

March Newsletter

We have many exciting announcements to share with you! Firstly, we would like to share that one of our beloved teachers, Sue Jordan, will be retiring at the end of the 2023-24 school year. We will miss her here at LHUMP and wish her the best in her retirement and hope to stay in touch!



Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe this is my 40th year of teaching preschoolers (Yes, I am that experienced). I'm proud to say 26 of them here at Lake Harriet UM Preschool.

I, like you, fell in love with this amazing school, bringing my son with me when he was 4. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with such wonderful coworkers, families and especially the preschoolers.

My husband retired a few years ago and the discussion started as to when I would retire too. We decided that I would retire at the end of the 2023-2024 school year. I am excited for this next chapter of my life and looking forward to the flexibility to travel and spending more time with our grandsons that live out of town.

Thank you for your support, I have so many fond memories to take with me.

Sincerely,

Sue Jordan

Secondly, Lake Harriet UM Preschool has hired an Assistant Director, Buffy Ess, to help with the development of the new infant and toddler programs and work alongside the Director, Andrea Wright. Buffy has been here at preschool since January, assisting in the classrooms and getting to know the program. Many of your children have already gotten to know Ms. Ess. Buffy has a background in early childhood education, most recently working at Sunny Hollow Montessori both as a toddler teacher and as a part of their administrative team.

Lastly, we want to celebrate that Kate Pomeranz (Ms. P) has announced that she is having a baby this summer! Best wishes for a lifetime of happiness! Can't wait to see that baby in her LHUMP onesie!

Important Dates

March 5: T-shirt Tuesday & SOS sign ups open

March 21 - 28: Spring Conferences (check dates with your classroom teacher)

April 1 - 5: Spring break—NO REGULAR PRESCHOOL - SOS Days in session

Looking ahead: 4/11 Family Fun Night, 5:30-6:30pm

Pizza dinner plus live DJ entertainment for the whole family! More info to come...

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.

Follow us 😊



Spring Conferences

Spring Conferences will be held during the week from March 21 thru March 28. Your classroom teacher will send you a conference schedule to sign up for either an in-person or zoom/phone conference.

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 your response before March 14. Your comments will help your child's teacher prepare for the conference. Thank you.

Spring Break

Regular preschool will not be in session April 1- 5 for Spring Break. School out of session (SOS) days will be available and sign ups links will be shared on Tuesday, March 5 and open for registration until Tuesday, March 12.

NAEYC Annual Program Evaluation

Our annual Family Survey will be sent home soon. The annual evaluation assesses how families feel Lake Harriet UM Preschool meets the NAEYC program standards. A summary of the results will be sent home in April. As an ongoing part of our national accreditation, we also report the results to NAEYC. Please return your completed evaluation by Thursday, March 14. Surveys will be sent home via hardcopy and online links on March 5, 2024.

brightwheel
Payer Info for the 2023 Tax Year

NEW Brightwheel now offers a direct link to your year-end tax statement within your account.

The statement includes the provider's Employer Identification Number (EIN), if applicable, and all payment activity by all payers for a student in 2023.

Access 2023 Payer Tax Statement
Navigate to the Payments page in your account (on the web or mobile app) and click the link in the banner seen below to quickly access your year-end statement!

Your 2023 payer tax statement is available! Click here to access the statement.

If you have multiple students, this banner will allow you to gather the year-end statement for the first student listed on the account and the steps below can be followed to gather additional student's statements.

1. Log in to brightwheel
2. Open the Payments page
3. From the Accounts tab, select a student's name to open their account
4. Click on Statements under the purple balance tile
5. Click the Your 2023 payer tax statement link to open a new pop-up window
6. Download or Export the statement
 - a. If downloading, click Open download to view the report
7. Open the exported or downloaded statement
8. Use the Total Payments (if one payer) or Paid by tiles (if multiple payers) at the top of the statement to determine total payments made in the previous calendar year
9. Repeat these steps for additional students/programs as needed

Frequently Asked Questions

I paid a previous program through brightwheel but I don't have access to that profile anymore. Who can help me?

Contact the administrator of your previous program to:

- Ask to be re-added to the student's profile in brightwheel. Once done, you can access reports and gather the needed information
- OR ask the administrator to send your needed document directly.

My total amount of payments and/or charges look wrong. Who can help me?

These totals are based on transactions that have been recorded in brightwheel by you and administrators at your program. If it seems off, consult your administrator to address any possible discrepancies.

All activity

Date	Amount	Status	Type
08/11/2023	100.00	Completed	Payment
08/11/2023	100.00	Completed	Payment
08/11/2023	100.00	Completed	Payment

For additional questions on how to access tax information in your brightwheel account, please reach out to help@mybrightwheel.com.

TAX TIME

It's getting to be that time of year! Our tax identification numbers are:

FEDERAL #: 41-0705791 STATE #: 8355-745

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Contact Us

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