

# PRATT NEWSLETTER

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**Minneapolis Kids**

Minneapolis Community Education

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## Classroom News

With the weather changing please remember to have your child dress warmly. We go outside each morning and each afternoon.

The kids will need their outside clothes so do not bring them to their lockers before coming to Mpls Kids.

We have been enjoying a variety of art, science, math, physical, and social activities. Some favorites are legos, light up legos, stomp rockets, cooking club, the digital microscope, and dramatic play.

Chester the raccoon is a popular part of the classroom and his Halloween costume is a hit.



## Release Day Info

November 3rd we will be going to Dodge nature center 1701 Charlton St west St Paul. MN 55118. The K-2 kids will be learning about Minnesota wildlife, and the 3-6 kids will be learning about hens and roosters.

November 4th will be a Dowling on site day and we all will be learning about the Mississippi river.

November 23rd we will be onsite at Dowling and the theme is "Wacky Wednesday". Wear /bring your wackiest self and be ready for some fun!

## Accreditation

Pratt Minneapolis Kids will be going through accreditation this year through the Minnesota Afterschool Accreditation Program (MAAP). We are excited to be taking part in a program that promotes improvements based on researched best practices in the field of School Age Care.

Some of these areas include relationships, safety, health and nutrition, indoor space and environment, programming and activities, and supporting and inspiring learning. Quality school age care programs have been shown to improve academic performance, self esteem, and avoidance of future harmful activities.

We will be collecting surveys from families and need your input to create an action plan that we will be implementing in January. Please take the time to fill it out.

If you have questions about accreditation, please ask Jakki.

## Election News

Don't forget to vote on November 8<sup>th</sup>. For information on your polling place, visit [vote.minneapolismn.gov](http://vote.minneapolismn.gov). Minneapolis voters will be asked to renew the school district's current operating referendum authorization, which expires after the 2016-17 school year. If passed, funding would help Minneapolis Public Schools manage class sizes and provide supportive services and activities for students. Property taxes will not increase if the referendum renewal passes.

### Kids Welcome:

Before School  
6:30-9:40

After School  
4:00-6:00



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