

**ACORN HILL WALDORF KINDERGARTEN & NURSERY
SCHOOL CALENDAR 2014-15**

Aug. 18	Mon.	Business office reopens, 9am – 3pm
Aug. 26	Tues.	All-School Workday, 9 – 11am
Sept. 2	Tues.	Open Houses, Five Day Classes
Sept. 3	Wed.	First Day for Five Day Classes, 5 day children only (3 day children start Mon., Sept. 8)
Sept. 8	Mon.	First Day for Three Day Nursery, Three Day Class, 3 day children in Five Day Classes
Sept. 11	Thurs.	First Day for Thursday Parent Child Class
Sept. 12	Fri.	First Day for Friday Parent Child Class
Sept. 13	Sat.	Healthy Hearts, Bodies & Minds Festival & Waldorf-Friendly Yard Sale, sponsored by the Parent Circle
Sept. 25	Thurs.	Rosh Hashanah, school closed
Sept. 28	Sun.	Community Potluck Picnic, 4:30 – 6:30pm
Oct. 11	Sat.	Simplicity Parenting Workshop with Kim John Payne
Oct. 26	Sun.	Family Pumpkin Carving, 3:30 – 5pm, sponsored by the Parent Circle
Oct. 31	Fri.	Halloween Trick or Treat, sponsored by the Parent Circle
Nov. 11	Tues.	Veteran’s Day, school closed
Nov. 26	Wed.	Half Day, noon dismissal, Afternoon and Lunch Programs cancelled
Nov. 27-28	Th/F	Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 1	Mon.	School resumes
Dec. 7	Sun.	Midwinter Garden, times to be announced
Dec. 17	Wed.	Alumni Pizza and Lantern Walk
Dec. 19	Fri.	Half day, noon dismissal, Afternoon and Lunch Programs cancelled
Dec. 22-Jan. 2		Winter Break, school closed
Jan. 5	Mon.	School resumes
Jan. 19	Mon.	Martin Luther King Jr. Day, school closed
Jan. 23	Fri.	Healthy Brain Development Workshop with Sharifa Oppenheimer
Feb. 8	Sun.	Candlemas Bonfire, 4 – 5pm, sponsored by the Parent Circle
Feb. 16-18	M-W	February Break, school closed
Feb. 19	Thurs.	School resumes
Mar. 9-14	M-Sat.	Annual Silent Auction and Gala, sponsored by the Parent Circle
Apr. 3-10	F-F	Spring Break, school closed
Apr. 13	Mon.	School resumes
May 8	Fri.	Half Day, noon dismissal, Afternoon and Lunch Programs cancelled
May 9	Sat.	Spring Fair, 10am – 2pm
May 25	Mon.	Memorial Day observed, school closed
June 3	Wed.	Last Day for Three Day Nursery, Three Day Class, 3 day children in Five Day Classes
June 4	Thurs.	Last Day for Thursday Parent Child Class
June 5	Fri.	Last Day for Friday Parent Child Class, Five Day Classes, noon dismissal, Afternoon and Lunch programs cancelled

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 Monday, June 8
5 days	two days, to Tuesday, June 9
6 days	three days, to Wednesday, June 10

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) 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.

In all other cases we make an independent decision. Please look at the chart below to see what Acorn Hill does when county schools have emergency closings. Closures are posted on our website (www.acornhill.org) and voicemail (301-565-2282) after 6am. 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 (8:30-9). 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. 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.