

A Fresh Start!

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Reflections on the past, Ideas for the Future

August and September have brought in a new school year and a whole new crew here at Minneapolis Kids. We began the year by reminiscing on a previous one as we opened a time capsule from 2012! Although the majority of us weren't around, many of the older kids were able to share with us by reflecting on change. It was shocking to see how favorite foods, books and even superheroes change so much over time!

After reflection on the 2012 time capsule we sat down to make our own. This time,

however, we won't wait so long to open it. Kids were excited to hear that at the end of this school year we will get a glimpse into the past by opening our new capsule.

We then jumped right into September by hosting our very own Olympics Week - the highlight of which was our Olympic Contests. Kids participated in long jump, hula hoop, disc throwing and sprinting contests. A second favorite was designing our own Olympic Mural with Claudia.

September also turned out

to be a mysterious month with a whole week dedicated to magic. Malaysia teamed up with the kids to make secret messages, Gavin showed the kids his ability to read Will's mind and Vanessa got her hands dirty teaching the kids how to make Magic Oobleck.



Natalie the Naturalist

The beginning of this year also welcomed in a friendly guest, Natalie, a naturalist with the Minneapolis Parks department. We are lucky to have Natalie here with us for four Thursdays (3:45-4:45) of the month to share her class "Harvest Chefs."

The first of these four classes was already

a wild one - kids peeled and mashed apples to create their own homemade applesauce. While waiting to try their creation the kid's apple knowledge was put to trial in a blind taste-test of two apple varieties. There was even time for a history lesson. Did you know that the first apple grown in MN was called the Wealthy?

Lights on Afterschool

We are all excited, both staff and kids alike, to invite families to our Lights on Afterschool event at Windom on **Tuesday, October 18th** between **3:30-5:00pm!**

For the event, the kids will be in charge of creating and running their own carnival games. There will also be a photo booth, a potato powered light bulb and refreshments for all. Please join us with the whole family!

Kids Welcome:

After School 1:45—6:00 pm

Non School Day
6:30 am—6:00 pm