

KALEIDOSCOPE PRESCHOOL

ARTS ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

2018-19 PARENT HANDBOOK

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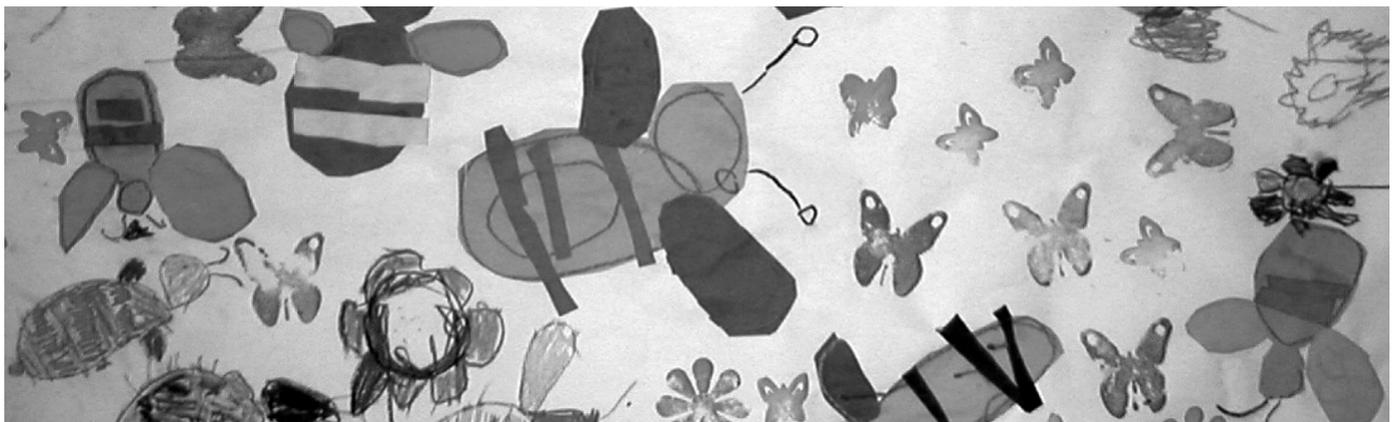
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Settlement Music School, founded in 1908, is the largest community-based school of the arts in the United States according to the National Guild of Community Schools of the Arts. Settlement is dedicated to providing people of all ages with the highest quality instruction and activity in music and the related arts. With six locations in South and Northeast Philadelphia, Wynnefield, Germantown, Willow Grove, and Camden, New Jersey, the School provides 10,000 weekly services of individual lessons, classes, and activities in music, dance, and visual arts to children and adults without regard to age, race, background, ability or economic circumstances and awards more than \$2 million annually in financial aid and scholarships.

School Closure Dates 2018-2019

8/27/2018	Kaleidoscope opens
8/31/2018	All Settlement Branches Closed
9/3/2018	School Closed - Labor Day
9/10/2018	School Closed—Rosh Hashanah
9/19/2018	School Closed—Yom Kippur
11/6/2018	School Closed—Parent-Teacher Conferences
11/12/2018	School Closed—Veterans Day
11/22/2018	School Closed—Thanksgiving Break
11/23/2018	School Closed—Thanksgiving Break
12/24/2018	School Closed—Winter Break Begins
1/3/2019	Kaleidoscope Opens after Winter Break
1/8/2019	School Closed—Home Visits
1/21/2019	School Closed—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
2/18/2019	School Closed—Presidents Day (Festival of Learning Training)
3/1/2019	School Closed—DVAEYC - Staff Annual Training
4/17/2019	School Closed—Spring Break Begins
4/23/2019	Kaleidoscope Opens after Spring Break
5/14/2019	School Closed—Parent-Teacher Conferences
5/27/2019	School Closed—Memorial Day
6/7/2019	Last Day for Students

(Parents will be notified of any changes)

