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Summer Sneak Peek

Although there is quite a bit of winter left, summer registration will be here before you know it! **Summer registration opens for all on Monday, March 13 at noon.**

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!

This summer we will be housed at the Upper Campus. Jenn Bratvold will be back running the younger youth program (entering grades 1 and 2), and Anita Adams will be with the older kids program (entering grades 3—7). While many activities will be done together, we will also have age specific events. Remember to register early!

Calendar Updates:

- Summer registration opens Monday, March 13 at noon
- Last day of school is Wednesday, June 14
- We are CLOSED Thursday and Friday, June 15 and 16 for summer prep
- Summer program: Monday, June 19—Friday, August 18
- Minneapolis Kids will be closed July 3 and 4.

We will be closed August 21—25 for school year prep and staff training.

Minneapolis Kids and school begin again on Monday, August 28!



Staffing

Julia is helping us out in the mornings here at Lake Harriet Lower. She works at Armatage Minneapolis Kids in the afternoons.

Vantella is lending a hand in the afternoon on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. She also works at Patrick Henry High School in food service.

Please welcome both of them. We are happy to have the extra support.

Gym



The school’s “Jungle” is almost here. We will lose use of the gym January 31—February 6 as Ms. Chase sets up the gym for

this favorite school day activity.

We hope the weather doesn’t impact us too much and we are able to get plenty of outside time in lieu of the gym.

Kids Welcome:

Before School 6:30-9:40

After School 4:00-6:00



Advisory Committee

This is your chance ...don't everyone come running at once. I can only take the first one to respond. Think of the difference you can make.

Lake Harriet Lower is looking for an Advisory Council representative. The Parent Advisory Council is comprised of reps from all of the Minneapolis Kids sites. They get together several times during the school year and discuss the big picture of Minneapolis Kids. It is never too late to join in on the February and April meetings.

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.

If not this year, think about being a part of this committee next year. Please email Karen if interested. Thanks!



Am I Well Enough?



Every winter there are always questions regarding whether students are healthy enough to attend school or whether they should stay 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

Friday, February 17 at LHL—Winter Film Festival

Monday February 20— CLOSED for Presidents 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.

Monday, April 3—The field trip to Waterpark of America has been cancelled. They are undergoing construction. The field trip to replace it is TBD.

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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