

# Whittier Newsletter

March 2017

## Staffing Updates

Thank you for welcoming our new staff members. I am happy to announce that we have a NEW child care assistant, Loren Kempenich. We will feature her on our next newsletter so you can get to know her. She is only working at Whittier in the mornings and will work at Lyndale in the afternoons and on non-school days.

I am also very excited to announce that we have found a great match for a new site coordinator here at Whittier. Her name is Britta Barnes. You can look for-

ward to her introduction email within the first few weeks of March. Feel free to stop in and get to know our new staff.

### MORE ABOUT MADHU

I am Madhu Singla. I have been working with Minneapolis Kids for over 12 years. I used to work at Whittier Minneapolis Kids some years ago and I love being back. I have my masters degree in history from India where I was a classroom teacher for many years. I came to America in 2004. I have a

26 yr old daughter and a 25 year old son. My hobbies are traveling, reading and collecting currencies from different countries. I feel very lucky to be able to work with kids.

*Below is a Picture of Madhu*



## Summer Registration

Registration for Mpls Kids summer programming will open online to all families on **Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at noon.**

Whittier Minneapolis Kids will be at Lyndale for the summer program. We

have many exciting activities, fields trips, and community events planned. Please contact the Minneapolis main office or your site coordinator if you have any questions.

## Accreditation Update

We are on the final stretch with accreditation! Starting as early as March 15th, MnSACA could let us know when the validator will be observing our morning program. Our program is excellent and we are very appreciative of your feedback and support, as well as the feedback that we have received from our youth!

### Kids Welcome:

Before School 6:30—9:40 am

After School 4:00—6:00 pm



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## Important Upcoming Dates

**Monday, March 13th @ noon:** Summer registration opens online

**Friday, March 31st-April 7th:** Non-School Days at Lyndale (see breakdown below)

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

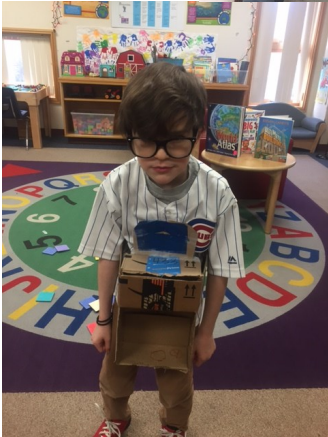
**Wednesday, April 5th: Field Trip to the Science Museum**

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

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

**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 February?

This past month was wonderful as we welcomed new staff members and warmer weather. Some highlights from the month can be seen in the pictures on this page. Who would have thought recycling could be so fun? As seen in the pictures above; our students LOVED using cardboard boxes, egg containers and plastic cups to create treasure boxes, car

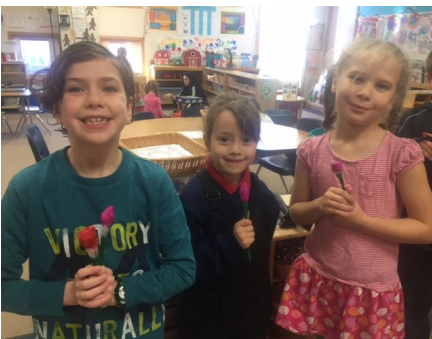
ramps, and replicate their favorite games.

With the warm weather quickly approaching we have started to plant grass seeds and other types of seeds. As you can see in the bottom right corner the students got to help make their own biome within two enclosed cups or an egg carton. We have them sitting by sun and are excited to watch them sprout.

In the bottom left hand corner is a picture of our Valentine's Day creations. We created flowers for our friends and family members using Hershey kisses as the flower which was then wrapped in tissue paper.

I hope everyone had a great February and we are excited for this month to be even better! Please feel free to give us any suggestions to help improve our program.

THANK YOU!



**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.