Kaleidoscope Parent Involvement Calendar 2018-2019

8/23/2018	Before-School Open House
8/27/2018	First Day of Kaleidoscope/In School Home Visit
October 2018	Fire Truck Visit –Date TBD
10/26/2018	Kaleidoscope Trip with Fathers
10/31/2018	Harvest Day Parade
11/1/2018	Picture Day (MLC)
11/15/2018	Thanksgiving Feast
11/30/2018	Picture Day (GTN)
12/20/2018	Winter Song Fest (GTN)
12/21/2018	Winter Song Fest (MLC)
1/8/2019	Home Visits
2/27/2019	Celebration of African American History (GTN)
2/28/2019	Celebration of African American History (MLC)
3/25/2019 - 4/26/2019	Clothing Drive Collection, Drop off in Field Hall (MLC)
5/2/2019	Clothing Drive
5/3/2019	Clothing Drive
5/6/2019 - 5/10/2019	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 2019	Picture Day, Date TBD (MLC)
5/10/2019	Mother's Day Breakfast
5/14/2019	Parent Teacher Conferences
5/31/2019	Family Picnic (GTN & MLC)
6/3/2019	Donuts with Dad (GTN & MLC)
6/6/2019	End of the Year Program (GTN)
6/7/2019	End of the Year Program (MLC)
6/7/2019	Last Day for Students (GTN & MLC)

More Parent Volunteer Opportunities:

- Neighborhood Walking Trips
- Classroom Lunchtime Reading to Children
- Parent Committee
- Head Start Policy Council Meetings
- Special Events
- Head Start Parent Workshops
- Contribute to "Kaleidoscoop" Newsletter

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General Information

Mission Statement

Settlement Music School's Kaleidoscope Preschool Arts Enrichment Program is dedicated to providing children in the Philadelphia region with quality instruction using arts education as the focus of the curriculum. Helping students achieve artistic, educational and social goals, the Kaleidoscope program serves the broadest possible constituency, regardless of race, color, religious creed, disability, ancestry, Limited English Proficiency (LEP), age, sex, national origin, or ability to pay.

Equal Opportunity Employer Statement

Settlement Music School is an Equal Opportunity Employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religious creed, disability, ancestry, Limited English Proficiency, age, sex or national origin. In the case of Limited English Proficiency parents will receive the support necessary for full comprehension of program requirements, policies, participatory opportunities and communication about their children's education and development.

Confidentiality

All information gathered by Kaleidoscope staff relating to a child enrolled in the Kaleidoscope program is confidential and restricted. Parents will be informed of the nature and purpose of all data collected concerning families and children. Access to records of staff, volunteers, families and children is restricted. Release of confidential information to any other persons or agencies will require written parental consent and the permission of the Director. Dietary restrictions must be documented with the Kaleidoscope Family Services Provider at MLC and the Administrative Coordinator at GTN. This information is shared with cooks, classroom teachers, substitutes and volunteers.

Child Abuse Reporting

Staff members are required to report any evidence of child abuse or suspected incidence of child abuse at home or school. The Family Services Provider or the Director will make all reports of child abuse.

NAEYC Code of Ethics

All Kaleidoscope staff members know and abide by the Code of Ethical Conduct and Statement of Commitment.

Introduction

Kaleidoscope is a nationally recognized model program that integrates arts education within the curriculum for stronger learning opportunities for pre-schoolers. Kaleidoscope is NAEYC accredited and holds Star 4a status with Keystone Stars, Pennsylvania's Quality Assurance Program. Started in 1990, Kaleidoscope was located in only one Settlement branch and served primarily the Southwark/Queen Village neighborhood of South Philadelphia. The program continues to operate according to the rules and regulations governing Head Start Programs for the School District of Philadelphia but has now expanded to serve students also at Settlement's Germantown branch and includes families from many different neighborhoods. Approximately 112 children are divided into seven preschool Homerooms taught by certified teachers. Children spend four periods per week in music, visual arts, and creative movement classes, taught by practicing artists with experience and training in early childhood education. Parents, as their children's first teachers, should expect to participate in the program as volunteers and can plan how best to accomplish this with the Kaleidoscope Family Services Provider and teachers. Parents provide essential guidance in planning curriculum that is appropriate for their children.

Aftercare

After-school instruction is available through the Kaleidoscope Plus Arts After School Program, held from 2:45 to 5:45, Monday through Friday. Please contact the Early Childhood Program Director for more information.

Parent Information

Hours of Operation

Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM – 2:45 PM. The school day begins at 8:30, and parents can only enter the Kaleidoscope area starting at 8:30. Parents are considered late if they have not signed their child in by 8:45 am and will need a late slip prior to entering the classroom: at MLC, late slips are obtained on the 4th floor; at GTN, they can be obtained from the assistant director. Parents who arrive at 9 am or after will not be able to sign in until 9:30 to prevent classroom disruptions.

Cubbies

Please remember to look in your child's "cubby" or the box located over his coat hook for program information. Talking with your child about what you find in his/her cubby is a good way to help and encourage him/her to remember and tell you about the school day. Many important examples of a child's daily work are stored there so that he/she can show them to family members.

