



May 2018

Spring Program & Family Fun Night

A huge THANK YOU to our Lake Harriet families for your support this year. Our goal has been to provide the best learning environment for your children. We have offered a variety of materials and activities providing opportunities for exploration. We have seen growth in social and emotional development, language skills, physical development and cognitive skills. It's been our pleasure educating your children! If you're moving on to another school, our best wishes to your family. If you will be returning to Lake Harriet in the fall, we look forward to seeing you in September!

MORE THANKS....

Thank you to our many field trip volunteers for assisting us as we explore the world beyond our preschool. We appreciate all of you who traveled with us to The Apple Orchard, MacPhail Center for the Arts & Richardson Nature Center this past school year. The children love having you along.

And even more thanks!

Several people have assisted behind the scenes this year and we'd like to say thank you to them, too. For managing our Peace Coffee program – thanks, Krista. Thanks to our families who donated wood for woodworking and who assisted the children with their building projects.

Thanks to our families who donated items for our classrooms and playground improvements. Thanks to our Preschool Board members and volunteers who set up or cleaned up at our events. Thanks to those who provided delicious lunches or treats for the staff and to anyone we've missed – THANK YOU! Our preschool is a better place due to your involvement.

We are so excited for our Spring Program and Family Fun Night on Thursday, May 3rd. The whole school will be performing together in the sanctuary at 5:00pm. Following the program, from 5:45 – 6:30, there will be pizza & a salad plus live entertainment for the kids!

You can drop off your child in their classroom at 4:45 and then head to the sanctuary to grab a spot to sit. The program will begin at 5:00pm and the pizza party and entertainment will follow from 5:45-6:30pm. Please have one parent pick your child up from their teacher in the Reception Room following the show so that we can make sure that all of the preschoolers are accounted for. Pizza will be served buffet style and families are asked to bring a picnic blanket to sit on. It will be an exciting night!

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Picnic Lunch & Ice Cream Social

Please join us on **Thursday, May 31st** for a picnic lunch and ice cream floats with your child and their classmates. **We would like to invite all children and families to stay at school until 1:00pm** for this event on the last day of school. Please pack a picnic lunch for yourselves and we will provide the ice cream floats. We will be out on the playground, weather permitting or indoors if it's raining. All family members are welcome. Help us celebrate the end of a year of learning and fun!

18-19 Enrollment

Enrollment materials will be available on our website for the 18-19 school year early in May. Completed forms and payment are due by **June 25th**.

If your child is enrolled and will not be returning to the preschool in the fall, please let us know as soon as possible so we may offer your spot to a family on our wait list.

If your contact information changes over the summer, please be sure to let us know. Email is the best way to reach us during the summer.

School Skills

Want to work with your child on a few skills that will help with school success? Here are some suggestions: recognizing and naming numbers 0-10, simple shapes like triangle, circle, rectangle & oval and colors like red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, brown, black & white; understanding general concepts of time like yesterday, tomorrow, last week; identifying parts of his/her body and following simple two-step directions.

Practice these concepts along with reading to your child each day! Go outside for physical activities and keep up the play dates.

NAEYC ACCREDITATION

Thank you to everyone who returned an Annual Evaluation or completed the survey online. We appreciate your feedback as we evaluate our program. Lake Harriet UM Preschool has been NAEYC Accredited for 25 years and we are proud to announce that we have maintained our NAEYC accredited status! It is important to us that you know and understand how important

this process is in providing quality early childhood education.

NAEYC Accreditation helps families recognize quality early learning programs and feel comfortable knowing that their children are receiving a high-quality, research-based education that will prepare them for future success. NAEYC Accreditation offers programs access to continuous quality-improvement resources and the latest research on best practices.

Achieving NAEYC Accreditation is a four-step process that involves self-reflection and quality improvement in order to meet and maintaining accreditation over a five-year period. Directors, teachers, and families all participate in the process. Programs are required to meet standards grouped into 10 areas: relationships with children, curriculum, teaching approaches, child assessment, nutrition and health, staff qualifications, relationship with children's families, relationship with the community, physical environment, and program leadership and management.

The Preschool Board and the Director offer our many thanks to the teachers for their commitment to offering quality preschool education, professionalism, and dedication to Lake Harriet UM Preschool and all of your children!

Contact Us

As always, if you have any concerns, questions or comments, please share them with us. You may leave us a voice mail, email, or talk with us at school.

The best way to reach us over the summer is via email. info@lakeharrietumpreschool.org

Have A Great Summer!