

April Newsletter 2025

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.

End of Year Celebration for ALL!

Mark Your Calendars! 🎵 ✨

We are thrilled to invite you to our **Annual Preschool Spring Program** on Thursday, May 1st at 5:30 PM in the Church Sanctuary!

🌟 Preschoolers will perform live, sharing some of their favorite songs.

🎥 Infants and toddlers will be featured in a special video showcase!

Who's Invited?

Parents, guardians, caregivers, grandparents, siblings, neighbors, and friends—everyone is welcome to join in the fun!

Schedule:

📍 Drop-off for preschoolers: 5:15 PM in their classroom

🎤 Program begins: 5:30 PM

📍 Pick-up: Reception Room (across the hall from the Sanctuary) after the show—please have one family member check in with the teacher to ensure all students are accounted for.

After the concert, stay for some sweet treats as we celebrate this special evening together. We have so much to be proud of, and we can't wait to share it with you! Hope to see you all there! 🎉

Important Dates

Mar 31 - April 4:

Spring Break

April 8: Tee-Shirt Tues!

April 17: Field Trip -
Preschool

April 22: Earth Day

May 1: Spring Program

Spring Field Trip

Preschoolers will be headed to Target Field to take a Learning Through Baseball - Lil Sluggers Tour

📅 Date: Thursday, April 17, 2025.

🕒 Arrival Time at LHUMP: 8:45 AM

🕒 Tour End Time: 11:00 AM

🍽️ Lunch at Preschool
Due to our class size and student numbers, we will not be having parent chaperones accompany us on this trip. We appreciate your understanding and support!

Please let us know if you have any questions. We are looking forward to a fantastic experience!

2025-26 Enrollment

For families enrolled in full-time preschool and childcare, please note that monthly tuition for summer remains due on the first of the month in May, June, and July. If your child is continuing in our program this fall, the first payment for the new school year will be due on August 1, 2025, ensuring no overlap in payments.

For part-time families returning to Lake Harriet UM Preschool in the fall, the yearly tuition deposit will be due by July 1, 2025.

Updated enrollment forms for **preschoolers** will be shared via Brightwheel in June, with a submission deadline of July 1, 2025. If your plans have changed and your child will not be returning in the fall, please let us know as soon as possible so we can offer the spot to a family on our waitlist.

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 believes that the program administrators are effective leaders - thank you!

Lake Harriet UM Preschool has undergone significant changes in our programming, expanding to offer full-time care for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers alongside our traditional part-time preschool model. Our goal has been to maintain the exceptional quality of care and education we've provided for years while becoming more inclusive and meeting the diverse needs of families.

Even during this exciting and transformative year, **we are incredibly grateful for our amazing teachers**, whose professional, loving, and nurturing care has made a lasting impact. An overwhelming 95% of families who provided survey feedback expressed how happy, lucky, and thankful they are for our school and our dedicated educators—the "Best Teachers in MN!"

We deeply appreciate our families' trust and support as we continue to grow and serve our community!

We also received valuable feedback that we will thoughtfully consider as we move into the upcoming year. One important thing we want to emphasize is that **all families are welcome** and encouraged to participate in classroom activities and events.

Our preschool program has many well-established opportunities for family involvement, and we recognize the need to create more inclusive experiences for our infant and toddler families as well. We are excited to explore new ways to strengthen connections and build an even more engaging and supportive community for all!

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/>

TAX TIME

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

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

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

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.

Access Year-End Tax Statement

1. Navigate to the **Payments** page in your account
2. From the **Accounts** tab, select a student's name to open their account
3. Open the **Statements** tab under the purple balance tile
4. Click **Export** next to the **Family 2024 payer tax statement** drop-down
5. **Download** or **Export** the statement and then open it
6. 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
7. Repeat these steps for additional students at the same or different brightwheel programs as needed

