were gifted with some amazing items from an unknown donor and directed to give them to children in our program by December 18.

We decided to incorporate a food drive to help others. We are pleased that so many families agreed. As one parent stated, "I love that you created a way to give to others from these donations to us. Thanks for helping teach our kids about service." In 5 short days, we filled all three barrels and then some for a total of 944 pounds of food. As a result of your efforts, more than 786 meals

will be given to The Food Group's hunger-relief partners at no cost in the coming weeks.

Wow! Thank you for opening your cupboard and adding to your shopping cart. The prize incentives were motivating, yet we heard so many kids excitedly talking about how they were helping others and how good it felt. We see this all the time at Mpls Kids and during the school day. It truly is a reflection of what you are doing and teaching at home. Thank you for raising such great people!



Staffing

We welcome Lida Rogers to our team! She will be working with us both in the mornings and in the afternoons. She previously worked with at risk youth. She hopes to someday go back to school to become a teacher.

We are excited to have her on our team!

Accreditation Corner

Accreditation has been a lengthy process for us here at Lake Harriet, but we think it is an important one . We collected all our surveys from our host, kids and families as well as valuable feedback. Thank you to all of our stakeholder members for getting the observations done so quickly. We really appreciate it. Now we will compile our results and create an action plan.



Kids Welcome:

Before School 6:30-9:40

After School 4:00-6:00



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Summer Sneak Peak

Although there is quite a bit of winter left, summer registration will be here before you know it! Summer registration will **open in mid-March**. Look for the registration link in your March invoice and register early to guarantee a spot!



Lake Harriet's summer calendar should be available online the second week of February. Check it out to see the variety of field trips and activities and gear up for another summer full of adventures!

Like last year, we are staying at Lower Campus this summer! Upper Campus will be joining us and we will once again divide into Younger and Older Kids. Younger consists of kids going into 1st-3rd grades and Older consists of kids going into 4th-7th grades. While many activities will be done together, we will also have age specific events. Remember to register early!

Am I Well Enough?



Every winter there are always questions regarding whether students are healthy enough to attend school or whether they should stay at home for the day. Please help keep everyone as healthy as possible by using the following guidelines in deciding whether or not to send your child to school.

General Guidelines

If the student:

- Has a fever of 100° or more, the student should stay home for 24 hours after the temperature returns to normal (without the aid of a fever-reducing medication).
- Has vomited or had diarrhea, the student should stay home until 24 hours after the last episode.
- Has any rash for which you do not know the cause, check with your family physician or clinic before sending the student to school.
- Has an illness. Keep the student at home and call/email Minneapolis Kids daily to report the illness.

If a student must take medication at Mpls Kids, written permission from a physician and the parent are required.

It is important to keep your online account updated with any changes in work and home telephone numbers so we can reach you should your child become ill. Thank you! **STAY HEALTHY!!!**

Non-School Days/Dates Closed

Friday, February 12—Snow tubing at Buck Hill

Required: Jacket, snow pants, boots, hat and waterproof mittens.

Monday, February 15—Minneapolis Kids will be **closed**. Thank You Mr. President.

Reminders:

Send a lunch + drink every day. Refrigeration is not available. Use an icepack if needed. Send weather-appropriate outdoor gear too. We go outside every day.

On field trip days, please be here at least 30 minutes prior to departure to allow us time to take a final attendance, get kids into groups and review expectations. Thank you!

Send a bag lunch on field trip days to give your child the freedom to enjoy the rest of the trip without having to remember where his/her lunchbox was last seen.

Ask us for a hard copy of our activity calendar. It is a handy reference.