

Whittier Newsletter

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Minneapolis Community Education

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Spring Break

Spring Break begins on Friday March 31st through Friday April 7th. We will be at our sister site Lyndale. There are three field trips planned. We will be going to Big Thrill Factory on Monday 3rd, which includes bumper cars, laser tag & arcade games. We will go to The Science Museum on Wednesday the 5th and The History Center on Friday the 7th. Just a reminder, Minneapolis Kids will provide a snack and parents/ guardians will need to send a lunch with their child.

The remaining days will be on-site filled with many fun activities with a specific theme for each day. On Friday the 31st, the day is centered on dancing music. Then on Tuesday, the 2nd is "Outta of This World" a cool space theme, and on Thursday 6th is our Costume Day, so be sure to remind your kids to wear any costume piece.



Fall Registration



Registration for Minneapolis Kids Fall programming will open to **currently enrolled** families on **Monday April 17th at noon** and will open to **all families** on **Monday May 1st at noon**. Registration will be completed online. Please contact the Minneapolis main office 612-668-3890 or email mplskids@mpls.k12.mn.us if you have any questions.

Accreditation Update

We are in the last stage accreditation before our validator visit. Our coach made her final observation this month and expressed how great our program is doing. We have a few minor changes we need to make and then we are good to go! We will know by April 1st when our validator observation will be from MNSACA.

We sincerely appreciate your support of Whittier Minneapolis Kids!

Kids Welcome:

Before School 6:30—9:40 am
After School 4:00—6:00 pm



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Important Upcoming Dates

Friday, March 31st: On-site, Dance and Music

Monday, April 3rd: Field Trip to Big Thrill Factory

Tuesday, April 4th: On-site, Space-themed activities

Wednesday, April 5th: Field Trip to the Science Museum

Thursday, April 6th: On-Site, Costume Day

Friday, April 7th: Field Trip to MN History Center

Monday April 17th: Fall Registration opens at noon for currently enrolled families open.

Monday May 1st: Fall Registration opens at noon for all families.

Reminder: Call the office two weeks in advance to reserve a spot for your child on Non-School Days.

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What Happened in March?

As Spring approaches the weather had been getting warmer, which has allowed us to spend a little more time outside. The kids have enjoyed playing on the playground and inventing new games. The recent favorite has been Monster Tag. It is similar to traditional tag, but the person IT picks which Monster they want to inhabit.

Also, this month we have created new Clubs. During one of our morning meetings, we asked the kids what Clubs they would like to participate in, then with their suggestions, Creative Kids Club and Fantasy & Adventure Club were born. Club activities take place every Friday and are student directed activities. On March 10th we began the new clubs, kids choose the club they wanted to participate in and then had a brainstorming session of the activities they wanted to do for the next month and a half. Leadership Club has remained in the same format. The older kids plan an activity on Friday and they direct the activity on Monday during our morning options.

The pictures included this month are from their first activity this month in their new clubs. Creative Kids made animals out of perler beads. Fantasy & Adventure Club made Batman Masks.



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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