

Lyndale MPLS Kids Newsletter

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Happy Fall, Y'all!

Wow, two months down! It's crazy how fast the school year flies by. We have been having so much fun with our monthly themes before we know it the year will be done! In October we had a blast exploring the jungle through awesome activities like a jungle obstacle course, making our own animal kingdoms, learning about (and eating!) jungle fruit, and making snake patterns. Make sure you check out our Shutterfly page to see pictures of all these wonderful activities!

Important Reminders:

Warm Weather Clothes:

Fall is here and winter is near. Please remember to send your child with all the weather appropriate clothes they will need for the day. MPLS Kids goes outside every day as long as it is above 0 degrees. Jackets, hat, mittens, boots, and scarves are all recommended once the temperature begins to drop.

Late Pick-Up Policy:

Our program closes promptly at 6pm. All families and children need to have exited the building by this time. Any extra time inside the building after 6pm will result in a late fee. We cannot leave until all our families are out of the building. Please make sure to be on time and to have alternate pick-ups for days you cannot be!



Lights On Afterschool

This year for Lights on Afterschool we had a super awesome glow party to celebrate and showcase our after school programs! We had so much fun at our glow-in-the-dark dance party, making light up hats, and taking silly pictures in our photo booth. We really put a light on MPLS Kids!



Accreditation

As we continue on our accreditation journey, an important step from everyone involved in the program (students, families, and staff) is coming up! We will be distributing surveys to students and families in the middle of the month. Students will complete their surveys while they are at MPLS Kids, and you can complete yours at pick up. It only takes a few minutes. We need 60% of our families to complete a survey in order for us to be able to continue on our journey towards accreditation. Thank you in advance!

Kids Welcome:

Before School 6:30—8:30 am

After School 3:00—6:00 pm

Non School Day
6:30 am—6:00 pm

Don't Forget!

Don't forget to vote on November 8th. For information on your polling place, visit vote.minneapolismn.gov. Minneapolis voters will be asked to renew the school district's current operating referendum authorization, which expires after the 2016-17 school year. If passed, funding would help Minneapolis Public Schools manage class sizes and provide supportive services and activities for students. Property taxes are not projected to increase if the referendum renewal passes. Learn more at www.mpls.k12.mn.us/referendum2016.

Non-School Days

We have three non-school days coming up this month. Remember—you need to sign up for non-school days separately from regular school days. Registration for the first half of the school year (now through Winter Break) for non-school days is now open. We have some great field trips and on-site activities planned and would love to see your kids there! You can view the whole NSD calendar on the MPLS Kids webpage.

Upcoming NSD Dates:

November

- 3— On Site: Pokémon Day!
- 4—FT to Crayola Experience
- 23— On Site: Pajama Day

December

- 19— On Site: Around the World
 - 20— FT: Pool
 - 21— On Site: Around the World
 - 22—FT: Eagles Nest
 - 27— FT: Bell Museum
 - 28—On Site: Around the World
 - 29—FT: Snowtubing
- *Trips are subject to change

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.