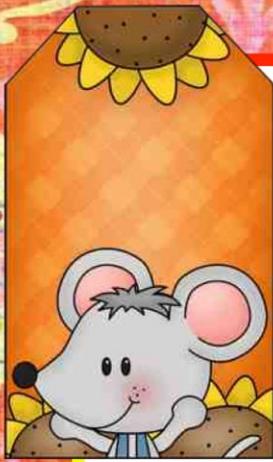


Nature's Scholar's Enrichment Center

August 2019



Dates to Remember

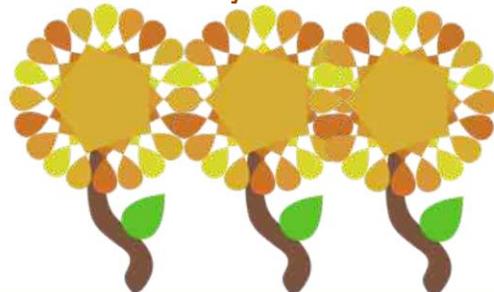
- August 6th Wear your sunglasses to school today
- August 8th Silver Lake Beach field trip for Frontier's & Ranger's bus leaves at 9:30 am and returns at 3:30 pm
- August 14th Whole school picnic
- August 14th First day of school for Harrison School
- August 16th **NSEC Closed for In-service.**
- August 19th First day of school for Richmond Grade School
- August 20th First day of school for Johnsburg & McHenry Schools
- August 26th First day of NSEC AM Preschool/Rangers Pre-K
- August 30th No School for McHenry and Harrison

Making Great Memories



Coming Up

- On Wednesday, August 14th we will be having a whole school picnic outside to celebrate a wonderful summer together. Thank you to all our parents for helping on field trips, special occasions and all your donations for our fundraiser!
- Ms. Kristin's due date is coming up! She will be on maternity leave until mid-October. They have kept it a secret if they are having a **boy** or **girl**! We will keep you all posted! Wish her luck and we will anxiously be waiting her return.
- **Welcome Ms. Katy** to our NSEC staff team. She is returning as a Co-Assistant Director. Read a bit about her on page 3 of this newsletter.
- Heads up! **Scholastic Books** will be returning in September! Back to school books will be available.
- Reminder that NSEC will be closed September 2nd in honor of Labor Day.



"Pie in the Face"

A HUGE thank you to all the parents and students that donated money for our fundraiser for the Winters Family! The staff that raised the top 3 amounts were

- 1st- Ms. Bre
- 2nd- Ms. Kristin
- 3rd- Ms. Jennifer

A great big THANK YOU to Mr. Cody for raising additional funds by offering to have a child or two shave his long hair! Raffle tickets were sold and then names were randomly picked the day of.

Overall, funds raised were just over \$2,000!



Playground Improvements

If you have not had time to check out our new playground then venture outside and see the exciting change. Sidewalks were installed in the upper and lower playgrounds. Sod was placed in the lower playground area, bordering the sidewalks. And how about that beautiful green turf in the upper playground? I know it is not all natural for our nature center but with so much foot traffic and erosion, it was getting too steep and dangerous for our little fellows. You may appreciate that the children may (loosely used) stay cleaner by the end of the day! A shade sail has also been installed over our sand surface. Another shade sail will be installed on the south side of the building over the bike area soon as well. Initial reaction from the children on their first time out on the turf was...They all took their shoes and socks off and ran around. Some just rolled around and made grass angels too!



Dancing Horses Field Trip



Transitions for Fall

With many children transitioning at the end of this month, communication is imperative. We have new students starting, past students returning and a few groups going off to school and bus run schedules. Many children will be moving to the next classroom as well. Please make sure you are communicating with the teachers and the gals in the office of any changes. Putting them in writing is always best. Thank you in advance.

The school year will be officially starting the week of 8/26. All classroom list will be posted Monday Aug. 5th outside of each classroom. Please check the lists for your child's name and scheduled days. If there are any discrepancies, please bring them to our attention. If all is correct then highlight their name and days so we know you have checked them. Current students that transition will practice as space allows the week of 8/19. Please do not hesitate to come to us with any questions or concerns.

Ms. Katy

Hello All! My name is Ms. Katy. I used to be the 4-year-old Frontier teacher when Natures Scholars first opened. I have a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education with a double minor in Early Childhood Education and Special Education. I have been married to my wonderful husband Seth for 2 years and have a 3-month old son named Asher. I am beyond excited to be joining Natures Scholars staff again as the Co-Assistant Director, and getting to know each and every one of the NSEC families!



In-Service Day

On Friday, August 16th we will be closed for our yearly staff in-service day. Room cleaning and preparation will be taking place in addition to some staff team building at Urban Air in Crystal Lake. Alternate care must be arranged for your child this day. Please take everything from your child's cubby by this date so there is less clutter for cleaning and items don't get misplaced moving children to new rooms if so. Monday morning all items can be brought back fresh and clean and should have a change of clothes, small nap blanket, pillow and a water bottle.

Thank you for your understanding.

