



Lake Harriet Upper Campus

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Parent Advisory Council Rep: Danette Kittleson (Ben's mom)

Parent Rep Needed



A sincere **thank you** to our Parent Advisory Council representative **Danette Kittleson!** The Kittleson family has been a part of the Lake Harriet Mpls Kids program for 11 years. A long history with us! They will be “graduating” from Mpls Kids this spring and thus leaving the Parent Rep position open for another parent to fill.

The Parent Advisory Council is comprised of a parent representative from each Mpls Kids site. Their goal is to support and guide the continuous development and improvement of the program. They meet about 5 times during the school year at the Davis Center. The meetings are held on Thursday evenings 6:00—7:30pm with dinner served 5:30—6:00. Childcare is provided.

Please let Anita know if you are interested in taking on this volunteer role for our site for the next school year. Also, please let Danette know if you have any concerns. The next PAC meeting is on March 19.

Summer Registration Opens



Registration for Summer 2015 opens Monday, March 16 at 12 noon.

Enrollment is open to kids entering grades 1—7. We will join the younger kids at Lower Campus. A calendar of activities is posted on our website to help with your planning. The program will be open Thursday, June 11—Friday, August 14. Please note, we are closed Monday, June 8—Wednesday, June 10 for summer prep and staff training.

School Year Registration Opens in April

Registration for 2015—2016 opens Monday, April 20 for current families and May 4 for new families. We have kids in grades 4—7 here and hope all our friends continue with us next year!



Info to Track . . .

Registration/Scheduling/Billing/ Your Account Questions

612-668-3890

mpls.kids@mpls.k12.mn.us

Your Online Account <https://minneapolis.thatscommunityed.com>

Our LHU website

<http://mplskids.mpls.k12.mn.us/lhu.html>

current newsletter, non-school day activity calendar

Facebook Search

“Minneapolis Kids School Age Care” and like us!

LHU Email List If you want to be added to or removed from the list, please send a note to anita.adams@mpls.k12.mn.us

Kids Welcome:

Before School 6:30—9:30am

After School 4:10—6pm

Non-School Days at LC 6:30am—6pm

Happy March Birthdays!

15—Gunnar S 22—Erika P

17—Oliver L 28—Cal G

18—Owen L 30—Alex B

22—Dylan M 31—Drew P

Spring Break at Lower Campus

Friday, March 27

Mon—Fri, March 30—April 3





Morning Families

Projects—The Love Bugs for Valentine’s Day were a popular craft. We learned a bit about Mardi Gras and mask making. It’s the Year of the Goat and we celebrated the Lunar New Year by eating tangerines for good luck plus making traditional paper lanterns. We joined the school in the Gratitude Hearts project in the morning and afternoon. When a kind deed is done or heard, kids & staff write the deed on a heart post-it and add it to the wall.

Computer Lab—We have been successful with limiting time to 20 minutes per person for the accreditation standard. It has not been a popular decision with the kids, but we haven’t heard much complaining. The lab continues to be open 7:45—8:30 to accommodate the varied arrival times.



Peace and Harmony

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**. It saves us a phone call to you. Thanks!

Snack Survey—Our kid surveys revealed many do not care for the snack that the Nutrition Center serves us. The menu is set for the year, however we can offer our suggestions for next year’s menu. There will be a suggestion box available for kids and adults to offer their ideas. We will compile all the ideas and submit them to the Nutrition Center for consideration for next year. Thanks for your input!



6:00 pm Closing Time—We share many families with Lower Campus and make a conscious effort to have similar procedures on both campuses.

We want to keep the lines of communication open with both parents and will be sending late notice emails to both. The first late email will state your child’s name, check out time, and a reminder to make a back up plan for when you are delayed.

The second email will repeat both times a parent has been late with a reminder to implement your back up plan. The third email will include the Main Office and a reminder that care may be terminated if another late pick up happens.

You will be billed as usual for the minutes after 6:00 according to the computer sign out. We will send out the email notices on the Monday of each week.

Non-School Day Families

Feb 13—Snow tubing at Buck Hill was a tremendous success! All agreed that we definitely need to do this field trip again next year.

We timed it and it took 9 minutes from stepping on the “magic carpet” to ride up the massive hill to sliding down and returning to the start point. In 2 hours time, kids were able to go down the hill a dozen times and were exhausted by the end of our visit. For those who wanted a break, the nearby outdoor fire pit was a welcome respite. Great trip!

Reminders for Non-School Days:

- All kids **MUST** be **pre-registered**. Sorry, no drop-ins are allowed.
- We are at **LOWER** Campus
- Please use Door #3 on Drew Ave.
- Bring a **lunch + drink** every day. Make it disposable for FT days.
- Send **outdoor gear**—coat, snow pants, boots, hat & mittens
- Arrive at least **30 minutes prior** to departure time for field trips
- Contact the main office with scheduling questions
- Detailed Activity Calendar—on our website

Upcoming Non-School Days at LHL

SPRING BREAK

Fri, Mar 27 “Paging Dr. Jones”

Mon, Mar 30 Pepitos and Movie
10:30—3:30p Lunch included

Tues, Mar 31 National Board Game Final Four

Wed, Apr 1 Good Times Park
Gr 2+ 9:30—1:00 and Gr K-2 12:00—3:30
Tennis shoes required

Thurs, Apr 2 Goin’ on a Bear Hunt

Fri, Apr 3 Science Museum 10:15—3:45
Bring a disposable lunch.

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.