

# Dowling Minneapolis Kids

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## WE HAVE MISSED YOU!

Welcome everyone to a new school year! Its hard to believe we have already made it through the first several weeks already! We have been extra busy at Dowling Minneapolis Kids with welcoming new students to our program and starting some fun new activities and clubs!

This year I am excited to announce that we have started a Leadership Council for students to voice their ideas and get an opportunity to plan and lead their own activity at the end of each month! The leadership council will also

have the opportunity to help with decisions [regarding changes and/or updates to our site!

Another leadership opportunity recently put in place is the Junior Staff position for students in upper grades (3rd –6th) to take on some extra responsibilities and help our program run even more smoothly. Our hope is that this will help build leadership skills that they can continue to build on as they get older.

Dowling Minneapolis Kids will be participating in the Minnesota Afterschool Accreditation Program (MAAP) this year.

Additional information will be sent out to families via email and also posted on our parent board on site.

We are all extremely excited for this school year! Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns that you might have!

-Ann Gay

Site Coordinator



## Lights on Afterschool!

This year we will be celebrating Lights on Afterschool on Oct. 18th. We invite families to come spend some time with our afterschool program. Students wearing their gold/yellow colors for Afterschool will be entered in a drawing for some awesome prizes.

Students will be performing a shadow puppet show for families and we will end the evening with a glow in the dark dance party. We will be hosting this open house event from 4pm—6pm Tuesday, Oct. 18th and we hope to see you all there!

## Non-School Days Coming Soon!

The October and November Non-School days are quickly approaching! Please be sure to register at least two weeks prior if you are needing care.

We have some super exciting field trips and on site theme days planned so you (and your kids) would not want to miss out! The first Non-School days of the year are Oct. 19th—21st. Not far behind them are Nov. 3rd & 4th. Please contact the Main Office (612-668-3890) with any registration questions.

### Kids Welcome:

Before School 6:30—8:30 am

After School 2:00—6:00 pm

Non School Day  
6:30 am—6:00 pm



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## A Few Important Reminders!

### Attendance

If your child is not going to be attending Minneapolis Kids on a day that they are scheduled, it is your responsibility to contact us ahead of time. Please call our site: **612-668-4430** or email Ann at [ann.gay@mpls.k12.mn.us](mailto:ann.gay@mpls.k12.mn.us) to let us know!

### Parking

When coming to drop off or pick up your child, please be mindful of other families in our program. The first parking spot (closest to the Mpls Kids door) is Handicap only parking! We do have families that have a need for accessibility and there have been numerous cars parked there illegally. We really appreciate your cooperation!



### Authorized Pick –Up

Please double check your authorized pick up list on the sign-out ipad. Any and all people that might be picking up NEED to be on this list. You can update

your authorized pick-up list at anytime if you log onto your online account at:

[www.thatscommunityed.com](http://www.thatscommunityed.com)

### Lost & Found

Please be sure to regularly check for items in your child's cubbie and/or the lost and found box when you come to pick up. We will be cleaning out the cubbies at the end of each week and will empty the lost and found box at the end of each month. Any unclaimed items will be thrown or donated.

### Toys From Home

Please refrain from letting your child bring toys from home to Mpls Kids. We would like to minimize opportunities for items to get lost or broken. There are select events or activities where students will be allowed to bring in specific items but generally toys should be left at home. If you or your child has ideas of new toys or games we should get for our site, please let us know!

## Staff Updates

As you might have already noticed, we have a couple of staff members that are new to Dowling, though they have all worked at other Minneapolis Kids sites previously. Keep an eye out for changes or updates on our staff board by the parent sign-out ipad. We hope that this makes it easier to become familiar with our Dowling Team!



**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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