

# JOYCE PRESCHOOL 2019-2020 CALENDAR

\* See reverse for additional details on starred items\*

AUGUST 2019	
S	M T W T F S
5-9 & 12-16 Summer Camp (P)	1 2 3
* 15 Parent Listening Session with Children's Defense Fund (P)	4 5 6 7 8 9 10
* 21 Park Parent Orientation (P)	11 12 13 14 15 16 17
* 22 Windom Parent Orientation (W)	18 19 20 21 22 23 24
* 23 Hiawatha Parent Orientation (H)	25 26 27 28 29 30 31

THEME: WELCOME & HISPANIC HERITAGE SEPTEMBER 2019	
S	M T W T F S
2 Closed for Labor Day	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
3 First day of School, all Sites	8 9 10 11 12 13 14
* 17 Taller de Padres	15 16 17 18 19 20 21
* 24 Board Meeting	22 23 24 25 26 27 28
	29 30

THEME: COLORS AROUND ME OCTOBER 2019	
S	M T W T F S
10 Parent Listening Session (P)	1 2 3 4 5
* 14 Closed - Indigenous People's Day	6 7 8 9 10 11 12
15 Taller de Padres	13 14 15 16 17 18 19
* 18 Kermés (P)	20 21 22 23 24 25 26
* 28 - 1 Day of the Dead celebrations	27 28 29 30 31

THEME: WEATHER NOVEMBER 2019	
S	M T W T F S
* 4 - 15 Fall Conferences	1 2
* 7 Kinder Info Night (P)	3 4 5 6 7 8 9
* 11 Barristers' Breakfast (P)	10 11 12 13 14 15 16
19 Taller de Padres	17 18 19 20 21 22 23
19 Board Meeting	24 25 26 27 28 29 30
27 - 29 Closed for Fall Break	

THEME: AROUND THE WORLD DECEMBER 2019	
S	M T W T F S
* 14 Around the World Celebration (P)	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
17 Taller de Padres	8 9 10 11 12 13 14
20 No Afternoon Classes (H)	15 16 17 18 19 20 21
23 - Jan 3 Closed for Winter Break	22 23 24 25 26 27 28
	29 30 31

THEME: FAMILIES JANUARY 2020	
S	M T W T F S
6 Classes resume	1 2 3 4
20 Closed for MLK Day	5 6 7 8 9 10 11
21 Taller de Padres	12 13 14 15 16 17 18
28 Board Meeting	19 20 21 22 23 24 25
	26 27 28 29 30 31

THEME: BLACK HISTORY MONTH FEBRUARY 2020	
S	M T W T F S
6 & 12 Group Tour and Info Session (prospective parents)	1
* 14 Love & Friendship Day	2 3 4 5 6 7 8
17 Closed for President's Day	9 10 11 12 13 14 15
18 Taller de Padres	16 17 18 19 20 21 22
* 28 Salud - A-Mill Artist Lofts	23 24 25 26 27 28 29

THEME: MY NEIGHBORHOOD MARCH 2020	
S	M T W T F S
9-20 Spring Conferences	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
17 Taller de Padres	8 9 10 11 12 13 14
* 23-27 Spirit Week & Literacy Days	15 16 17 18 19 20 21
24 Board Meeting	22 23 24 25 26 27 28
March 30 - April 3 Spring Break	29 30 31
* TBD Advocacy for Children's Day	

THEME: HEALTH AND SPRING APRIL 2020	
S	M T W T F S
March 30 - April 3 Spring Break	1 2 3 4
* 30 Dia del Niño	5 6 7 8 9 10 11
30 Be Joyce Ice Cream Party	12 13 14 15 16 17 18
	19 20 21 22 23 24 25
	26 27 28 29 30

THEME: GROWING MAY 2020	
S	M T W T F S
* 1 Closed - Day Without Immigrants	1 2
* 4 - 8 Teacher Appreciation Week	3 4 5 6 7 8 9
12 Board Meeting	10 11 12 13 14 15 16
* 20 3-4 Park Ave Year End Celebration (P)	17 18 19 20 21 22 23
* 21 4-5 Park Ave and Windom Graduation Ceremonies (P) (W)	24 25 26 27 28 29 30
* 22 Hiawatha Graduation Ceremony (H)	31
22 Last Day of Joyce Classes	
25 Closed for Memorial Day	

JUNE 2020	
S	M T W T F S
8 - 9 Summer Camp (H)	1 2 3 4 5 6
15 - 19 Summer Camp (H)	7 8 9 10 11 12 13
22 - 26 Summer Camp (H)	14 15 16 17 18 19 20
29 - 30 Closed - Summer Break	21 22 23 24 25 26 27
	28 29 30

JULY 2020	
S	M T W T F S
1-17 Office Closed	1 2 3 4
27 - 31 Summer Camp (P)	5 6 7 8 9 10 11
	12 13 14 15 16 17 18
	19 20 21 22 23 24 25
	26 27 28 29 30 31

  School Wide Events    
   Classroom Specific Events    
   Summer Camp    
 Event Locations denoted by (P)(Park Ave), (W) (Windom), and (H) (Hiawatha)

  Parent Specific Events    
 (Your child's teacher will give details)    
   Joyce Closed

**Listening Sessions** are held each year to get feedback from families and to learn more about their needs and experiences. Joyce often partners with other organizations such as Children's Defense Fund & MinneMinds to put these on.

