

# Nature's Scholars Enrichment Center

October 2021

## Dates to Remember

- Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> Fire Department here for a lesson to all classrooms 10:00am
- Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> Columbus Day  
No School Johnsburg  
No School Richmond  
No School Harrison
- Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> Deputy Tim here to Have lunch with the Explorers class.
- Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> Halloween Week
- Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> Halloween Day

## Guest Readers!

While our regular guest reader is out on vacation for a while, we will be having weekly guest readers at the center to read to the kids! Keep an eye out, you may be our next SURPRISE reader!



## Just a little reminder on masks

- Please remember that any child **2 or older** needs to have a mask on when inside our building unless they are sleeping, drinking, or eating.
- You and your child need to walk into the building with a mask on. If you forget a mask for your child, we have them up in the office. If you choose not to wear one when picking up or dropping off, you can clock your child in or out and stand outside to wait for them. We will bring them out to you.
- Masks are NOT an option. In order to keep our center running and our families and children safe, we need to keep following the mask mandate until told otherwise.
- If a child has a hard time with wearing a mask, we are very flexible, and the teachers will work with them as much as possible. Please also work on this at home with them as well.

**We understand that this is a very difficult time. Please be understanding with us as well as we are following the rules given to us to keep our center open to serve all of you!**



# Nature's Scholars

## Holiday Closing Days

Thursday, November 25<sup>th</sup>  
"Thanksgiving"

Friday, November 26<sup>th</sup>  
"Thanksgiving Holiday"

Thursday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>,  
"Christmas Holiday"

Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>,  
"Christmas Holiday"

Thursday, December 30<sup>th</sup>,  
"New Year's Holiday"

Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup>,  
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## DAY IN THE WOODS INFORMATION!

Hello NSEC Family!

I am super excited to announce a new program we will be running this school year, our Day in the Woods.

Each day a different class will be joining me in the woods, and I will be teaching them a lesson correlating

to their teacher's lesson plan, as well as give them

quality free time to explore nature. Each classes Day

in the Woods will rotate weekly to ensure each child

gets ample opportunity to enjoy this program. We will

be attaching the schedule to our weekly menu email so

everyone will have advanced notice of when their child

will be participating. With that being said, please be

sure your child is all geared up for being out in the

woods. Suitable gear includes close-toed shoes, a water

bottle, bug spray, and weather appropriate clothing

Mr. Cody

Nature Coordinator



## Halloween Week (all ages)

Due to the Covid restrictions, we are not allowed to have a traditional Halloween Party. To celebrate, we have decided to have a **Spooktacular Halloween Week** the week of October 25<sup>th</sup>. Your child may choose to participate on the days they attend (please no blood, weapons, or scary masks).

- **Monday: Monster Monday: Wear green for goblins or blue for boos (Ghosts) Which team will you choose?!?**
- **Tuesday: Troll Tuesday (Style your hair as spooky or crazy as you like!)**
- **Wednesday: Wicked Tired Wednesday- Halloween Pajama Day**
- **Thursday: Thriller Thursday- Halloween Shirt and Socks Day**
- **Friday: Freaky Friday: Wear Black and Orange Day**

Each morning Ms. Julie has planned a Halloween snack to make and enjoy. The teachers have also planned fun Halloween themed activities and games to participate in daily.



## Scholastic

Take a look at the Scholastic flyers that go home at the beginning of each month. Now is a great time to start thinking about Christmas gifts for your child or even family and friends. Take those new books, grab a blanket and cuddle by the fire while reading a new story. Those are the kind of memories children cherish forever.



Please provide rain boots or waterproof shoes/boots during this transition to winter. If your child is not signed up for our Tuffo Suit program, please see front office for details. Layered clothing and raincoat are useful for the cool mornings and late afternoons. Please make sure all clothing is labeled.



## 'Tis the Season for Sickness

We do our best to keep all children and staff safe while at Nature's Scholars. This includes keeping illnesses at bay. If your child shows **any** COVID symptoms, they will not be allowed to stay for the day. If a child starts to show symptoms or reports that they are not feeling well, we will assess their well-being and try to provide a quiet space/activity for the child for a short period of time. However, if a child develops a fever above 100.4, is vomiting, has unexplained excessive diarrhea (3 or more) or is very lethargic, is unable to actively participate in the program or is showing any signs of COVID, we will contact the parents to pick them up as soon as possible. If a parent cannot be reached, we will proceed to contact the people listed on the child's "Permit to Pick Up" list. Note: The child must then be fever/symptom free for at least 24 hours prior to returning to school (per the health department). **A negative PCR Covid result will need to be provided prior to return.**

We are also doing our part in keeping the school clean and as germ free as possible. We make up our disinfecting solution fresh every morning, disinfect hourly, before and after all meals, wash children's hands before/after meals, coming inside, bathroom etc. Toys that children put in their mouth are set aside to be disinfect, daily as well.



## Picture Day

Picture day was a success! The pictures look amazing! Once the pictures are uploaded and edited, you will get an email from

[help@schoolhousepictures.com](mailto:help@schoolhousepictures.com) . They

gave us a timeline of about 3 weeks.

They will have the link to access and order your child's photos. Everything from here on out is through the company. They handle all the ordering.

This is our first year using them as a company, so please be patient with us.

The photographer was amazing, patient, and thorough. If you have any comments or feedback on the company, please let Ms. Kristin in the front office know.

