

Old Friends / New Friends Picnic

We are looking forward to our eleventh Annual Old Friends / New Friends Potluck Picnic on Monday, September 15th. The picnic provides an opportunity for Preschool families to meet and for the children to see their classrooms before the first day of school. We hope you will plan to attend! Please see the flyer for more information about when to come and what to bring.

If you know you will not be able to join us, please let us know by email or phone.

Home Visits

The Lake Harriet UM Preschool staff is looking forward to our visits with each family. We will begin home visits after August 25th. Your child's teacher will contact you by phone the week of August 25th and let you know the times and dates she will be available. These visits provide your child with an opportunity to connect with his/her teacher in a familiar environment – your home!

Enrollment Confirmation

The summer mailing includes a form confirming the information we have in your child's file. Please be sure all of it is correct and notify us immediately if there are any errors. You may mail back the corrected information or send it to us via email.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Our first day of school is
Tuesday, September 16th.

Kids & Bids Silent Auction

Over the summer work has begun on our sixth Kids & Bids Silent Auction. Mark your calendar now for a night of fun (and fundraising) – Friday, November 7th at the Edina Country Club. This grown-up event is a great way to socialize with other parents, bid on the fantastic auction items, listen to fabulous music and help the Preschool pay for the new mulch installed last spring!

If you'd like to help with the event or have an item or service you'd like to donate, please email or call us.

Watch for your invitation in the mail this fall!

NAEYC

We have exciting news! The preschool has been re-accredited under the new NAEYC standards. We received a score of 90% or better on three of the standards and 100% or better on seven of the standards. We are one of a very few preschools that have received accreditation under the new standards. The feedback we received from our evaluator was very positive.

With our Parent Aware highest possible rating of four stars and our NAEYC accreditation you know your child is receiving a high quality early childhood education!

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Lake Harriet Web Site & Email List

Since 2000, Lake Harriet UM Preschool has maintained a web site for families of currently enrolled students and for families of prospective students. Many of you accessed the site while looking for a Preschool for your child. Now that your child is enrolled, it becomes even more important for you to check the site on a regular basis.

Your child's teacher will post important classroom information on her Classroom page. Newsletters, Snack Schedules, Sharing Schedules and Volunteer Opportunities will be on the web site.

Newsletters from the Co-Directors will be on the site. Our calendar for the school year, Lunch Bunch schedules, Field Trip information and photos will also be kept up to date on the site. Our Family Handbook and other important information are on the site, too.

We will have information about our Kids & Bids Silent Auction, Peace Coffee sales and we have links to other schools in our area. Occasionally we may post information related to a special event or interesting item.

We update the site at least monthly, usually near the end of the month. If you have provided us with an email address, we notify you by email that there is new information on the site.

Our monthly statements are emailed to each family who has provided us with an email address. You may provide us with up to two email addresses and if you need a paper copy for any reason, please let us know.

If you do not have internet access or email, we post most of the same information at the Preschool and you may ask your child's teacher for paper copies of most items. We have noticed a huge reduction in paper usage, printing and copying costs allowing us to spend more of our budget on items that directly benefit the children while helping the environment.

If you have any questions regarding our web site or mailing list, please contact us.

Enrichment Programs

There may still be space available in the Enrichment Programs. If you would like more information about any of the programs, please contact the following people:

Creative Dramatics:

Mary Woolever Shaffer
612.743.2243

Math Basics:

Meredith Young
612.922.8638

Music:

Michelle Porter
612.825.0350

Spanish:

Mary Beth Stotts
612.822-4991

Contact Us

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

We hope you enjoy the remaining days of summer!