



January 2019

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!

Please join us in the Church Commons area for **Coffee & Conversation** when we return to preschool Monday, January 7th after drop off.

Come visit with other preschool parents/guardians. Siblings of preschoolers welcome!

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.

Preschool Enrollment Confirmation 19-20

You will be receiving a confirmation letter regarding your child's enrollment for the 19-20 school year in February. Please read it carefully and verify the information. If you notice an error, or if you have not yet submitted an application for your child and would like to, please contact Andrea immediately.

School Choice Time Minneapolis Public Schools Online Request Form for 2019-20

If your student will be entering grades, Pre-K through 8, you should request a school at schoolrequest.mpls.k12.mn.us. The online request form is your tool to submit your school choices. Requests submitted on or before **February 8, 2019** 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 8, 2019** 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/>

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 10th**.

January Book Order

The January Book orders are due by Thursday, **January 10th**. 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.

2019-2020 Preschool Board

Lake Harriet UM Church is continuing their search for 19-20 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 2, 2019. Mark your calendars!

Field Trip

On **Wednesday, Jan 16th**, is our field trip to The Works Museum in Bloomington. All students need to arrive at Preschool at 9:00am. We plan to return at 11:30am. If your child is enrolled in the longer day program, please bring lunch and pickup at regular scheduled time, 1:00pm. Each classroom will ask for volunteer chaperones to come along with us. Teachers will have sign ups posted on Jan 7th. All students should eat a good breakfast and remember to wear their green preschool tee-shirts that morning.

TAX NUMBERS

Our tax identification numbers are:

FEDERAL #: 41-0705791

STATE #: 8355-745

Enrichment Classes

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

Spanish: Marny Hoon
marnyhoon@gmail.com 612.423.3939

Soccer Shots: Dan Larson 763.234.0292
www.ssmnwi.configo.com

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 grow our financial assistance program – thank you!

Looking Ahead - Spring Conferences

Conferences for most teachers will be held on **Wednesday, Feb 13th and Thursday, Feb 14th**. School will not be in session on those days.

Sign-up sheets will be available in your child's classroom beginning Jan 28th.

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 by Feb 4th. Your comments will help your child's teacher prepare for the conference. Thank you.

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.