

**Kids Welcome:**

Before School 6:30-9:35

After School 4:00-6:00

Enter Door #3

# Lake Harriet Lower Tribune

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**Minneapolis Kids**  
Minneapolis Community Education

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## October, What a Month It Has Been

October had some amazing weather and let's hope November brings us the same. The kids have been involved in a variety of activities. Outside they have been having fun clomp stomping, hula hooping, daily football games and we are beautifying the black top with all of our chalk art.

Inside children have been creating up a storm in 114 and 123. While in the gym they have been playing or-

ganized games such as Medic, kickball and our favorite dodge ball.



As Jenn and Karen travel from room to room, it is fun to see the smiles and laughter pouring out of the rooms and seeing amazing friendships form. We invite you all to check out where your kiddos are at and travel to that room to see all this for yourselves.

## Outside

Be sure to send your child with all the appropriate clothing for outside. We go outside everyday unless the weather is below 0 in temperature or wind chill.

We also want to remind parents as they send their child to the playground supervised or unsupervised, they should still follow the same rules they follow throughout the school day and Minneapolis Kids.

A few examples: going across the glider one at a time, not climbing on top of the equipment, and going down the slide rather than climb up it. Typically when staff address an issue with a child that is not with us at the time, we ALWAYS get the same answer, "but I am not with Minneapolis Kids". We are watching out for all the kiddos safety.



### Accreditation Corner:

We had a final visit from our coach the third week of October and things appear to be on track. We plan to submit our paper work in November with hopes to have an official visit soon after.

## Thank You

A HUGE thank you to our parents! Thank you for letting us know when your child will not be with us in the afternoons.

Please keep that information coming, including if they attend a community ed class. Many times we are getting these lists after the class has begun. It saves our staff a lot of time and worry when they could be playing with the kiddos. Thank you!

## Behavior Guidelines

We expect everyone to:

- ⇒ Keep body parts to themselves
- ⇒ Follow directions and be respectful of those in charge
- ⇒ Use "school appropriate" language
- ⇒ Respect others and property

If this becomes a challenge, staff redirect children as needed. If poor behavior continues, Jenn or Karen, the child and parent talk together to determine the best course to improve the child's actions. If it continues, we follow the path as outlined in the Parent Handbook.

Mpls Kids follows the MPS district discipline policies.

## Non School Day Reminders



Both younger and older kids will be

at LOWER Campus for ALL non-school days

due to staffing constraints. Please use Door #3 on Drew Avenue.

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 at LHL at least 30 minutes prior to departure to allow us time to take a final attendance, get kids

into groups and review expectations.

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.

Registration for January—April non-school days will open December. Watch for a notice from the Main Office.

## November Non School Days

(aka “Release Days”)

LHL & LHU are together at Lower Campus.

Wednesday, November 25  
Children’s Theatre “The Jungle Book”



Minneapolis Kids will be CLOSED

Thursday, November 26  
&  
Friday, November 27

## Not Feeling So Great?



In general, please keep your child home if he/she is not feeling well. MPS has a 24 hour exclusion rule:

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

- vomiting or diarrhea in the past 24 hours
- A fever of 100 degrees F orally or 99 degrees F axillary (under the armpit) or higher in the past 24 hours
- an undiagnosed skin rash
- untreated live head lice

Students should not return to school until 24 hours from the last episode of vomiting, diarrhea or until the fever has returned to normal (for 24 hours) WITHOUT the use of Tylenol.

## Late Policy

We love spending time with your kids and we hope they have as much fun as we do!

However all kids must be checked out by an adult by 6pm. Our staff is also off the clock at 6pm and want to attend their evening activities. We really appreciate the extra effort families take to honor closing time.

There is new late policy in effect. Late fees will be charged for pick ups after 6:00 pm according to the sign out time:

Incident #1— \$1 per minute

Incident #2—\$1 per minute

Incident #3—a fine of \$25

Incident #4—a fine of \$25

Incident #5—service will be terminated

Late meetings, weather and traffic are all part of a working parent’s life, so make a plan now for when you may be late. Any adult you designate may pick up your child. When the inevitable happens, give that person a call to pick up your child before 6:00 and then call us at 612-668-3234 with the change. Thank you!