

ACORN HILL WALDORF KINDERGARTEN & NURSERY

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2012-13

Aug. 20	Mon.	Business office reopens
Aug. 28	Tues.	All-School Workday, 9 – 11 am
Sept. 4	Tues.	Open Houses, Five Day Classes, times to be announced
Sept. 5	Wed.	First Day, five day children
Sept. 6	Thurs.	First Day, Thursday Parent-Child Class
Sept. 7	Fri.	First Day, Friday Parent-Child Class
Sept. 10	Mon.	First Day, three day children
Sept. 17	Mon.	Rosh Hashanah, school closed
Sept. 18	Tue.	Back to School Night for 5 Day Classes, with welcome orientation for new families
Sept. 23	Sun.	Community Potluck Picnic
Sept. 26	Wed.	Yom Kippur, school closed
Nov. 3	Sat.	Open House for prospective families
Nov. 12	Mon.	Veteran's Day observed, school closed
Nov. 21	Wed.	Half Day, noon dismissal, Afternoon and Lunch Programs cancelled
Nov. 22-23	Th/F	Thanksgiving Break
Nov. 26	Mon.	School resumes
Dec. 2	Sun.	Midwinter Garden, times to be announced
Dec. 21	Fri.	Half day, noon dismissal, Afternoon and Lunch Programs cancelled
Dec. 24-Jan. 4	Winter	Break, school closed
Jan. 7	Mon.	School resumes
Jan. 21	Mon.	Martin Luther King Jr. Day, school closed
Jan. 26	Sat.	Open House for prospective families (snow date Feb. 2)
Feb. 18-22	M-F	February Break, school closed
Feb. 25	Mon.	School resumes
Mar.25-Apr.1	M-M	Spring Break, school closed
Apr. 2	Tues.	School resumes
May 10	Fri.	Half Day, noon dismissal, Afternoon and Lunch Programs cancelled
May 11	Sat.	Spring Fair, 10am – 2pm
May 27	Mon.	Memorial Day observed, school closed
June 5	Wed.	Last Day, Three Day Class
June 6	Thurs.	Last Day, Thursday Parent-Child
June 7	Fri.	Last Day, Friday Parent-Child
June 10	Mon.	Last Day, Five Day Classes, Half Day, noon dismissal, no Afternoon or Lunch Programs

Contingency Calendar for days closed for emergencies

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

If the school is closed...	the school year will be extended by...
4 days	one day, to Tuesday, June 11
5 days	two days, to Wednesday, June 12
6 days	three days, to Thursday, June 13

SCHOOL CLOSINGS FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER

If Montgomery County public schools are closed, Acorn Hill will be closed. If Montgomery County public schools have a delayed opening, Acorn Hill will not offer Early Birds, but will open at 9:00.

Acorn Hill follows the Montgomery County Public School full-day closings for inclement weather (we do not follow Washington Waldorf school closings). During inclement weather (hurricane, icy or snowy conditions) please check Montgomery County public school 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. Please call the office to find out if we are closing early or not. Please see the following chart for details.

EMERGENCY CLOSURES/LATE OPENINGS CHART

Acorn Hill routinely follows Montgomery County Public School emergency schedule changes in two situations only: closures for inclement weather (primarily snow day) and late openings for inclement weather (primarily snow day). In the event that the county schools are already closed (for an in-service, for instance) we will follow the Montgomery County government closings.

In all other cases we make an independent decision, place information on our telephone voice mail answer message, and send an email out to all parents. 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 failures
- Water failures

If Mont. County Schools are	Acorn Hill will
Opening late for inclement weather and cancelling morning programs	Cancel Early Birds (8-9). All other programs are open regular hours, beginning at 9:00.
Closed for inclement weather: snow days (snow and ice conditions)	Also be closed.
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. Call the school after 6am for information.
Closed for all other emergency closures	Make an independent decision. Call the school for more information.
Closed early for any reason	Make an independent decision. Call the school for information.