

Lyndale MPLS Kids Newsletter

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Spring into Spring!

It seems like we got a burst of spring a few weeks ago! It has been nice having the wonderful weather to enjoy our time outside. This month's theme is Spring, and we will be learning about things like bugs, nature, and weather!

A new addition to our calendar will be our youth choice activities. Our youth council will now be picking some of our calendar activities! We sat down and thought what activities they would like to do for the theme. Look for this icon to see which they are!



Reminders:

iPad

The iPad is for parent/guardian use only, and only adults should be touching it. The Childcare App is how we can see who signs out children, and if children are doing the process instead of the adults, the process is no longer secure.

Outdoor Clothes

Although the weather has been warming up, it is still important to send a coat, hat, and gloves with your child each day. Technically it is still winter!

Child Absences

If your child will not be attending MPLS Kids for any reason (sick, vacation, left school early), please call the site and let us know. If we do not know your child will not be joining us, we have to spend time trying to locate them around the school. The school office does not let us know when children are absent.



Staff



We are so excited to have Loren on our team! Loren is in her final year at the University of Minnesota and is majoring in Child Psychology, Psychology, and Criminal Justice, and is minoring in Neuroscience. We are lucky to have her here at Lyndale! If you haven't had a chance to chat with her, she is excited to meet all of you!

Summer

Summer will be here before we know it! Summer planning is already well under way and we are so excited for what we have planned! We have lots of fun packed field trips and on-site days scheduled. Registration for summer will open on **Monday, March 13th at noon**. Remember, you need a minimum of 10 days to register. Questions? Let me know!

Kids Welcome:

Before School 6:30-8:30

After School 3:00-6:00

Non School Days

6:30 am—6:00 pm



Spring Break!

Spring Break starts at the end of the month! We have three super fun field trips planned as well as some great on-site days. Please sign up asap so your child can join us for the fun! You can register through your account on minneapolis.ce.eleyo.com

During our on-site days we will be having a visit from Kids Dance!, will be learning about space and all things out of this world, and will have a costume day! We will be heading off-site to Big Thrill Factory, the Science Museum, and the History Center!

SPRING BREAK

March 31—Kids Dance!

April 3—**Big Thrill Factory**

April 4— Out Of This World

April 5—**Science Museum**

April 6—Costume Day

April 7— **MN History Center**

Bold days are field trips. Please pack a disposable lunch!



Program Reminders

Child Absences

It is the parent's responsibility to notify Minneapolis Kids when his/her child will not be in attendance, even for one day. If a child does not arrive after school and the program has not been notified, staff will start looking for the child. Parents and others listed on the child's emergency card will be called. The school main office and nurse do not communicate with us when a child goes home early or is not attending school.

Schedule Changes

A schedule change is defined as: adding or subtracting one or more components, or changing the number of days/weeks for the school year or extended period of time. Minneapolis Kids does not swap days or credit for incidental days missed. Schedule changes require a two week notice and are made by contacting the main office. Two weeks notice is required when cancelling service.

Behavior

For everyone's safety we expect your child to:

- * Keep hands, feet and objects to them self
- * Follow directions and respect people in charge
- * Use appropriate language
- * Respect other people and property

We follow MPS discipline policy. Parent will be notified when there are ongoing difficulties to help problem-solve their child's behavior.

Medication

As school district personnel, Minneapolis Kids can only give medication with the written order of a health care provider that is licensed to prescribe and written consent of a parent/guardian. A copy of the medication consent form is available online at mplskids.k12.mn.us. Signed parent permission is needed for sun screen and insect repellent.

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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