

Kenny MPLS Kids News!

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Welcome Back to a New School Year!

It is crazy to think that we are already through our first month of school!

I want to thank everyone for being patient as we work out all of the kinks that inevitably come with the beginning of a new year. As October rolls in and we start to settle into a routine, I am very optimistic that things will continue to improve.



New, New, New

With the new school year we have brought in many new changes, and I am happy to say that they have been a great addition to the program!

The new first grade room is helping the younger children at MPLS Kids thrive in smaller groups with higher child to staff ratios.

The new theme of National Geographic is helping children stay interested and engaged after-school.

Staff

Here is a quick breakdown of the staff that will be in each room for the month of October:

Purple Panda - Ibsitue & Jenna

Atomic Ants - Phoebe, Eileen, & Porsche

Blue Bear - Brian, Madhu & Joyce

Clever Cats - Kathy & Tor Float Staff - Keanna



Upcoming Non-School Days

With MEA just around the corner I want to give everyone a heads up on our schedule! MPLS Kids will be open all three days from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The schedule is as follows:

Wednesday the 19th: Fall Fun! (on-site)

Thursday the 20th: Trip to Sever's Corn Maze

Friday the 21st: Costume Day! (on-site)

Kids Welcome:

Before School 6:30 - 8:00 am

After School 2:35 - 6:00 pm

Non School Day
6:30 am - 6:00 pm



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Lights On After-School

This October we will be hosting a fun open house in support of the Lights On After-school initiative! This event will be on October 17th from 4:30 to 5:30. At the event you will find:

- ◆ Refreshments
- ◆ Fun Activities (some with prizes)
- ◆ A Photo Booth & Pictures of the fun activities we run each day!

Enrichment Classes



With the start of October comes the beginning of after-school enrichment classes at Kenny. These classes run Tuesdays and Thursdays, generally from 2:30 to 3:30.

If your child is enrolled in these classes, but plans to

attend MPLS Kids after, please remember to let me know if they are going to be absent from class, if there is a change in their schedule, or if you plan to pick them up straight from class on any given day.

Accreditation

I would like to take this opportunity to let everyone know that Kenny MPLS Kids will be going through MAAP Accreditation this year.

This is a process that promotes specific program improvements based on research-based best practices in the field of School Age Care.

It is our goal to continuously provide a safe and enriching place for your children to come after-school. Going through this accreditation process helps to en-

sure that we are on the right track.

Come of the things we will be focusing on in this evaluation are indoor space and environment, programming activities, and supporting and inspiring learning.

What we need from you is support and feedback. Feedback is what helps us identify our areas of growth and improvement. With feedback we are able to continuously improve our program and grow in a direction that is supported by the families that

are a part of this great program.

In the next few weeks we will be asking children and parents to fill out a survey. Your participation in this is greatly appreciated and integral to making this process effective.



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.