



APRIL 2018

SPRING CONFERENCES

We want to thank all the parents/guardians who attended conferences. We appreciated the opportunity to talk with you about your child's progress in school this year. Please follow up with your child's teacher if you have any questions.

NAEYC Annual Program Evaluation

Our annual Family Survey will be sent home soon. A summary of the results will be sent home in May. As an ongoing part of our national accreditation, we also report the results to NAEYC. Please return your completed evaluation by **Thursday, April 19th**. Surveys may be given to your child's teacher or placed in the Evaluation box located near rooms 101 & 102.

The survey will also be available online at Survey Monkey. The link for our survey will be emailed to you.

Your input is very important to us as we evaluate our program. We thank you in advance for your prompt response.

Coffee & Book Orders

Coffee & Book orders are due **Thursday, April 12th** and the final coffee orders for this year will be due on **Thursday, May 3rd**. Plan to stock up for summer with our special offer.

Nicer Weather...

Spring weather can be so unpredictable so please continue to send the appropriate clothing for outdoor play every day. It is much easier to take something off if it warms up than it is to find something to stay warm and dry.

2018-2019 Enrollment

If your child will be returning to Lake Harriet UM Preschool in the fall, updated enrollment forms will be sent home and also are available on our website by the end of April. The completed forms and first payment are due by **June 25th**. If your plans have changed and your child will not be returning in the fall, please let us know as soon as possible so we may contact someone from our wait list.

Child Abuse Prevention

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, a time to recognize that we each can play a part in promoting the social and emotional well-being of children and families in our community. Please check out the following website for more information:

<http://www.childwelfare.gov/preventing/preventionmonth/>
In Hennepin County, families can access crisis services by calling 612-348-2233 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. Child protection services can be reached at 612-348-3552.

Autism Awareness

April is also Autism Awareness month. Autism affects 1 in 88 children – 1 in 54 boys in the United States. Visit the Autism Speaks website to learn more about autism (including "red flags" to watch for) and ways you can show your support.

www.autismspeaks.org

Locally, Fraser provides services related to autism spectrum disorders and other special needs. Their website is: <http://www.fraser.org/>

FOOD SHELF DONATIONS

Thank you for your generous response to our March Food Drive. Your contributions are a great help in keeping the shelves at Joyce Uptown Food Shelf stocked. Children learn generosity by your example!

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the chaperones who helped out on the field trip to Mac Phail last month. The children had a great time and it was so fun to watch them explore and experiment with all of the musical instruments.

Thank you to families who were able to help out in the classrooms with woodworking projects, these are fun experiences that are only possible with your help.

SPRING PROGRAM & FAMILY FUN NIGHT

This year, the whole preschool will be performing an evening Spring Program on **Thursday, May 3rd** at 5:00 pm. Each class will be sharing with you some of their favorite songs. Parents/guardians, caregivers, grandparents, siblings, neighbors & friends – everyone is welcome! Drop off will be in the classroom at 4:45, the Program will begin at 5:00pm and pick up will be in the Reception Room (across the hall from sanctuary) after the show. Please have one family member pick up your child and check in with your teacher to make sure all students are accounted for! If you would like to stay for pizza and entertainment, we will meet downstairs in Fellowship Hall. We will have dinner and live music from 5:45-6:45pm.

We will have a RSVP form in your child's classroom on April 16th. The cost for attending the pizza party is \$30 per family. If you want extended family or friends to attend, it will be an additional \$5 per person and will be billed on your tuition statement.

The Waters

This year, LHUMP has been establishing a relationship with our senior neighbors at The Waters. The preschoolers made Valentine's and sang songs for the residents last February. We

made plans to return this spring to sing some songs with our music specialist, Mrs. Sherry.

The residents really enjoyed their time with the preschoolers. One resident, Gerry, sent a special thank you card with a sweet message to the preschoolers. The active life coordinator from The Waters reached out to see if a few of the residents could come to the preschool to read stories in the classrooms periodically. We have scheduled a couple of times in April and May for readers to come over and join teachers in the classroom for story time.

Contact Us

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