

Lake Harriet United Methodist Preschool naeyc



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Welcome Back...

We hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable break spending time with family and friends. We are looking forward to the New Year!

We would like to remind you that we plan on going outside everyday and that it is important to send the appropriate outdoor clothing daily. It is our policy that the children wear snow pants, winter boots, hats and mittens when we go outside during the winter months. This year has been confusing with no snow & warmer temps but we ask that you send the outdoor clothing daily and we'll determine what needs to be put on before we go outside. Thank you.

Family Fun Night

Pizza Party

Join us on Thursday, **January 26th** for our annual Family Fun Night from 5:30 – 6:30pm. There will be pizza & a salad plus a local entertainer will be performing. This is a fun way to get rid of the winter blues and socialize with other preschool families.

Please let us know if you'll be attending by completing the RSVP form in your child's classroom. The cost for the event is \$25 per family and you will be billed on your tuition statement.

Confirmation of 2012-2013 Enrollment

You will be receiving a confirmation letter regarding your child's enrollment for the 11-12 school year. Please read it carefully and verify the information. If you notice an error, please contact Heidi or Nicolle immediately.

Parent's Night Out

Make your reservation now for our winter event – dinner at 128 café! On Monday, **January 16th**, 128 café will be donating 20% of food sales to the preschool plus all diners will be eligible for a door prize drawing of a \$25 tuition credit plus a yummy pound of Peace Coffee! Watch for information and vouchers to be sent home (feel free to share a voucher with a friend). We hope to see you there!

January Book Order

The January Book orders are due by Thursday, **January 12th**. You may order online and use your credit card or turn in an order with a check for payment. We hope your family enjoys this opportunity to add books to your home library at a discounted price.

PEACE COFFEE ORDER

Thank you to everyone who ordered extra coffee in December. We sold over 130 pounds in December alone! The January orders are due by **January 12th**.

SIGHT & HEARING SCREENING

The Sight and Hearing Association will be at Lake Harriet UM Preschool on **January 24th** to screen all children in the areas of vision and hearing. This is a free service to you. You will receive a sheet that outlines your child's test results.

Your child's teacher will have a form for you to complete at drop off or pick up time during the week of **Jan. 17th**. Your child will not be screened unless this completed form is on file.

SCHOOL CHOICE TIME

The Minneapolis Public Schools K-8 School Information Fair is Saturday, **January 21st** from 9 am to 2 pm at the Hyatt Regency downtown Minneapolis. Please see the flyer on the Parent Info Board for more information.

School request cards for Minneapolis Kindergarten are due by the end of February. Visit the Minneapolis K-12 website for information on choosing a school.

http://schoolchoice.mpls.k12.mn.us/how_to_choose.html

Thank You

Thanks to the many volunteers who helped out in their child's classroom during the month of December. Thanks too for your generosity in donating to the Tubman Holiday Gift Program.

TAX NUMBERS

Our tax identification numbers are:

FEDERAL #: 41-0705791

STATE #: 8355-745

Tips for Emergency Preparedness

*Create a family health information sheet including blood types, allergies and medications.

*Maintain current emergency contact information both in-town contacts and out-of-town contacts.

*Keep a supply of emergency items on hand. These may include food, water, disinfectants, diapers, toilet paper and tissues.

*Plan for social disruption. Public services may be shut down.

*Get involved – contact your city, county or state governments to learn about plans and recommendations.

(source: Fraser – Special Needs/Bright Futures)

We're collecting...

- * Empty, clean juice cans (frozen concentrate)
- * Paper grocery bags

2012-2013 Preschool Board

The Lake Harriet UM Church is beginning their search for 12-13 Preschool Board members. The board is made up of church members, parents of currently enrolled preschoolers and parents of formerly enrolled preschoolers. Board members assist the Preschool with event planning, fundraising and policies, budgets, salaries and tuition. If you would like more information or would like to volunteer to serve, please contact Sarah, current board co-chair, at (612) 929-0272.

EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING

An Early Childhood Screening is a developmental and health check of your child. At screening, trained staff will check your child's development, hearing and vision, growth, immunizations and health history. It is recommended that all children be screened at age 3, but children can be screened at 4 or 5 as well. Early screening is recommended so that any health or learning concerns can be found early and help can be provided sooner. In Minneapolis call 612-348-8687. In other districts, contact their ECFE. Screening is required by MN state law prior to the start of public school Kindergarten.

Contact Us

As always, if you have any concerns, questions or comments, please share them with us. You may leave us a voice mail: 612.926.8043, use one of these email addresses: info@lakeharrietumpreschool.org, mrs.caskey@lakeharrietumpreschool.org, mrs.rockhold@lakeharrietumpreschool.org or talk with us at school.