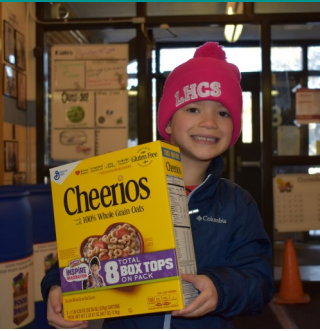


Kids Welcome

Before School 6:30—9:35

After School 4:00—6:00



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Extra Extra Read All about Us

I thought winter would never end. Can you believe the school year is coming to an end and summer is right around the corner? Here are a few of the many fun things that took place throughout the school year:

- Rolling Wednesdays
- Cinema Grill
- Treasure Hunt Tuesdays
- MN Zoo
- InnerActive Gym
- Famous Artists Fridays
- History Center

We couldn't have done it without the amazing staff here at LHL Minneapolis Kids. The endless Monopoly games. The never-ending dodge ball games. The knitting skills that will last them a lifetime. Stepping in when someone is feeling sad. Reading a book to a young friend who is feeling lonely.

Finally, staff taking the time to observe the kids and helping them work out conflicts on their own and coaching them through it when a kiddo needs staff assistance.

These are true life skills our kiddos are learning to be able to work with others. Thank you to all the staff for being great role models.

KUDOS!

Minneapolis Kids will be **CLOSED** Monday, May 27



April Food Drive



Thank you to all who donated to the food drive. It was another amazing year.

We filled 12 barrels and 1 large tote. We are celebrated with an assembly on Wednesday 24. The kids were thrilled to see themselves in a slide show. Way to go!

Thank You

Thank you to Angela Streit, our Mpls Kids Advisory Council parent rep.

We really appreciate you taking the time to represent our site at the Council meetings and for being our parent and kiddo contact here at LHL. Thank you!



Accreditation

Our final accreditation visit with an official validator will be this month. We are excited to show off our amazing site with the many different things we are doing, our incredible families, kids and staff.

Thank you for your support as we continue to improve our program.



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Grade 2 Families Going entering grade 3

Dear 2019—20 Grade 3 Families,

This is a reminder that 3rd graders attend Lake Harriet UPPER Mpls Kids for the school year. This will be our third year with 3rd graders at LHU before and after school. This move has allowed everyone who needs care to have the opportunity. It has also helped 3rd graders (and their parents) grow in confidence and independence being at the “big campus” and exploring new activities. Plus it has decreased the anxiety level for all when entering 4th grade.

We consciously work together to create a cohesive program between our sister sites and have similar expectations, tracking system, and great staff. We will continue to combine all grades during the non school days at LHL and during summer at LHU.

So how this works . . .

Before School:

- We open at 6:30am and kids are welcome to arrive at any time during the morning. Parents & kids enter LHU through Door #13 on Vincent or Door #7 on Washburn, get a friendly hello from staff, and sign in on the iPad – just like at LHL.
- There is also the option for kids to arrive on their own. There is a permission form to sign & procedure to follow.
- Kids place their belongings in baskets, choose an area to go to, and play/create until 9am.
- At 9:00, they start the transition to Lake Harriet Lower for the school day. Belongings are gathered and attendance is re-checked. A staff waits outside with the kids until they have safely boarded the bus and it is on its way.
- Upon arrival at Lake Harriet Lower, kids may go to breakfast or straight to their classroom.

After School:

- Classroom teachers escort their classes to the buses. Kids scheduled for the afternoon get on the assigned bus.
- The bus goes straight to Lake Harriet Upper and is met by a staff.
- Kids enter Door #13 & check in with a staff. They place their belongings in a basket, wash their hands, eat snack.
- After snack, they play/create until pick up time.
- Staff text/call parents of those who do not arrive as scheduled to account for everyone.
- Parents enter Door #7 or #13, get a friendly hello from staff, sign out on the iPad, and away you go. We also have the option for kids to leave on their own. The same permission form is used as the morning, however students are not released until we receive a time from the parent via text, call, or email. It’s directed by the parent.
- We close at 6pm with late fees starting at 6:01pm, just like at LHL.

Adventures in Learning/GISE/GEMS is currently Tuesdays and Thursdays after school, 4:05 – 5:30pm. Students go straight to their classroom at the end of the school day and teachers take attendance. At the end of class at 5:30pm, students are picked up by a parent at Door #1 and typically don’t attend Mpls Kids. **For this program only**, let us know if you want your child to go to Mpls Kids at LHL after the class ends at 5:30. You will be billed for the entire afternoon.

Other programs – For safety reasons, we are not allowing 3rd graders to go to Mpls Kids at Lake Harriet Lower before/after other programs (University Language Center/Spanish, after school Community Ed classes, Girls on the Run, etc). There are simply too many schedules to track. Families will need to drop off/pick up at Door #1.

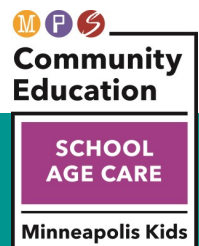
We extend an open invitation for you to visit Lake Harriet Upper (with or without your child) any time morning or afternoon to see our program in action.

Warmly,

Karen and Anita

Karen Kohagura, LHL Program Coordinator

Anita Adams, LHL Program Coordinator



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.