Spare Clothes

Each child must have in his/her cubby a complete change of clothes to wear in case of illness, accidents, falls, and spills for warm and cold weather. Please send in "old clothes" for emergency changes because they will be outgrown before the end of the year. School clothes are play clothes! Your children will be playing outdoors nearly every day. Cooking, art projects, even meals can be messy. If you want to be sure that the spare clothes will be returned, write your child's first name and last initial on each item.

Dressing for Safety, Comfort, Independence, and the Weather

Layers of clothing are helpful because Homeroom temperatures in our building can range from cool to hot during the school day in any season. Clothing must be comfortable, size, and age appropriate allowing children to move freely, dress themselves, and play safely. Please avoid anything with long strings, hard to buckle belts, slip-on sandals, or other shoes and clothing that children may have difficulty managing for themselves in the bathroom, in arts classes, or on the playground. Please leave all jewelry at home. Children go outside in all but extreme weather, so send children dressed in warm jackets, mittens, and hats in the winter.

Also, please be aware that during monthly fire drills, children will be moved outside the building regardless of their attire at the time the alarm sounds. This means that it may be necessary for children to evacuate the building without coats and/or shoes even in wet or cold weather. Time spent outside during fire drills is short as our goal is to streamline drills as much as possible.

Photography

As a participant of Kaleidoscope, you automatically grant permission for photographs and other images of you/your child to be used by Settlement Music School in publications for publicity purposes and to illustrate Settlement programs.

Research

Research for the purpose of program evaluation, program enhancement, and collaboration with institutions of higher education will be carried out under the supervision of the staff of the Preschool Arts Enrichment Program. All children enrolled in the program should expect to participate.

Costs & Financial Aid

Financial aid for Kaleidoscope is available based on income and family size. Yearly tuition for Kaleidoscope is \$10,500 per year. For monthly paying families, fees are due on the 1st of month, with a \$25 late fee if not paid by the 15th. Tuition can also be paid on a biweekly basis, with a \$10 late fee for each day late. There is a charge of \$5 per minute for pick-up after 2:45 PM, and there is a \$100 registration fee each year.

Family Style Meals

Kaleidoscope serves breakfast, lunch, and an afternoon snack. Children and teachers sit together for family style meals. Family style meals are important, valuable socialization opportunities and a relaxed atmosphere for conversation, nutrition education and tasting new foods. In the 3 year-old Homerooms, children will help put out napkins, learn to open their own milk cartons and food packages. They will help themselves and pass the food serving containers when it is safe and effective for them to do so. Teachers will assist in 3 year-old classes to make sure that there is enough food for all. In the 4 year-old classes, the children will help set tables and serve themselves from serving bowls.

Breakfast: 8:30 AM

Lunch: 11:45 AM - 12:00 PM

Snack: 2:05 PM

Qualified nutritionists at Head Start and School District of Philadelphia oversee menu and food preparation in the Kaleidoscope programs at MLC and GTN. The meals are prepared by certified cooks and provide two thirds of children's daily nutritional requirements. We do not serve pork or pork products. Parents may not bring food from home to supplement or replace Kaleidoscope meals. If there is a food allergy, you must have a doctor's note with instructions in order to supplement meals. The kitchen staff can also be of assistance by providing substitutions to the menu for children with allergies. After 9:00 AM, parents must supervise breakfast for all late-arriving children.

Safe Escort for Children from Home to School

Children must be regularly escorted to school, and signed in by a parent or someone 16 years of age or older. Children must be picked up and signed out by someone 16 years of age or older. Only the persons listed on the signed and current Emergency Contact/Parental Consent Form will be permitted to pickup your child from school. Picture ID and direct communication with the Kaleidoscope Family Services Provider is required for someone not listed on the Emergency Contact/Parent Consent form. Please inform the Family Services Provider at MLC, and the Administrative Coordinator at GTN of any escort changes in advance.

Custody

Parents with a custody order from court must inform the Family Services Provider of the order and provide the Family Services Provider with a copy of it. If the order is changed in anyway, the parents must provide a copy of the new order to the Family Services Provider as soon as possible. If there is no court order in place regarding the parents' custodial rights, neither parent may be denied access to the child.



Health and Emergency Policies

Health Policy (Also see Exclusion Policy)

All children must have a current health form and dental assessment in their record in order to attend Kaleidoscope. In the event that your child's file is out of date, your child's enrollment could be terminated. Sick children must remain home 24 hours after a fever. Any child who appears to be unable to participate in the usual activities of the program will be sent home. Parents must inform the Family Services Provider and Homeroom teachers of health problems, events, or circumstances that may affect children's behavior at school.

