

Lake Harriet Upper Campus

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Winter is Here . . .



After our unbelievable November with 50 degree days, it's hard to believe snow and cold will be here for 4 long months. Or at least I hope it's gone by the end of March!

We appreciate families doing what they can to encourage our strong-minded kids to wear warm coats, boots, hats, waterproof mittens, and maybe even snow pants for those who like to really be one with the snow.

While we give the option of going outside every morning and afternoon, the school requires 100% participation in daily outdoor recess. For many, personal experience needs to cement the idea that proper outdoor gear is good and a few minutes of shivering will enlighten them to this brilliant idea. Hopefully they discover sooner rather than later that they may be more comfortable with the proper outdoor gear on their bodies.

We will bring out the bucket of shovels once snow starts to accumulate on the blacktop. The district plows most of the blacktop throughout the winter so there are snow banks to dig into for forts and such. The very tempting "hill" in the corner of the prairie garden by Vincent Ave and 50th Street is off limits for sledding and the like due to the brick wall near the bottom and the protruding sign posts throughout the garden. No injuries for us!

A Fond Farewell to Beau



It is with mixed feelings that we say farewell to Beau. An opportunity arose to work in the classroom as a Special Education Assistant at Webster School and it was too good to pass up. We are thrilled for his good fortune, yet sad to say good-bye.

Beau has had a huge impact on the kids in our program both before and after school. We are all going to miss him. The kids have loved his sense of humor and enjoyed sharing his love of drawing, talking about the latest Pokémon craze. Plus it is exciting to know a book author up close and personal.

We wish him well on his new adventure and hope he'll stop in to visit us soon.

From Beau's book, "Psychic Boy Samuel"

Non School Day Registration Opens Monday, Dec 5 at 12 noon

Online registration opens for the second half of the school year, January—April.



Both younger and older kids are at LOWER Campus for all non school days.

See our web page for the Activity Calendar or ask us for a printed copy.

Kids Welcome:

Before School 6:30—9:30 am
 After School 4:10—6:00 pm
 Non-School Days at LHL
 6:30 am—6:00 pm

Happy December Birthdays!

1—Theo N	26—John
8—Theo B	30—Gray
17—Andrew	31—Beau
25—Owen	

Happy 1/2 Birthdays—June!

7—Vivian	16—Declan
9—Ali	21—Ava
15—Torin	

We are CLOSED:

Dec 23 & 26
 Dec 30 & Jan 2
 Happy Holidays and New Year!

Morning Families



Kid Leaders—The suggestion box has been filling up with great ideas! We hope to implement many of them in the coming weeks and months. Keep the ideas coming! Encourage your child to let us know if s/he wants to lead a particular project or activity. We welcome kid leaders!

Washburn Entry—As the weather turns colder you will see more and more kids in the Washburn entry (door #7). Kids must wait until the first bell at 9:25 am to enter the building, with the exception of breakfast at 9:20. They must keep the area between the two marked doors free of bodies and backpacks to allow our families and other adults to easily enter and exit the building. We monitor it closely, but if you find the doorway not free, please let a staff know so we can fix it. Thanks.

Atrium Sign In—Please know that you aren't limited to the atrium. You are welcome to wander down the stairs anytime and chat with staff or see what your child is working on. We are always glad to have you visit!

Daily Schedule—We are attempting to adjust our schedule a bit due to the increasing number of unescorted kids on the playground before school. We are trying to find a good time for our program to be outside without supervising everyone, which has often been double or triple the number of kids that are in our program. Updates will be near the kids' magnet boards.

Afternoon Families

If your child will **NOT be attending** after school as scheduled, please give us a call at **612-919-2004** or send an email to Anita by 3pm.

Outdoor Gear—Playing in the snow is particularly popular after school. Please encourage your child to bring snow pants, boots, a hat and **waterproof** mittens to really enjoy the snow. It's so much more fun when you're warm.

Community Ed Classes—Try something new or further explore an interest! Watch for the winter flyer and sign up for a class to begin mid-January. Registration is open to the entire school, so register early to reserve your spot. Unique to LHU Mpls Kids, if your child is scheduled to be with us the afternoon of the class, we pay for the class. If not enough enroll in a class, the class will be cancelled.



Non School Day Families



Registration opens
Monday, December 5 at noon
for January—April days!

Reminders:

- **MUST be pre-registered.** Sorry, no drop-ins.
- Bring a **lunch + drink** every day.
- Send outdoor gear—we go outside every day.
- **Arrive at least 30 minutes prior** to FT departure time to allow us time to take a final attendance, get kids into groups, review expectations.
- Contact the main office with scheduling or billing questions
- Activity Calendar — on the website. Ask us for a handy printed copy.

Upcoming Non School Days Winter Break—At LHL

Mon, Dec 19 FT Sidekick Theatre “The Elves and the Shoemaker” 11:30—2:30

Tues, Dec 20 At LHL—Active Solutions in the gym
12n Gr K-1, 1p Gr 1-2, 2p Gr 3—6 Wear tennis shoes.

Wed, Dec 21 FT Pepito's and a Movie 10:30—2:30. Taco buffet included. Bring a lunch if you don't like Mexican food.

Thurs, Dec 22 At LHL—Parkshore Senior Friends 10—11:30. Playing board games! *Note the time change. Parkshore has their holiday party that afternoon, so they are joining us in the morning.*

Fri, Dec 23 & Mon, Dec 26: CLOSED

Tues, Dec 27 At LHL—Optional Sledding at Minikahda Vista Park. 10:30—12 or 12:30—2:30, depending upon the weather. Bring your sled! Required: **waterproof** mittens, coat, snow pants, boots, hat.

Wed, Dec 28 FT MN History Center 10:15—3:45 (including Gridiron Glory)

Thurs, Dec 29 At LHL—New Year's Eve Dance Party in the gym 1—3pm

Fri, Dec 29 & Mon, Jan 2: CLOSED