

**ACORN HILL WALDORF KINDERGARTEN & NURSERY
SCHOOL CALENDAR 2017-18**

Aug 21	Mon	Business office reopens, 9am–3pm
Aug 29	Tue	All-School Workday, 9–11 am
Sept 5	Tue	Open Houses, Five Day classes
Sept 6	Wed	First day for Five Day classes
Sept 11	Mon	First day for Young Nursery, Three Day Nursery
Sept 14	Thu	First day for Parent-Child Thursday
Sept 21	Thu	Rosh Hashanah, school closed
Sept 24	Sun	Community Potluck Picnic, 4:30–6:30pm
Oct 29	Sun	Family Pumpkin Carving, 3:30–5pm
Oct 31	Tue	Halloween Trick or Treat, 5:30–7pm
Nov 10	Fri	Veteran’s Day, school closed
Nov 22	Wed	Half Day, noon dismissal, Afternoon and Lunch programs cancelled
Nov 23-24	Th/F	Thanksgiving Break
Nov 27	Mon	School resumes
Dec 2-3	Sat/Su	Midwinter Garden, times to be announced
Dec 10	Sun	Wee Shoppe, 9:30am-12:30pm
Dec 22	Fri	Half day, noon dismissal, Afternoon and Lunch programs cancelled
Dec 25-Jan 5	M-F	Winter Break, school closed
Jan 8	Mon	School resumes
Jan 11/12	Th/F	First day for Spring Parent-Child Thursday/Friday
Jan 15	Mon	Martin Luther King Jr. Day, school closed
Feb 11	Sun	Candlemas Bonfire, 4–5pm
Feb 19	Mon	Presidents’ Day, school closed
Feb 20-21	T/W	February Break, school closed (* Feb 21 Contingency Calendar day)
Feb 22	Thu	School resumes
Mar 17	Sat	Annual Auction Social, 6:30-9:30pm
Mar 26-Apr 2	M-M	Passover/Easter Break, school closed
Apr 3	Tue	School resumes
May 11	Fri	Half day, noon dismissal, Afternoon and Lunch programs cancelled
May 12	Sat	Spring Fair, 10am–2pm
May 28	Mon	Memorial Day observed, school closed
Jun 6	Wed	Last day for Young Nursery, Three Day Nursery
Jun 7	Thu	Last day for Parent Child Thursday
Jun 8	Fri	Last day for Parent-Child Friday, Five Day classes. Half day, noon dismissal, Afternoon and Lunch programs cancelled

Contingency Calendar for days closed for emergencies

If the school year is disrupted by emergencies (including, but not limited to, snow days) and school is closed, the school year will be extended as follows:

If school is closed...	school will be held on...
4 days	* Wednesday, February 21
If school is closed...	the school year will be extended by...
5 days	one day to Monday, June 11
6 days	two days to Tuesday, June 12

SCHOOL CLOSINGS FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER

If Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) are closed, Acorn Hill will be closed. If MCPS have a delayed opening, Acorn Hill will open at 10am (Early Birds is cancelled).

Closures are posted on our website (www.acornhill.org) and voicemail (301-565-2282) after 6am.

During inclement weather (hurricane, icy or snowy conditions) please check MCPS announcements, which are broadcast on television and radio, and posted online at www.mcps.k12.md.us/. Acorn Hill does NOT follow early closing decisions, but makes an independent decision based on the circumstances. If bad weather should develop during a school day, you may pick your child up early if you wish.

EMERGENCY CLOSURES / LATE OPENINGS CHART

Acorn Hill routinely follows Montgomery County Public School (MCPS) emergency schedule changes in two situations only: closures for inclement weather (primarily snow) and late openings for inclement weather (primarily snow). In the event that the county schools are already closed (for an in-service, for instance) we will follow the Montgomery County government closings. **Additionally, if MCPS has extended closures, beyond 3 days, Acorn Hill will make an independent decision.**

Please look at the chart below to see what Acorn Hill does when county schools have emergency closings. Some examples of emergency closures are:

- Inclement Weather: hazardous snow and ice conditions (snow days)
- All other inclement weather related conditions (hurricane, tornado, severe thunderstorms, etc.)
- Electrical power/heat/ failures

If Mont. County Schools are:	Acorn Hill will:
Opening late for inclement weather and cancelling morning programs	Cancel Early Birds (8-9). Acorn Hill opens at 10am.
Closed for inclement weather: snow days (snow and ice conditions)	Also be closed. (except after 3 days, see detail above)
Closed for all other inclement weather related conditions (hurricane, tornado, severe thunderstorms, etc.)	Also be closed.
Closed for electrical power failures and water failures	Make an independent decision. Check the website/call the school after 6am for information.
Closed for all other emergency closures	Make an independent decision. Check the website/call the school after 6am for information.
Closed early for any reason	Make an independent decision. Check the website/call the school after 6am for information.