#### **August 21st-23rd: Parent Orientations by site**

Join teachers, staff, and Joyce families to learn more about our policies and procedures. This is a great opportunity to meet the other families in your child's class!

**Talleres de Padres** (workshops) are monthly evening discussions following the interest topics of the families involved. Led in Spanish with childcare and dinner provided.

**Joyce Board Meetings** occur bi-monthly as a whole board. These evening meetings are open to families and staff, and childcare and dinner are provided. If you are interested in attending a board meeting, please contact Gladys, Joyce Office Manager. RSVP required.

**Hispanic Heritage Month** is from September 15 - October 15 and recognizes and celebrates the many contributions, diverse cultures, and extensive histories of the American Latino community. Classroom Teachers will put their own spin on how they celebrate and educate about Latino cultures during this month.

**Indigenous People's Day**, known nationally as Columbus Day, but known in Minneapolis as Indigenous People's Day, Joyce closes on this day to honor the history of the indigenous peoples of the United States.

**Kermés** is traditionally an outdoor carnival fundraiser, generally put on by churches. Joyce's Kermés is the closing celebration to Hispanic Heritage Month and a fun opportunity for families to support Joyce's mission together with games, food, prizes, and entertainment!

**Day of the Dead Celebrations** take place from October 31st - November 2nd this year and is a tradition that honors and celebrates the lives of loved ones who have died. The celebration is seen throughout many Latin American

cultures, but Joyce's celebration is colored by Mexican traditions. During the week, families are invited to share photos of loved ones who have passed away, learn about altars and offerings, share stories about families and loved ones and celebrate their lives. This celebration is traditionally Catholic-Christian, but Joyce teaches it as a cultural celebration and does not ascribe to a particular religion or religious practice.

**Fall & Spring Conferences** are held at all three Joyce sites and at your home upon request. Your child's teacher will be in contact to schedule a conference to discuss your child's progress. A conference questionnaire will be sent home as a way to begin the conversation.

**Kinder Info Night** takes place at Park Ave with local public, private, and charter schools who will share school information. Families are able to ask questions of each school, learn more about their programs, and begin the kindergarten selection process.

**Barristers' Breakfast** is a morning fundraising event focused on making connections with the local legal community in Minneapolis. Parents are welcome to attend the breakfast and/or help host. Contact Emily Halstead, Development & Communications Director, to learn more.

**Around the World Celebration** is the largest all-school event and is the culmination of a month's curriculum about people and cultures of the world. Throughout the month, families are invited to share their home cultures with their classes through music, food, traditional clothing, stories, and more. The Around the World Celebration is another opportunity for families and community members to celebrate and learn about our many cultures with food from around the world, dance, music, and presentations.

**Love & Friendship Day** is Joyce's take on Valentine's Day. Celebrations vary by classroom, but children are encouraged to make valentines for their peers and share small non-food treats.

**Salud** is Joyce's largest fundraising event of the year. It is a multi-course

meal prepared by a locally well-known chef complete with wine pairings, and held in the A-Mill Artists Lofts. The proceeds go toward building our Joyce Scholarship Fund.

**Spirit Week & Literacy Days** make for a super fun week! Each day there will be a different prompt for your student to dress as. There will be ample opportunities for family members to volunteer in the classroom for special Literacy Days activities. Your child's teacher will communicate with your about what Literacy Days will look like in their class.

**Advocacy for Children Day** is spent at the Capitol in St Paul advocating for high quality early childhood programming and funding. There are groups from all over the Twin Cities that participate, and Joyce typically provides a big yellow school bus for our families to attend as a group.

**Día del Niño** is celebrated on March 30th in Mexico as a tribute to the importance and specialness of young children. We typically celebrate with a small parade, by playing outside, and doing extra fun stuff with our wonderful students.

**A Day Without Immigrants** is message against the anti-immigrant rhetoric that is pervasive in the United States today. Joyce closes to show solidarity with our immigrant families and the impact of a day without immigrants in our city. Various advocacy opportunities will be made available through the week.

**Teacher Appreciation Week** is an opportunity to take some extra time to say thank you to your child's teachers, in whatever way you choose!

**3-4 Park Ave Year-End Celebration** will be a combined Year-End Celebration for all 3-4 Park Ave students to have one last hurrah before summer. More details to come.

**4-5 Park Ave Graduation Ceremony** will be in the evening at the Park Avenue Site for all Park Ave 4-5 year olds. More details to come.

**Hiawatha Graduation Ceremony** will be in the evening at the Hiawatha Site. More details to come.