Medication Administration

No medication can be given without specific written instructions from a doctor. Parents must sign the medication log each day medication is administered. Medications must be given directly to the Homeroom teachers in the original container with a prescription. In case of minor injuries, the child's supervising teacher will fill out a report and the parent will be called. In case of an emergency, parents will be immediately notified. We will use the 911 emergency response system if a life-threatening situation arises.

Hand Washing

Frequent hand washing is the best way to prevent the spread of germs at home and in school. Parents and teachers must help preschool children establish and practice good hygiene habits.

Exclusion Policy for Children Enrolled in the Program

In order to secure an environment that is free from contagious illnesses for all children and staff, we require that parents inform teachers of any illness or symptoms experienced in the previous 24 hours. Children must be kept home for 24 hours after any of the symptoms listed below. Children will be sent home if they exhibit any of the exclusion conditions listed below. These guidelines insure the safety and well being of all children and staff in the program. Parents must make arrangements to pick up children when any of the following conditions exist:

1. The child does not feel well enough to participate in the usual activities of the program.
2. The staff cannot care for the sick child without interfering with the care of the other children.
3. The child falls asleep during morning activities.
4. The child has symptoms indicating a contagious disease or an immediate need for medical evaluation:
 - a. Oral temperature of 101 degrees or greater
 - b. Signs of possible severe illness, including unusual sluggishness, irritability, persistent crying, difficulty breathing, uncontrolled coughing
 - c. Uncontrolled diarrhea
 - d. Vomiting two or more times within the previous 24 hours
 - e. Mouth sores
 - f. Rash with fever or behavior change
 - g. Purulent conjunctivitis (pink eye) until treated for 24 hours
 - h. Infestation (i.e. scabies, head lice) until 24 hours after treatment has begun
 - i. Tuberculosis
 - j. Impetigo until 24 hours after treatment
 - k. Strep Throat until 24 hours after treatment and without fever for 24 hours
 - l. Varicella (Chicken Pox) until 6 days after onset of rash or all lesions have dried
 - m. Shingles if sores cannot be covered until dry
 - n. Pertussis (Whooping Cough) laboratory confirmed
 - o. Mumps until 9 days after onset of swelling
 - p. Hepatitis A virus infection until 1 week after onset
 - q. Measles until 6 days after rash appears
 - r. Rubella (German Measles) until 6 days after rash appears
 - s. Tinea (Ringworm) until 24 hours after treatment has begun
 - t. Head Lice or Nits

A physician's note stating the diagnosis and treatment may be required before children return to Kaleidoscope for any of the listed conditions.

Nutrition

If your child does not have a food allergy, but requires outside food, please see the Family Services Provider and/or the Director. This would require a meeting with our nutritionist/cook, along with a written explanation explaining your child's dietary needs.

Environmental Health

Children play outdoors daily except in adverse weather circumstances including extremes of air temperature, precipitation, air quality, or sun exposure. Settlement Music School outdoor play space is clean.

Settlement Music School Branches are in good repair, kept clean and free of any hazardous materials. They are annually inspected for structural, systems, maintenance, use and storage of maintenance materials, protection from exposure to toxic or unhealthy substances, fire protection, and disposal of waste materials. Settlement Music School buildings are all designated smoke-free facilities.

Please refrain from bringing pets or other animals into the Kaleidoscope area.

Health Emergency

If a child or adult is injured and needs the immediate care of a physician, the Kaleidoscope Staff will call for help from any other staff member. The first person to respond notifies the Kaleidoscope office and the branch reception office. The Kaleidoscope Director, or whoever is designated as in charge of the Kaleidoscope Program, will dial 911 and await response. If a child needs emergency treatment, the parent is contacted. If a staff member needs treatment, the designated emergency contact is called. If a parent or other person requires emergency treatment, a family member is contacted as requested.

For your child's safety, the Kaleidoscope staff must be able to reach every child's parents at all times. Parents must report any changes in contact information immediately to the Kaleidoscope Family Services Provider (MLC) and Assistant Director (GTN).



Emergency Policy

In the event of fire or other emergency involving damage to a School facility or that causes a dangerous situation to exist in a School facility, all students, faculty, and staff should leave the building following the procedure in place for fire evacuation. Students or staff with mobility impairments who cannot safely negotiate fire stairs should be accompanied to areas of refuge within the fire stairs until sufficient help is available.

