

A Little Bit of Whit

January 2015

Greetings and Updates

MPLS Kids at Whittier is cooler than ever this month!

In January, we experimented with various projects involving food. We made apple pies using honey, cinnamon, apples and tortillas, and decorated graham crackers with frosting and sprinkles. We also collected mold samples on slices of bread. Unlike the other food projects, though, we won't be eating the bread!

This month, our Whittier Wolves have a lot to look forward to! We'll be finding new uses for old objects in a variety of ways. We'll be making our

own compasses, conjuring sculptures from recycled materials, and engineering our own dream playgrounds from unconventional items. We're ready to get inventive!

There are many great leaders in our Whittier wolf pack! Students have the opportunity to practice leadership skills in a variety of ways at MPLS Kids. They can start their own club, lead an activity and volunteer to help with projects in the room. It's exciting to see each student grow!

We're looking forward to another month of exploration!



A student smiles while she makes a self-portrait on a pizza during one of our daily activities.

Non-School Days

In February, there are two non-school days! Check the schedule below to see what's coming up next.

Schedule

February

Feb 12: No School! MPLS Kids Open at Lyndale

Feb 15: No School! MPLS Kids Closed

Location

Non-school days are hosted by our sister school,
Lyndale Community School.

The address there is
312 W 34th Street.

Registration

Registration for release days are open online through
minneapolis.thatscommunityed.com.

Permission slips will be delivered to you on site and must be signed in person.



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Sharing and Caring

Your student's safety and well being are our top priorities at MPLS Kids. We will do our best to support your students in making healthy decisions for their behavior. If behavioral issues arise, though, we will make sure to communicate with you as soon as possible. If you have any questions or concerns about your student and his/her behavior at MPLS Kids, please contact us. We would welcome an opportunity to strategize with you so we can create a supportive environment for everybody!

Outdoor Clothing

The snow has finally arrived and the students in MPLS Kids are eager to play in it! To be sure your child is prepared to make the most of every minute spent with MPLS Kids, please be sure they come to the program with appropriate outerwear. During February, please be sure your child has a jacket, snowpants, gloves, a hat, and boots. These items will help them stay warm and dry as they explore Whittier's playground.



Checking In and Checking Out: Tracking System



Just as you sign your student in or out from the MPLS Kids program, students sign themselves in and out from different play areas while they're with us! When they arrive for the day, they first "check in" by finding the magnet with their name on the master magnet board and then bringing it over to the magnet board for room 131. Then, if they'd like to go to another area, they find their magnet again and bring it with them to the magnet board at their next destination. The magnet boards, located in each play space, indicate which students are in which places. They help us insure each child's safety during programming, and especially in the case of an emergency. Please remind your student to sign him/herself in or out every time you do the same. Thank you!



MPLS Kids at Whittier Hours:

School Days

Before School 6:30—9:30 a.m.

After School 4:00—6:00 p.m.

Release Days

6:30 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

We are CLOSED:

Monday, February 15

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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