

# Lyndale MPLS Kids Newsletter

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## Falling In Love With Fall...

We have completed our first month of school and wow did it fly by! Superhero month was a huge hit and we can't wait to see what the rest of the year brings. Our next theme is Jungle Adventures, and at the end of the month we will be watching *The Jungle Book*. We would love to see some of you come join us for the movie! Movies are shown at 4pm on the last programming day of the month, and it is labeled on the activity calendar.

With fall arriving, we wanted to put in some reminders and program updates.

### Cold Weather

Cold weather will be here before we know it! Minneapolis Kids goes outside every day as long as it is dry and the air temperature is above zero degrees. Please send your kids with the appropriate clothing for the weather so they are comfortable during our outside time.

### Alternate Pick Ups

If your child is going to be picked up by someone other than a parent, MPLS Kids needs to be notified; even if the person is listed as an authorized pick-up. Just call or email us!

### Lights on Afterschool

We will once again be participating in the Lights on Afterschool program this year. Join us on Tuesday, October 18th from 4:30—6:00pm for a fun glow party to help celebrate the importance of afterschool programming, and to have any questions answered you may have about our program!



## Older Kids Time

So far our 3rd-5th graders have really enjoyed their special time! Some of the kids (and even some parents!) have asked about bringing in Wii or DS games from home. Typically, MPLS Kids does not allow toys from home, but we will make an exception for this circumstance.

If you would like to send a game from home, it will be evaluated by Angie to make sure it is appropriate for our program. It is yours and your child's choice to send games, and Minneapolis Kids is not responsible for items if they are lost or broken.

## Accreditation

We are very excited to announce that the Lyndale program was selected to participate in MAAP (Minnesota Afterschool Accreditation Program) Accreditation this year. So what does that mean? In short it means we will be taking steps to show that as a program we meet certain quality standards. We will be implementing an action plan and making small changes throughout the year to make sure we meet these standards every day. Please join us at our kick off event on Friday, October 7th from 4:30-5:30pm to get all the info!

### 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



## Non-School Days

We have our first 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! Signing up asap is recommended due to our site having a waitlist. You can view the whole NSD calendar on the MPLS Kids webpage.

NSD Dates for the First Half

October

19— On Site: Fall Nature Day

20—FT to Gale Woods Farm

21— On Site: Fall Festival

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](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.