In the event of an emergency outside of the School facility, such as a severe storm, public safety emergency or air raid alert, the Kaleidoscope and branch director should generally move students, faculty, and staff to the most secure part of the building, away from windows or exterior doors. This may be a basement area, auditorium, or dance studio, depending on the facility. Branch directors, along with members of the branch properties committees, should designate and clearly mark the secure area for each school facility.

If a lockdown emergency is required for the safety of our children, staff and parents, all children will remain in the building with their teachers. The exterior doors will be locked. In a state of full lockdown due to a clear and present danger, teachers will be alerted by telephone. Teachers and children will remain in their classrooms with all doors locked. When support from police or fire departments have arrived and determined that the danger no longer persists, doors may be unlocked, parents informed and children released.

A partial lockdown requires locking all exterior doors. Persons unknown to staff or without picture ID will not be admitted to the building until the partial lockdown is over

Fire Drills and Building Evacuation

Follow emergency routes posted in the Homeroom; Head Teacher takes sign-in sheet. All teachers lead children out of Homerooms and escort them out of the building.

- Get out of the building.
- Do not stop for shoes, coats, etc.
- Mary Louise Curtis Branch: All classes will meet at 5th and Queen Streets along the 5th Street fence enclosing Settlement Music School's parking lot.
 - If necessary Kaleidoscope Staff and children will seek shelter at the William M. Meredith Elementary School
- Germantown Branch: All classes will meet at Tulpehocken and Germantown Avenues along the fence.
- Children receiving special services will be turned over to the homeroom teachers outside the building.
 - If necessary Kaleidoscope Staff and children will seek shelter at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Historic Mennonite Germantown Meeting, or First Methodist Church of Germantown.

School Closings/Severe Storms

Kaleidoscope is closed on the days noted on the school calendar. In case of snow, severe weather, or other public emergency, Kaleidoscope will close when the Philadelphia Public Schools close.

Attendance

Absence

Children must attend Kaleidoscope every day they are healthy. After an absence of three or more consecutive days you must provide a note from a doctor stating the nature of your child's illness before he/she returns to the Kaleidoscope program. When a child returns from an absence, parents must fill out an excuse note with the Family Services Provider. Each day your child is sick or absent, you must call the Kaleidoscope Family Services Provider at the Mary Louise Curtis Branch, (215) 320-2672, or the Assistant Director at the Germantown Branch, (215) 320-2618. In cases of head lice, children are sent home and must be treated. Upon return, parents/guardians must provide proof of treatment, and your child will have a thorough head check by Kaleidoscope staff before re-admittance into the classroom. In the event evidence of lice remains, your child will be removed from the classroom and you will be notified to arrange pickup.

Lateness

Children must arrive and be picked up on time. Please note if you arrive late, you will be responsible for staying with your child while they have breakfast. If your child is having a difficult beginning of their day, this same rule applies. Morning arrival is from 8:30 – 8:45 AM (No children or parents are permitted on the third floor prior to 8:30 AM). Pick-up time is 2:30 PM, with a grace period extending to 2:45 PM. When children arrive late, parents must report to the Family Services Provider at MLC, or to the Assistant Director at GTN.

At MLC, parents arriving after 8:45 AM must enter through the upper lobby entrance. At all branches, parents must fill out a late arrival/pick-up note for each late arrival or pick-up. In cases of excessive lateness (5 consecutive days), you will be required to meet with the Family Services Provider/Director. After the meeting, if this pattern continues, your child could be subject to being placed on the waitlist and withdrawn from the program. If you are late for pickup (past 2:45 PM), you will be contacted by Kaleidoscope staff that your child is still present outside of program hours. If your child has not been picked up by 3:15 PM, they will then be placed into the after-school program and you will be charged the daily rate.

At GTN, parents arriving after 8:45 AM will be responsible for staying with your child in the lobby while they have breakfast. Parents must wait until after morning meeting time before the child can be admitted into the classroom.

85% Average Daily Attendance – A Head Start mandate and Kaleidoscope requirement. Children enrolled must remain in the program for at least 5 hours each school day unless ill or unable to participate. Regular Attendance is important for your child's development in the preschool experience and kindergarten readiness.

Adhere to the following absence policy:

- For three (3) consecutive days, notify the Family Services Provider.
- For three (3) or more days due to illness, a written note must be provided before re-admittance.
- Absence due to a medical/dental appointment will be excused provided the medical appointment slip is given to the Family Services Provider upon return to school.

Excessive absences are unacceptable and your child's enrollment in the program may be jeopardized.

