

Friday 2/7/2020

Kids' Club families,

Happy Friday! It feels like winter break was just the other day, but February vacation is right around the corner. Please remember to let us know in advance if your child(ren) will be missing any days before or after break- we will happily take those dates at any time.

2020-21 registration and enrollment

We will open membership renewal and begin accepting new memberships for Summer Fun and the 2020-21 school year on Wednesday, April 1.

Registration for Summer Fun, before and after school care, and vacations/TPDs for the 20-21 school year will open on Friday, May 1. We will send plenty of reminders and additional information as we approach those dates.

And--- some great news!!

There will be no rate increases at Kids' Club for the second straight year. Memberships, before/after school, Summer Fun, and vacation/TPD rates will all stay the same- \$50 membership, \$13 before school, \$31 after school, \$67 vacation/TPD, \$40/\$67 Summer Fun half day/full day.

New staff

We are happy to welcome Angelina Chhim to the Kids' Club staff as of Monday 2/10. Angelina will be a group leader at Mudge Way for our K-2 children and has a lot of experience working with children that age. We are also excited that Julie Chou's class schedule has changed and she will be back at Mudge on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays beginning next week.

Schedule changes- now due on the 20th of the month

Beginning this month, schedule changes for the coming month will be due by the 20th of the month—for example, March schedule changes will be due by February 20th, April changes will be due by March 20th, et cetera. **This is a change- it used to be the 25th.**

Drop-ins for March

For drop-in days there will be no change- we accept those beginning the 25th of the month- i.e. March drop-in forms will be processed beginning February 25.

February vacation

We will be open Tuesday-Friday of February vacation, and closed on Monday 2/17 (Presidents' Day). If you signed up for February vacation you were billed at the beginning February along with your regularly scheduled care. At this point we will not be able to refund drops for February vacation as the deadline was 1/25 for those changes.

If you would like to add days during February vacation we do still have availability but please get those forms to us as soon as possible.

No-call fees

Just a reminder about the no-call fee. If you do not call the office to let us know about an absence and we have to call to locate your child we do assess a \$20 fee. Once we have located your child (for example, if Davis School tells us your child was picked up, or if Lane School tells us they were not at school) we do not call the family as our assumption is that they are with you. That is why there may be a no-call fee on a day when you did not get a call from us.

This is a longstanding policy and it is articulated in the Parent Handbook:

*“When an expected child is absent from our after school program, our office staff will immediately contact the child’s school to find out if the child was absent or if the school received different instructions regarding where the child was to go after school on that particular day. If the school is not able to provide Kids’ Club with the whereabouts of the child, we then attempt to contact a parent. An administrator will continue to call parents, emergency contacts, and the Bedford Charter Service. If the location of the child still cannot be determined, we will contact the Bedford Police and they will assist in locating the child. As a safety practice, **it is imperative that parents call Kids’ Club by 2:45 PM if your child is scheduled to attend Kids’ Club after school, but will not be arriving as expected.** If we make phone calls to determine the location of your child, a “No Call” fee of \$20.00 will be assessed. Please email us to report an absence or call us at 781-275-5427. Our voice mail is available twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week. Fixed expenses and staff ratios dictate that there are no refunds for absences. “*

Photos!

A “mannequin” in the Lane School gym



Some beautiful watercolor work in Room 149



Cup-stacking at Lane. (Where's Anna Kendrick?)



A magnificent magna-tile creation



We love the new couch, and the focus of these young ladies



Have a wonderful weekend!

Best,

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