

April Newsletter 2024

Happy Spring!

It sounds like the forecast is for nicer spring weather ahead! 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. For those families with children who attend preschool in the afternoons, extra socks for their cubbies would be welcome!

Family FUNdraiser - Pizza Party

We are excited to host our Annual Family Fun Night with pizza dinner, with salad, and dessert along with a DJ dance party. This event has always been a fun night for kids and families to connect.

If you haven't already, please RSVP (sign up genius link will be sent again via brightwheel) to indicate if you will be attending & how many from your family to plan on. **Please bring a blanket for your family to sit on.** If you are unable to join us, please indicate that as well.

Date: 04/11/2024 (Thursday) **Time:** 5:30pm - 6:30pm CDT

Location: LHUMP Fellowship Hall (enter through the main church entrance and head downstairs)

2024-25 Enrollment

If your child will be returning to Lake Harriet UM Preschool in the fall, your enrollment contract will be shared and tuition deposit will be invoiced, both are due on May 1, 2024.

Updated enrollment forms will be shared in brightwheel in June. Completed forms are due by July 1, 2024. If your plans have changed and your child will not be returning in the fall, please let us know asap so we may contact someone from our wait list. Thank you

Important Dates

April 1-5: Spring Break

April 9: Tee-Shirt Tues!

April 11: Family FUNdraiser Pizza Night

April 22: Earth Day

May 2: Spring Program

May 22: Field Trip

May 23: Last day!

May 24: Last day STEM

Important info

Tax ID Numbers:

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, email or talk with us at school.

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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: <https://www.childwelfare.gov/topics/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 Autism Awareness month. Autism affects an estimated 1 in 36 children in the United States. Visit the Autism Speaks website to learn more about autism 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/>

NAEYC Annual Program Evaluation

Thank you to everyone who completed an Annual Evaluation survey - we had a 85% response rate. If you didn't get a chance to complete a survey and would like to, please let us know. The results are overwhelmingly positive and we are very appreciative of your feedback. We use these results to evaluate our program and set goals for improvements. Here are some highlights:

Every evaluation reported that their teacher takes good care of your child, helps your child learn to get along with others, and is a good teacher, that makes us feel really good! It was also indicated that every parent knows where to find information about our philosophy, rules and expectations and other policies.

One of the biggest changes to the program this year has been mid year enrollment. Making sure that our new preschool families are getting all of the information that they need is a big priority. We had some families report that they were unsure about receiving written progress reports. When students enroll later in the year, we will make it a point to discuss a timeline of when conferences and/or written reports will take place depending on the time of enrollment.

All children are formally assessed twice yearly; once in the fall, and again in spring. The purpose of the fall assessment is to determine how the child is adapting socially and emotionally to the school setting and to address if there are any developmental concerns. The purpose of the second assessment is to determine how the child has progressed socially and emotionally, and how they are progressing physically and cognitively.

Another question that came up is *how* progress is measured. The preschool develops their conference forms using the Minnesota Early Childhood Indicators of Progress or ECIP's. The areas of learning or domains covered by the ECIPs include physical and movement development; language, literacy and

communications; cognitive; mathematics; science; social systems; approaches to learning; the arts; and social and emotional development. Data is collected using observations, work sampling, and individually administered play based tests and are informed by information received on the Family Information form collected upon enrollment.

Spring Program

Mark you calendars for the **Annual Spring Program!** The whole preschool will be performing an evening Spring Program on Thursday, May 2nd at 5:30 pm in the Church Sanctuary. 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 5:15, the Program will begin at 5:30pm 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!

Following the concert, there will be treats to celebrate! It will be a very special evening - we have LOTS to celebrate! Hope to see everyone there!

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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.

Year	Month	Amount	Balance	Payment Method	Payment Type	Payment Status
2023	Jan	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	Card	Payment	Completed
2023	Feb	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	Card	Payment	Completed
2023	Mar	\$1,000.00	\$3,000.00	Card	Payment	Completed
2023	Apr	\$1,000.00	\$4,000.00	Card	Payment	Completed
2023	May	\$1,000.00	\$5,000.00	Card	Payment	Completed

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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