

Things are Falling into Place

It's been a wonderful, colorful fall in Minneapolis this October! We've been busy getting into the rhythm of the school year here at Minneapolis Kids; names have been learned, routines established, where once there were nervous sobs are now silly giggles. And now-- out of nowhere-- November is here! There are a

lot of new things to learn and things to look forward to on our horizon.

This month we are inviting families of prospective students- either transferring from other public schools or new kindergartener families- to Visit Our Schools. Wenonah Family Liaison Jill Kilibarda will be leading tours of Wenonah during school time



every Tuesday this month. Tours will include a stop by the Minneapolis Kids Wenonah HQ for a meet and greet with our coordinator Jacob and a quick peek at our accommodations. If you or anyone you know might be interested, contact Jill for tour times and more information.

Also coming this month are more Non-School Days to be hosted at

Northrop Elementary. Minneapolis Public Schools ends their First Quarter on November 2nd, so school will not be in session for November 3rd and 4th while our amazing teachers finish up grades and go to meetings. School will also be closed on November 23rd, 24th, and 25th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Minneapolis Kids will be offering all day childcare for 11/3 and 11/4, as well as 11/23- we will be closed on Thanksgiving Day as well as the following Friday.

We are so privileged to have such great kids and families in our program, thank you all for sharing your lives and experiences with us!

In Case of Emergency

There's an old saying goes "Hope for the best; be ready for the worst", and while we endeavor to make your public schools and Minneapolis Kids the safest places as can be, we need to be ready in case of emergency.

Last week we practiced our first after-school fire drill; the kids did fantastic, we

all got out to 23rd Ave in two minutes and twenty seconds!

As the year progresses we will be training our children in Code Yellow Lock Out and Code Red Lock In, and tornado drill procedures. For more information on MPS Emergency procedures visit

<http://emss.mpls.k12.mn.us/>

Helpful Reminders

Did your child go to school with a coat and returned without? Is your child sans glove? There's a pretty good chance your lost article is in the lost and found- located in the hall by the lunchroom. As the weather gets colder, we notice the lost and found gets more full. Please make some time to drop by and save yourself an expensive trip to Target to replace what was lost!

Kids Welcome:

Before School 6:30—9:40 am

After School 4:00—6:00 pm

Non School Day
6:30 am—6:00 pm



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November Non-School Days

We have three non-school days in November during which Minneapolis Kids offers all day child care. For all non-school days we will be combining with and operating from Northrop Elementary. We will be open on Thursday November 3rd, and Friday November 4th as well as Wednesday November 23rd.

We have a field trip planned for Friday, November 4th: we will be visiting the Mythbusters “Explosive Exhibit” at the Mall of America!

A separate signed permission slip is required in order for your child to participate. All children scheduled must attend the field

trip. There is no alternative care available on site. All children are expected to be on site at least 30 minutes prior to the designated departure time. Children need to bring a lunch WITH a drink on EVERY non school day, unless otherwise specified. Some days may require a disposable lunch (EVERYTHING can be thrown away), which will be noted on the calendar. We do go outside every day! Please remember to bring appropriate outdoor attire. Mpls Kids serves an afternoon snack. Please remember that breakfast is NOT offered on these days.

Drop off and Pick-up Procedures

We work hard to keep your kids safe and secure while under our care. To that end, we ask that when you drop your child off in the morning, please have them wash their hands first thing. Flu season is here, and we want your kids and our staff to be at their healthiest- a simple twenty-second hand washing is all it takes to keep flu germs at bay.

Also, our Magnet tracking system is there for safety. It may seem intimidating at first, but fluency comes with ease: every child has a slot for their name magnet; both are labelled with their name. At the outset of the day, the child looks at the door adjacent to the magnet board to see which rooms are open; each room is associated with a color of popsicle stick. The child chooses which room they want to go to, takes their name magnet out of the slot, puts the correct colored popsicle stick in its place, and tells the staff in the Main Room where

they wish to go. They bring the name magnet with them, and hand it to the adult upon arriving in their chosen room; the adult places the magnet on a board, which serves as a handy attendance list of who is in each room. If ever there is an emergency where we need to leave the school, the staff will carry the magnet boards with them while they lead their room to safety- knowing exactly who is supposed to be with them.

Similar to check in, security is our foremost priority. Please check in with staff when you arriving to pick up your child from Minneapolis Kids and be sure to use the iPad in the main room to log them out of our attendance system. We can radio call for your child to come to you, or you can feel free to go and fetch them yourself- both are okay. If you are planning on having someone new pick up your child, please inform us ahead of time-- either by phone, email, or in-

person—and let them know that our staff will be checking their state ID. On a final note, keep in mind that our program ends at 6:00PM. All children must be picked up by closing time at 6:00 p.m. If you know you will be late, please make arrangements for someone else to pick up your child before closing and inform staff at the site. Repeated late pickups will result in termination of service. For further information about late pickups, refer to the Parent Handbook found on the Minneapolis Kids web page.



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.