



## January 2018

### 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!

### Silent Auction in February

The Lake Harriet UM Preschool Annual Silent Auction will take place the week of February 12-15, 2018. There will be both items and activities to bid on this year. We are looking for classroom donations to help us create classroom baskets. Each teacher has a theme and is looking for donations to help fill each basket. We kindly ask that items or cash donations are brought in to preschool the week of January 16-18.

- Room 101 – Winter Fun
- Room 102 – Family Games
- Room 104 – Arts & Crafts
- Room 105 – Books
- Room 106 – Spring Break

If you have any questions about the auction, please see your child's classroom newsletter or contact teachers or Andrea. Thank you for your support!

### 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.

### School Choice Time

#### Minneapolis Public Schools Online Request Form for 2018-19

If your student will be entering grades, Pre-K through 8, you should request a school at [schoolrequest.mpls.k12.mn.us](http://schoolrequest.mpls.k12.mn.us). The online request form is your tool to submit your school choices. Requests submitted on or before **February 17, 2018** will be included in the school request lottery. Before submitting your request, please take the time to review your school options by typing in your home address into the Online Request Center. Schools provide information about their curricular, extracurricular, student demographic and testing and assessment outcomes. Review the information, tour schools and then request those schools that best fit your child's educational needs.

Families who submit their requests after **February 17, 2018** will have their requests considered on a space-available basis. Please note that if you complete the online request form, there is no need to complete the paper form.

**NOTE:** If you are considering applying for early admission to kindergarten (**child turns five between September 2 and October 31**), you should NOT fill out the standard request form. Please call Early Childhood Education at 612.668.2140 to begin the process or visit their website to review the [guidelines](#).

If you have questions at any step in the process, please call Student Placement Services at 612.668.1840.

<http://schoolchoice.mpls.k12.mn.us/>

### Preschool Enrollment Confirmation 18-19

You will be receiving a confirmation letter regarding your child's enrollment for the 18-19 school year in February. Please read it carefully and verify the information. If you notice an error, please contact Andrea immediately.

## January Book Order

The January Book orders are due by Thursday, **January 11<sup>th</sup>**. 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 100 pounds in December alone! The January orders are due by **January 11<sup>th</sup>**.

### 2018-2019 Preschool Board

Lake Harriet UM Church is continuing their search for 18-19 Preschool Board members. The team is made up of church members, parents of currently enrolled preschoolers and parents of formerly enrolled preschoolers. Team members assist the Preschool with policies, budgets, salaries and tuition. If you would like more information or would like to volunteer to serve, please contact Andrea.

### Family Fun Night

#### Spring Program - Pizza Party

The annual Family Fun Night will be combined with the Spring Program in May. This will be an all school event at 5:00pm on May 3, 2018. Mark your calendars!

### Spanish Enrichment

If you would like more information about the Spanish enrichment program for the winter session or want to check on openings, please contact:

Marny Hoon  
[marnyhoon@gmail.com](mailto:marnyhoon@gmail.com)

612.423.3939

## Field Trip

On **Thursday, Feb 1<sup>st</sup>**, we will be going to the Richardson Nature Center in Bloomington on a field trip. We will **leave** Lake Harriet UM Preschool at **9:00 am** and return about **11:30 am**. Please **bring your child to Preschool at 8:45 am**. We will be traveling by chartered school bus. If your child is enrolled in the longer day program, please bring lunch and pickup at regular scheduled time, 1:00pm. The field trip will cost \$18.00 per child covering the cost of the activities at the nature center and transportation. You will be billed on your tuition statement. Each classroom will bring a limited number of chaperones. Please speak with your child's teacher if you are interested. Please sign the permission slip in your child's classroom by Thursday, Jan 25<sup>th</sup>. On the day of the field trip please be sure your child has a good breakfast, wears his/her Preschool t-shirt and dresses for the weather – we will be outdoors! If you have any questions, please let us know.

### Thank You

Thanks to the many volunteers who helped out in their child's classroom during the month of December.

And **thank you** to all who participated in our non-event fundraiser! Your contribution is helping finance the large expense of playground equipment and mulch for the preschool – thank you!

### TAX NUMBERS

Our tax identification numbers are:

FEDERAL #: 41-0705791

STATE #: 8355-745

### 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, email:

awright@lakeharrietumpreschool.org, or talk with us at school.