

Lake Harriet Upper Campus

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Summer Registration



Summer is around the corner and we are busy making plans for older and younger Kids at Lake Harriet UPPER. We are excited to host our younger friends!

Registration opens for all on Monday, March 13 at noon. First come, first served so register early. We hope you can join us!

Older Kids = entering grades 3—7

Younger Kids = entering grades 1—2

Jenn Bratvold returns to us as the coordinator for the younger kids and Anita will be running the older kids program. We will do many things together as well as age specific activities. The activity calendar will be posted online mid February to help with your summer planning. There is a 10 day minimum required.

We will be closed Thursday and Friday, June 14 & 15 to prepare for summer. The summer program runs Monday, June 19—Friday, August 18. We will be closed July 3 & 4 for the holiday.

Wellness Guidelines



Now may be a good time to review the district's guidelines to help you make a decision whether or not to keep your child at home or send to school/Mpls Kids.

Please keep your child **home** if s/he:

- Has had an oral temperature of 100 degrees or higher in the past 24 hours.
- Has vomited 2 or more times in the past 24 hours.
- Has diarrhea, an increased number of stools compared to normal or has stools that are loose, and s/he needs to use the bathroom frequently.
- Has any rash for which the cause is unknown. Check with your doctor before sending your child to school.
- Has an illness (severe wheeze, severe cough, etc) that prevents him/her from participating in routine activities. Call the school AND Mpls Kids daily to report the illness.

If your child must take **medication** during Mpls Kids time, written permission from a doctor or dentist and the parent is required.

Please **update your online account** with phone number changes so we can reach you if your child becomes sick. Thank you!



Thank You!

♥ To Sidney, Sue, and Tom, our wonderful engineers, for taking care of us every day by moving tables, mopping floors, shoveling snow, and the million other things they do for us and our school, always with a smile.

♥ To the basketball teams for practicing only in the afternoon so we can use the gym in the morning.

♥ To Pat, our lovely lunch lady, for her help with the snack program plus preparing and serving breakfast (and lunch!) every day.

♥ To our VolunTeens who model kindness and give guidance to us all every day.

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 February Birthdays!

2—Anita	24—Spencer
5—Zara	26—Thea
7—Liam	28—Ellie
18—Henrik	28—Sophia W

Happy 1/2 Birthdays—August

6—Brynn	13—Milo
7—Raquel	21—Isabella
10—Ada	25—Emma
12—Patrick	27—Alec V

We are CLOSED:

Monday, February 20
Presidents' Day



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Morning Families



Wed, Feb 1 Winter Walk Day—Join us for the district’s 3rd annual Winter Walk Day! We will give “I Walked” stickers to everyone who walks today, be it from home, the end of the block, or around the blacktop.

Recent research found that “people who had a positive wintertime mindset tended to be the same people who were highly satisfied with their lives and who pursued personal growth.” How can we say no to that?!

Walk.Scooter.Bike Club—Please continue calling us on our cell phone **612-919-2004 every morning** your child is coming in on his/her own so we know to watch for his/her arrival. Please leave a message if we are on the phone

with another parent and let us know if you want a call back to confirm your child arrived. Thanks!

Jeopardy—A huge hit with our morning crew! It’s fun to see a big group gathered in teams around the giant white board, ready to test their knowledge. It’s a race to the board as a rep from each team tries to correctly answer the question first. Then it’s on to the next duo. Of course, there’s a penalty if you shout out the answer and it’s not your turn. So a few clutch their hands against their mouths as a preventative safety measure. :)



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. Or will be when we get a bit more snow!

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. We have the shovels and big spoons ready for lots of digging and snow moving!

Read-a-thon for grades K—5—We have many happy readers here and will have reading slips available during the LHCS Read-a-thon, January 27—February 24. Staff will verify the minutes and sign the reading slips and kids can bring them home to add the time on their “official” cards.

Dig through your bookshelves and donate gently used books for the **LHCS Used Book Sale** Feb 23 & 24. The kids LOVE this event! They are welcome to bring money to spend on books to bring home during the event.

Happy reading!

Non School Day Families

We are at **LOWER Campus** for all non school days.

Reminders:

- **MUST be pre-registered.** Sorry, drop-ins are not allowed.
- Bring a **lunch + drink** every day. Make it **disposable for FT days.**
- Send outdoor gear including **waterproof** mittens & gym shoes
- Arrive at least **30 minutes prior** to departure time for field trips to allow us time to take a final attendance, get kids into groups, review expectations, and answer the many, many questions kids ask.
- Contact the main office with scheduling questions
- Activity Calendar — on our website. Ask us for a printed copy.



Upcoming Non School Days

Fri, Feb 17 At LHL—Winter Film Festival

Mon, Feb 20 CLOSED Presidents’ Day

Spring Break: March 31—April 7

Fri, Mar 31 At LHL

Science Museum Residency—Engineering
*Please note the topic change. Unfortunately the museum is unable to do “Crime Lab” as originally scheduled.

Mon, Apr 3 FT—to be determined

*Waterpark of America canceled our reservation when they recently closed for construction.

Tues, Apr 4 At LHL—Active Solutions in gym

Wed, Apr 5 At LHL—Parkshore Senior Friends

Thurs, Apr 6 FT—Park Tavern Bowling

Fri, Apr 7 At LHL—Traveling Naturalist

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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