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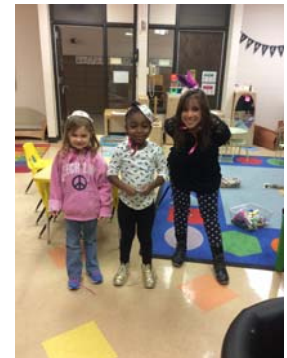
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Welcome Back!

I hope everyone had a wonderful break and enjoyed your holidays.

We are kicking off the New Year at Lyndale with a theme of Winter Wonderland! We have a month full of fun activities including snow volcanos, Inuit soap carvings, learning the Swedish days of the week, and Olaf treats.

We will be watching Frozen at 4pm on Thursday January 26th and would love for families to join us! We will start new Kids Clubs the second Friday back from break.



Reminders

Cold Weather Gear

All children need to have a jacket, hat, mittens, boots, and snow pants to go outside after school. These items not only keep your child dry, but they keep them warm!

Non-School Day Registration

Registration is open for the second half of the school year (January-April). The first registration was only for October through winter break, so everyone needs to register for the second half if you are interested in care. There is a 2-week cancellation policy to remove care.

New Staff

We are excited to welcome Neville to our team! Neville will be with us at Lyndale every afternoon. He started over Winter Break and is excited to be a part of our program.

January Non-School Days

We have two Non-School Days in January.

January 27th we will be on-site doing service projects!

January 30th we will be going on a field trip to Good Times Park.

We still have spots available and would love for you to join us. MPLS Kids is **closed** on January 2nd and January 16th.

Kids Welcome:

Before School 6:30-8:30

After School 3:00-6:00

Non School Days

6:30 am—6:00 pm

Accreditation Update

First of all, thank you to all the families who took the time to fill out the survey!

Your feedback is very important to the accreditation process, and was used to create our action plan. The action plan was compiled from the information we got from the family, youth, staff, and host surveys, as well as the stakeholder team members and staff observations. The action plan addresses areas of improvement we will work on to ensure we are meeting all the accreditation standards by our spring visit.

Some of the items we will be focusing on are: creating a youth council comprised of children from all grades. The youth council will work as a team to pick the Kids Clubs, give input on ways to improve the program, and gather ideas from other youth in the program. We will also be implementing more STEM related activities. We will be receiving the extra end-of-the-day school snack (commonly fruits and vegetables) to supplement our provided snack! This will help us have a more balanced snack, and will help the awesome snacks not go to waste.

We will also be making a MPLS Kids family recipe book! We want to draw on the cultures within our program and think this would be an awesome way. We are asking families that are willing to bring one of their favorite *quick* recipes for us to put in the book. We will then make some of the recipes here at the site as activities!



Reminders

Child Absences

It is the parent's responsibility to notify Mpls 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, Mpls 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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