

Nature's Scholars Enrichment Center

February 2022

Dates to Remember

February 2nd Groundhog Day

February 7th Scholastic Due

February 14th Valentine's Day

February 16th Hearing & Vision Screening **Starts at 9AM**

February 17th No School Johnsbury

February 18th No School Johnsbury,
No School Richmond,
No School Harrison

February 21st President's Day
No School Johnsbury,
No School Richmond,
No School Harrison

Coming Up

- February 28th - March 4th Dr. Seuss Week (weekly theme sheet will be mailed out soon)
- Tentative Mother's Day celebration will be held on Friday, May 6th (Weather Depending and COVID protocols) More info to follow when it gets closer.
- The tentative Pre-K Graduation will be on Friday May 20th. Starting at 10:00am with a light luncheon to follow. The graduation will be outdoors. Of course, with COVID, all this is TBD.
- Father's Day celebration will be held outside on Friday, June 17th. Again, weather depending and if any COVID protocols change. More info to follow when it gets closer.

** Thank you for being so understanding and patient with us as we try and slowly try to get back to a more "normal



Summer is approaching

Please make sure that you have completed the summer form that was sent out and return it to the front office by March 1st. We realize some parents may have the summer off and work schedules may change. It is very important that we plan for any changes that may occur. If your child will be disenrolling, we need an ending date noted. All students that plan on returning for the school year in the fall must pay the registration fee to hold their spot and list the expected return date. If different days are needed then currently enrolled for, you may request them, but any final changes must be approved by Ms. Mary.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Nature's Scholars Closings

Monday, May 30th "Memorial Day"

Monday July 4th "Independence Day"

Friday, August 19th "Staff-in-Service"

Monday, September 5th "Labor Day"

Thursday, November 24th "Thanksgiving"

Friday, November 25th "Thanksgiving Holiday"

Friday, December 23rd, "Christmas Holiday"

Monday December 26th, "Christmas Holiday"

Friday, December 30th, "New Year's Holiday"


Monday, January 2nd, "New Year's Holiday"


The days listed above are the days that Nature's Scholars Enrichment Center will be closed. Full tuition payment is expected for the weeks containing these holidays or days off.


This policy applies whether your child attends full or part time. This policy is in place because we give our teachers the benefit of paid holidays and shouldn't be penalized due to celebrations or acts of nature. Please see page 11 of the Parent Handbook for further information.

Hearing & vision testing information

The McHenry County Department of Health will be coming to our center to give out hearing and vision screenings.

 If your child attends any other PreK held through a school district they will not be receiving this.

 This also will NOT qualify for a Kindergarten exam for kids that will be going into kindergarten next year.

 We will be sending home a form for you to fill out if you are interested in your child participating in the exam.

 There is no charge for this screening!

Please make sure that your child still has all their outside gear daily. Gloves may need to go home for drying daily, as they do not dry well just sitting on top of the cubbies.

Tadpoles class needs to have their outdoor gear as well.

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Parent handbook reminders

How are meals handled for my child while at Nature's Scholars?

Meal schedule is as follows:

7:00am-7:30am-Breakfast

9:00am-Morning snack

12:00noon-Lunch

3:00pm-Afternoon snack

All meals are prepared by a staff member who is certified in Food Service & Sanitation. A minimum of 2 staff at the center are certified and have current certificates posted. All meals are prepared by guidelines provided by DCFS and MCDH. All equipment is maintained and inspected as per State Fire Marshal and MCDH.

Nature's Scholars teaches children important skills. Table manners as well as appropriate social skills are practiced during all mealtimes. Children are asked to taste all items on their plate before asking for seconds of something. Most often picky eaters see other children enjoying foods which they may have never tired or liked and eventually acquire a more advanced taste for food served. Children will be taught to only ask or take what they will eat to avoid waste. Eco-friendly "real" plates, utensils and napkins will be used in place of disposable items when applicable.

No food is to be brought into the center from home for your child to consume unless a "Special Diet Authorization Form" is completed with the director. Meals are provided to ensure health and nutrition for your child. Young children sometimes do not understand why someone is consuming something else than what is offered to them. To avoid this situation, all food items need to be finished before your child joins us.

Rate increase

As stated in the Parent Handbook our rates are due to increase. We are increasing the rate in June this year, which is the beginning of the Summer Session, June 6th. With that being said, we are attaching a copy of our new rate sheet to give you time to prepare. We take pride in the fact that we are giving our families loving quality care, with creative lessons, nutritious meals, and fun activities. Our staff turnover has been minimal for this industry, and we would like to think it's because they follow our passion for giving high quality care. To pass along raises to our staff, cover rising food and supply rates as well as building and playground repairs, this small increase will help us keep up the quality we strive for. Thank you for your continued support, trusting us with your children and all your great reviews and referrals. We are thankful every day for your children and the relationships we have with the NSEC families.



Valentine's Day Party

This year we are having traditional classroom Valentine's Day party! Monday February 14th ALL students are allowed to attend the party even if they don't attend on that day. If they do not attend on that day normal, they can only come from 9-11 am. Sorry no parent volunteers this year due to COVID protocols.



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