

# Lyndale MPLS Kids Newsletter

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## Almost There!

We are almost complete with our accreditation process! Thankfully it has been a very easy and fluid process for our program. The stakeholder team put together an action plan, and all the items on that plan have been met and carried out, so we now meet every standard required to show we run a high-quality after school program! All that is left is the final visit by the validator. We will be getting that date soon, and I am very excited! Thank you all for being a part of this process and for investing in our program!

### Reminders:

Fall Registration: Registration for the 17/18 school year will open to current families (that's you!) on **Monday April 17th at noon**, and will open for new families on **Monday May 1st at noon**.

### Outdoor Shoes

As the weather warms up, so does the ground! Please continue to send boots with your child so they aren't getting their shoes muddy and tracking the mud into the room and onto the rugs.

### 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.



## Family Pictures



One piece of our accreditation process is to reflect the cultures of the children in the program in our room. The way we are fulfilling this standard is by creating a family photo wall in our art room. If you could please send a photo of your family (either a hard copy or via email) we would love to add it to the wall! Thank you for being a part of this process!

## 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! You can view our calendar at <http://mplskids.mpls.k12.mn.us/lyndale.html>. Summer registration is open and we would love to have you join us! Let me know if you have any questions!

### 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](http://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](http://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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