

Kids Welcome:

Before School 6:30-9:35

After School 4:00-6:00

Enter Door #3

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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 kiddos have been involved in a variety of activities. It is so fun to see all the different areas here at LHL full of energy and laughter.

LHL successfully went through the accreditation process last year, but we don't want to let that slip away. In October we started to survey families, staff and kiddos.

We need 60% of our families to give us feedback on the program, 100% of staff, and we hope to get full participation from the kiddos. Thank you for the time and thoughtfulness that was put into the survey responses. We really appreciate all the feedback and ideas for improvements. We always want to improve our program.



Staffing

Abdul has been working with us in the mornings since October. In the afternoons, he is off to work at a Beacons program. We are glad to have him with us.

Miles will be with us in the mornings and afternoons. He has worked at a few different Mpls Kids locations and we are excited to have him share the fun things he's done.

Outside

Be sure to send your child with all the weather appropriate clothing. We go outside every day unless the temperature or wind chill is below zero.

A reminder for parents as they send their children to the playground, supervised or unsupervised, to please remind your child to 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 climbing 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 a MPS district program and watching out for all the kiddos safety.



Thank You!

A HUGE thank you to everyone! 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 the class lists after the classes have begun. It saves our staff a lot of time and worry when they could be playing with the kiddos. Thank you!

Vote on Nov 8!

Remember to vote on November 8. For information on your polling place, visit vote.minneapolismn.gov.

Minneapolis voters will be asked to renew the school district's current operating referendum authorization, which expires after the 2016-17 school year.

If passed, funding would help Minneapolis Public Schools manage class sizes and provide supportive services and activities for students.

Property taxes are not projected to increase if the referendum renewal passes.

Learn more at www.mpls.k12.mn.us/referendum2016.



Non School Day Reminders

Both younger and older kids will be at LOWER Campus for ALL non school days. Please use Door #3 on Drew Ave.

Send a lunch + drink every day. Refrigeration is not available. Use an ice-pack if needed. Send 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 activity calendar is posted on our website. Ask us for a printed copy. It's a handy reference to post inside your cupboard or on your refrigerator.

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

Sign up for text reminders via Remind!

LH Lower—Text the message @mplsk to the number 81010.

LH Upper—Text the message @lhuz to the number 81010.

November Non School Days

Thursday, November 3
10:45—3:30 Grand Slam
May bring up to \$10.

Friday, November 4
At LHL - Bruce the Bug Guy



Wednesday, November 23
At LHL—Puppet Workshop

Minneapolis Kids will be CLOSED
Thursday, November 24
& Friday, November 25

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, Karen, the child and parent will 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 discipline policies.

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 or Mpls Kids (and will be sent home) if they have or have had:

- Vomiting or diarrhea in the past 24 hours
- A fever of 100° F orally or 99° 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.

The late policy was revised last year. Late fees will be charged for pick ups after 6:00 pm according to the sign out time:

Incident #1 and #2— \$1 per minute

Incident #3 and #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!

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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