- **First occurrence** (3 absences): written or verbal warning will be given to parent/guardian.
- **Second Occurrence** (5 absences): Teacher and Family Services Provider will meet with parent/guardian to discuss absences and develop strategies to support the family's well-being.
- **Third Occurrence** (8 absences): Parent/guardian received second notification that continued absences could result in a possible meeting with both the Family Services Provider and the Director. Please be in mind that continued absences could result in removal from the program and placed on the waitlist.
- **Fourth Occurrence** (12 absences): In consultation with the program director, the child is placed back on the waitlist and a slot will be filled by a "needier" child on the waitlist.

Kaleidoscope Preschool Arts Enrichment Program

MLC Branch - Daily Schedule 2018-2019

School Day: 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. (Classrooms open at 8:30. Dismissal is 2:45 pm.)					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Bathroom/Breakfast 8:30 -9:00 am	PS 1,2,3,4,5 Choice				
Arts 1 9:30 am-10:10 am	PS 1 HR* PS 2 HR* PS 3 Art* PS 4 Music PS 5 Dance	PS 1 HR* PS 2 HR* PS 3 Art * PS 4 Music PS 5 Dance	PS 1 HR* PS 2 HR* PS 3 Art* PS 4 Music PS 5 Dance	PS 1 HR* PS 2 HR* PS 3 Art* PS 4 Music PS 5 Dance	PS 1 HR* PS 2 Dance PS 3 HR* PS 4 Art* PS 5 Music
Bathroom 10:10-10:20 am	PS 1,2,3,4,5	Tooth Brushing PS1 PS 2,3,4,5	PS 2,3,4,5	PS 2,3,4,5	PS 2,3,4,5
Arts 2 10:20 am 11:00 am	PS 1 Art* PS 2 HR* PS 3 HR* PS 4 Dance PS 5 Music	PS 1 Art* PS 2 Music PS 3 HR* PS 4 Dance PS 5 HR*	PS 1 Art* PS 2 Music PS 3 Dance PS 4 HR* PS 5 HR*	PS 1 Art* PS 2 Music PS 3 Dance PS 4 HR* PS 5 HR*	PS 1 HR* PS 2 Music PS 3 Dance PS 4 HR* PS 5 Art*
Bathroom 11:00-11:10 am	PS 1,2,3,4,5 (2 Classroom Teachers Escort to and from Arts)				
Arts 3 11:05 am 11:45 am	PS 1 Dance PS 2 Art* PS 3 Music PS 4 HR* PS 5 HR*	PS 1 Dance PS 2 Art* PS 3 Music PS 4 HR* PS 5 HR*	PS 1 Dance PS 2 Art* PS 3 Music PS 4 HR* PS 5 HR*	PS 1 HR* PS 2 Art* PS 3 HR* PS 4 Dance PS 5 Music	PS 1 Dance PS 2 HR* PS 3 Music PS 4 Art* PS 5 HR*
Bathroom/Lunch/Rest 11:50 am - 12:50 pm	PS 1,2,3,4,5 Choice	Tooth Brushing PS3, PS4, PS5 Choice	PS 1,2,3,4,5 Choice	PS 1,2,3,4,5 Choice	PS 1,2,3,4,5 Choice
Arts 4 12:55 pm - 1:35 pm	PS 1 Music PS 2 Dance PS 3 HR* PS 4 Art* PS 5 HR*	PS 1 Music PS 2 HR* PS 3 Dance PS 4 HR* PS 5 Art*	PS 1 HR* PS 2 Dance PS 3 HR* PS 4 Art* PS 5 Music	PS 1 Music PS 2 Dance PS 3 HR* PS 4 HR* PS 5 Art*	PS 1 Music PS 2 HR* PS 3 HR* PS 4 Dance PS 5 Art*
1:35-2:15 pm Bathroom/Snack 2:15-2:25 pm Dismissal 2:45 pm	Playground/ Neighborhood Walks/Trips PS 1,2,3,4,5 Choice				
"Choice" and * Both show periods when children choose activities in a variety of learning centers.					

