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Extra! Extra! Read All about Us!

What an incredible November it has been with many wonderful 60 degree days and we hope to have a snowy December! We may get better use out of all the sleds we purchased last year if we get lots of snow.

With the cold weather approaching, please be sure your child has proper clothing to wear outside. Hats, waterproof mittens, jackets, snow pants and boots are a must. Snow pants and boots are required to play in the field with snow. Those without appropriate attire will have to stay on the black top.

Kids are loving the new dramatic play area restaurant, "The Slippery Noodle". They have been busy dishing out pasta and hand making pizza.

We used to have one room designated for only older kiddos. We were getting feedback from the younger kiddos who wanted to play with their older buddies. The feeling was mutual, so we decided to open up all the rooms for everyone.



Staff

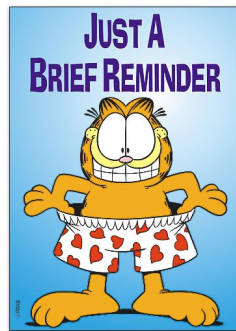
Mike joined our Lake Harriet team in November and works with us in the mornings.

Tessa started with us on Election Day. She is currently working with us Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday afternoons.

Mickey is now with us in the mornings and afternoons.

Kayla will be leaving us at the end of December to start student teaching.

We welcome them to the Lake Harriet team and send a big farewell hug to Kayla.



Registration starts
Monday, December 5 at 12 noon
for the 2017 Non School Days
January—Spring Break

Screen Time

For many, computer lab can be a favorite part of the day. It may be all you hear about at home, but rest assured we do set and enforce limits.

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends a maximum of 2 hours of screen time a day. The MN Afterschool Accreditation Program requires 20 minutes or less of screen time during out of school time programs. Many of our kids feel 12 hours of screen time a day is best. It is a challenge to follow the expert guidelines while considering the interests of the kids, but we defer to the experts. 😊



Kids Welcome:

Before School 6:30-9:40

After School 4:00-6:00

Non School Days—Winter Break & January

DECEMBER 2016						
S	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Monday, December 19—Field Trip: Sidekick Theatre 1:30-2:30 “The Elves and the Shoemaker”. Send a lunch + drink

Tuesday, December 20—On Site: Active Solutions 12:00 Gr K-1, 1:00 Gr 1-2, 2:00 Gr 3-6. Send a lunch + drink, tennis shoes.

Wednesday, December 21—Field Trip: Pepito’s and a Movie 10:30—2:30. Taco buffet lunch included. Bring a lunch if you don’t like Mexican food.

Thursday, December 22—On Site: Parkshore Senior Friends 10:00—11:30. Send a lunch + drink. *Note the time change. Parkshore has their holiday party that afternoon, so they are joining us in the morning.*

Friday, December 23 and Monday, December 26 Minneapolis Kids will be **CLOSED**. Happy Holidays!

Tuesday, December 27—On Site: Optional sledding at Minikahda Park, 10:30—12 or 12:30—2:30, depending upon the weather. Bring your favorite sled (please label). Required: **waterproof** mittens, coat, snow pants, boots, hat.

Wednesday, December 28—Field Trip: MN History Center 10:15—3:45 (including Gridiron Glory). Send lunch + drink.

Thursday, December 29—On Site: New Year’s Eve Dance Party with Kidsdance DJ 1:00—3:00. Send a lunch + drink.



JANUARY 2017						
S	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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Friday, December 30 and Monday, January 2 Minneapolis Kids will be **CLOSED**. Happy New Year!

Monday, January 16—**CLOSED** Martin Luther King Jr Day

Friday, January 27—On Site: Dazzling Dave Yo-Yo 12:00 performance

Monday, January 30—Field Trip: Big Thrill Factory 11:00—3:00, may bring up to \$10

http://mplskids.mpls.k12.mn.us/uploads/lhlnsd_calendar_16-17_final.pdf

Homework

Children may do homework any time they are with Minneapolis Kids.

In the afternoons, the children may opt out from going outside to complete their homework in the lunchroom in peace and quiet. Let us know if you would like your child to work on his/her homework while she/he is with Minneapolis Kids.

Parent Advisory Council

Lake Harriet Lower is still looking for an Advisory Council representative. The Parent Advisory Council is comprised of reps from all 22 sites. They get together several times during the school year and discuss the big picture of Minneapolis Kids.

What is asked of you as a rep, you may ask? Attending 4 meetings per year—Oct 4, Dec 6, Feb 7, Apr 18. The meetings are held on Tuesdays, 6:00—7:30 pm at Ramsey Middle School, a 5:30 dinner and childcare are provided. Please email Karen if interested. Thanks!

Non School Day 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.

Our calendar of activities is posted on our website. Ask us for a hard copy. It is a handy reference to post inside your cupboard or on your refrigerator.



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.