



March 2018

Spring Conferences

Conferences for most teachers will be held on **Wednesday, March 28th** and **Thursday, March 29th**. School will not be in session on those days.

Sign-up sheets will be available in your child's classroom beginning March 1st.

Prior to your conference you will receive a note from your child's teacher asking you for any comments, concerns or questions you would like addressed at the conference. Please return the note before **March 20th**. Your comments will help your child's teacher prepare for the conference. Thank you.

Spring Break

The preschool will be closed **April 2nd** – **April 6th** for our Spring Break. Classes resume on April 9th.

Book Orders/Coffee Orders

The February book orders and coffee orders are due by **February 1st**. Thank you for your on-going support.

Summer Fun

In previous years, The Preschool had offered a two-week Summer Fun Camp. Because the school year has been extended by three weeks, the Summer Fun Camp will not be offered by Lake Harriet UM Preschool. If you are interested in alternate summer programming, please contact Andrea if you would like information about her six-week summer camp.

MacPhail Field Trip

Thursday, March 1st, is our field trip to MacPhail Center for the Arts in Minneapolis. All students need to arrive at Preschool at **8:45am**. We plan to return at 11:00am, pick up is at regular scheduled times, 11:30am & 1:00pm. Each classroom will have volunteer chaperones to come along with us. We have reserved two rooms. In one room will be the music and movement lesson based on the Kinder Konzert curriculum and book, *Max Found Two Sticks*. In the other room will be an instrument exploration with all of the instruments mentioned in the curriculum along with a few more fun ones for kids to try and enjoy. Also in the second room will be an art project. All students should eat a good breakfast and remember to wear their green preschool tee-shirts that morning.

Outside Play

Please continue to send snow-pants, boots, warm mittens, and hats to school every day. Even though it will be warming up (hopefully), the playground continues to be wet and boots and snow-pants keep feet and legs warm and dry! Please keep sending indoor shoes along with the outdoor gear.

Exciting News!

We are excited to introduce Pam Greiner, our long term substitute for Mrs. O's class for the remainder of the year! Pam is a former preschool parent and experienced educator. She most recently taught kindergarten in Edina. We are delighted to

have her join the Lake Harriet UM
Preschool staff.

GIVE YOUR LITTLE ONE A BOOST!

In Minnesota, children must ride in a booster seat once they have outgrown a forward-facing harnessed restraint. It's safest they remain riding in a booster until they are 4 feet 9 inches tall, or at least age 8.

Boosters are seat lifts that raise a child up so a seat belt fits properly. Seat belts should not cut across the neck and should never be tucked behind the back or under an arm.

Children who are shorter than 4 feet 9 inches are not ready to use a seat belt alone. Poor belt fit can contribute to serious injury or death in a crash.

And remember, kids should ride in the back seat until age 13.

Visit buckleupkids.mn.gov for more information about all types of child restraints, helpful car seat installation instruction videos and more.

TAX NUMBERS

You may need the following numbers as you complete your taxes:

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: info@lakeharrietumpreschool.org, or talk with us at school.

Silent Auction Success

Thank you to everyone who donated Silent Auction items and bid on classroom baskets, program seats, and birthday party. Thank you teachers who donated their time to provide fun opportunities for the preschoolers and parents who supported these fun events. Your generous support is helping us make improvements to our playground. Outside play is the best place for preschoolers to practice and master emerging physical skills. Cognitive and social/emotional development are impacted, along with learning to appreciate the outdoors. Thank you for helping us invest in this important aspect of quality early childhood experiences which will positively impact learning and safety for your children.

The budget for playground improvements total \$10,000. Your generosity from Peace Coffee sales, the non-event fundraiser last fall, and the Silent Auction, has raised almost \$3000 for the Preschool!

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!!!!