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Germantown Branch - Daily Schedule 2018-2019

School Day: 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. (Classrooms open at 8:15. Dismissal is 2:45 pm.)					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Teacher Prep 8:00-8:30 am	Teacher Prep				
Early childhood class- room Bathroom/Breakfast 8:30-9:10 am	Early Childhood Choice activities PS 6 and PS 7				
Bathroom 9:10-9:20 am	Bathroom PS 6 and PS 7				
Arts 1 9:20-10:10 am	Visual Art - PS 6 Dance - PS 7	Visual Art - PS 6 Dance - PS 7	Visual Art - PS 6 Dance - PS 7	Visual Art - PS 6 Dance - PS 7	Visual Art - PS 6 Dance - PS 7
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Arts 2 10:20-11:00 am	Visual Art - PS 7 Dance - PS 6	Visual Art - PS 7 Dance - PS 6	Visual Art - PS 7 Dance - PS 6	Visual Art - PS 7 Dance - PS 6	Visual Art - PS 7 Dance - PS 6
Early Childhood 11:10-11:50 am	Early Childhood Choice activities PS 6 and PS 7				
Bathroom/Lunch/ Rest 11:50 am - 12:50 pm	Bathroom/ Lunch/ Rest PS 6 and PS 7				
Toothbrushing 12:50-1:00 pm	Tooth Brushing Choice activities PS 6 and PS 7				
Arts 3 1:00-1:40 pm	Music - PS 7 Outdoor Play/ Bathroom - PS 6	Music - PS 7 Outdoor Play/ Bathroom - PS 6	Music - PS 7 Outdoor Play/ Bathroom - PS 6	Music - PS 7 Outdoor Play/ Bathroom - PS 6	Music - PS 7 Outdoor Play/ Bathroom - PS 6
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Bathroom/ Snack 2:20-2:45 pm	Early Childhood Choice activities PS 6 and PS 7				
Dismissal 2:45 pm 2:45 - 3:00 pm Teacher Prep	2:45 - 3:00 Teacher Prep	2:45 - 3:00 Teacher Prep	2:45 - 3:00 Teacher Prep	2:45 - 3:00 Teacher Prep	2:45 - 3:00 Teacher Prep
"Choice" shows periods when children choose activities in a variety of learning centers.					

Parent Communication

Speak with Homeroom teacher daily to share important information that may affect your child's day.

Daily Health Check: Parents and teachers exchange information about each child's state of health and well-being at drop-off.

Newsletters

The "Kaleidoscoop" newsletter regularly informs parents about curriculum program events and parent meetings.

Bulletin Boards

Look for bulletin boards in Homerooms and hallways. These contain the weekly meal menus, important notices, community events, and opportunities of interest to parents and families.

Home Visits

Two home visits for each Head Start child are required by Head Start. Home visits are a chance, for parents to ask questions about children's social development, and to learn about the Kaleidoscope Program's upcoming plans, events, and curriculum. If a Home Visit cannot be arranged, Home and School Appointments can be made on the designated days.

Parent Conferences

Parent attendance at two parent/teacher conferences, Fall and Spring, are required. They are an opportunity for parents and teachers to discuss goals and assess an individual child's progress, developing school readiness, and transition to Kindergarten.

Parent Workshops

Workshops on topics and information of interest to parents may be held at Settlement Music School and at School District of Philadelphia locations. Parents are encouraged to suggest topics.

Open House and Special Events

There are several Open House days during the school year: in August, before school starts, and in October, December, March, April and June. Parents are encouraged to come observe, participate, and support their children in the arts classes and early learning homerooms. Three special events are: a Holiday Sing-Long, the Celebration of African American History in March, and a program at the end of the year in June. Children, teachers, and parents all participate in a demonstration of song and movement that shows the children's growth throughout their school year. Parents assist with the children's artwork display.

If you choose not to have your child participate in classroom celebrations, you will be responsible for making necessary arrangements for your child.

Parent Volunteers and Trips

The purpose of class trips is to enhance the ongoing educational program. Planning for trips is a joint effort between parents and staff. Parents volunteers assisting on class trips must remain with Kaleidoscope staff in supervision of children assigned to them at all times. Siblings of enrolled children may not come with parents who volunteer on trips. Parent volunteers for trips must arrive by 8:15 AM for orientation.

Agreement for mutual respect and appropriate communication at all times:

We, parents and staff, of the Kaleidoscope Preschool Arts Enrichment Program of Settlement Music School, and as a collaborative Head Start Program, pledge and promise to communicate with each other at all times in a mutually respectful tone of voice and with appropriate language, and to consult with each other in a private setting at a time mutually convenient for parents and staff.

Head Start Information

The Kaleidoscope Family Services Provider is responsible for enrollment of all children.

Head Start: All children are enrolled in Kaleidoscope for a full day. They must attend Kaleidoscope from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm.

Head Start Services

At Settlement Music School's Kaleidoscope Preschool Arts Enrichment Program, Head Start services are organized into three areas, Family and Community Partnerships, Early Childhood Development, and Program Governance.

Program Governance

A committee represents parents and includes parents of all enrolled children. The committee works and plans activities with Kaleidoscope Administration, teaching staff, parents, and the community. The committee encourages communication, volunteering, and support for all Kaleidoscope program activities. Parents are invited to attend scheduled monthly committee meetings and volunteer. At the first meeting of the year, the committee elects an Executive Committee, a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson, a Secretary, and a Policy Council Representative.

Responsibilities of Executive Committee Members

Chairperson

- Convene and chair regular meetings with the Executive Committee to prepare Committee meeting monthly agendas.
- Communication with center staff and parent involvement coordinator.
- Chair Center Committee meetings.
- Support other officers in fulfilling their duties.
- Support parents and center staff in all center activities.
- Share responsibility for attendance at Policy Council Meetings.

Vice-Chairperson

- Be prepared to assume all responsibilities of chairperson in the event of his/her absence or resignation.
- Support and work closely with the chairperson.

Secretary

- Record and distribute to committee members and appropriate center staff accurate minutes of all meetings.
- Keep records of Center Committee correspondence.
- Post committee notices one week before the meeting date.

Policy Council

Policy Council participation is an important way for parents to volunteer. The Policy Council oversees Head Start operations and meets once per month. Meeting times and dates are scheduled each year in October. Members include the parent representatives from all Head Start site committees for each grantee. The programs at both MLC and Germantown are funded by the School District of Philadelphia Head Start.

Head Start Policy Council representatives must:

- Attend all Policy Council meetings as Center Committee representatives.
- Report monthly to Center Executive Committee.
- Bring all issues to be voted upon to Center Committee.
- Bring all Center Committee issues to Policy Council.

School Readiness: A Definition for Parents and Teachers

“Early to Rise” Improving the School Readiness of Philadelphia’s Young Children: United Way of PA, City of Philadelphia, School District of Philadelphia

Key elements: Readiness in children, Readiness in schools, Family and Community supports

Readiness in children includes:

- Physical well being and motor development
- Social and emotional development
- Language development
- Cognition and general knowledge
- Approaches to learning

The Kaleidoscope Program is dedicated to integrated learning, sensory-based activities and challenging experiences for young children in early learning, music, visual art, and creative movement.

Readiness in schools includes:

- Smooth transition between home and school
- Continuity between early care/education programs and elementary school

Family and community supports includes:

- Access to high quality pre-school programs
- Parents who devote time each day to helping their children learn
- Support and training for parents to enable them to help their children learn

Individual Child Assessment of Progress

Assessment in the Kaleidoscope Program takes place through formal and informal means. All children must meet state mandated requirements in health and dental health care, including well child doctor visits and immunizations. Parents provide details about each child's pre-enrollment development, experience, and family environment. In the fall and spring, children's weight and height are checked.

Informal assessment takes place daily as parents and teachers talk to each other, sharing a child's successes and preferences. Teachers plan curriculum that offers regular opportunities for observing children as they work. Parents are encouraged to observe their children “at work”(playing) during unplanned visits, scheduled Open House days, special events, and celebrations.

Measuring a child's progress over the school year should document development, be based on planned curriculum, and represent direct teacher observations of children at play. Ideally this process describes the progress of individuals and groups as accurately and objectively as possible.

Assessment Schedule for Individual Children	
August	Review intake information and initial checklist: Parent assessment of children's basic skills.
September/ October	Brigance Developmental Screen Early intervention referrals prepared for parents – teachers and parents share concerns.
October	Home and school visits – separation and school adjustment, social development goals.
November	Developmental checklists: Early learning, visual art, music, dance completed, collated/ reviewed by all teaching staff and parents. Basal score/rating assigned for each child in early learning, visual art, music, and dance.
December	Parent conferences – Goal setting and discussion of checklist profile for each child.
February	Staff development: Review children's progress and curriculum plans. Make necessary modifications for individual children. Review progress in identifying and meeting children's special needs.
March	Home and school visits - Transition for kindergarten and review of progress in school adjustment, social development goals. Demonstration program in visual art, music, and dance.
April	Developmental checklists: Outcomes for children as indicated by checklist score/rating early learning, visual art, music, and dance.
May	Parent Conferences: Discussion of outcomes for children as indicated by checklist score/rating.
June	Program review in early learning: Demonstration of outcomes in year-end program of visual art, music, and dance.

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