

Nature's Scholars Enrichment Center Newsletter

March 2022

Dates To Remember

- March 2nd Dr. Seuss's Birthday
- March 2nd Early Release for Harrison
- March 7th Scholastic Due
- March 13th Daylight savings time
- March 16th Early Release for Harrison
- March 17th St. Patrick's Day Wear **green** to school
- March 20th 1st day of Spring
- March 28th – April 1st: Johnsbury, Richmond, McHenry & Harrison public schools closed for Spring Break.

Coming Up

- Week of the Young Child is April 2nd- 8th
- April 22nd- Earth Day 
- April 30th- Arbor Day 

Parent Handbook Monthly Reminders

What type of clothes should my child wear?

Rather than tell you how to dress your child, think about the following questions when dressing your child for his/her day at school:

- Can I launder this easily? Is this a special outfit that I do not want to have stained? - Please send your child in "play" clothes that he or she can be comfortable in and not worry about getting dirty.
- Can staff make an average of 5 to 6 diaper changes today without too much difficulty?
- Can my child use the toilet easily and independently? Or, with a minimal assistance? - This gives a child a sense of accomplishment and minimizes frustration.
- Are my child's shoes comfortable and safe? Gym shoes or rubber-soled shoes are great for just about everything. If sandals are worn, they need to fit firmly on the child's feet and have an attached heel strap. "Party" shoes are sometimes slick and may cause a child to slip or fall. (Please do not send your child to school in shoes without backs, i.e., clogs, flip-flops, etc.)

We are about nature and the outdoors; therefore, we will be outside whenever possible. We suggest dressing your child in layers so they can accommodate their comfort level for the time of day as well as weather changes that may take place in a day.





Parent Handbook Monthly Reminders Continued....

Do I need to have extra clothes at the center?

YES! Clothes can get soiled in a variety of ways while at school and your child needs to have several full changes of clothes (always including socks and shoes) at the center in case of any accident. **All clothes should be labeled with your child's name.** Please check these extra clothes periodically to ensure they are not too small or out of weather season or sent home.

Our job is to provide an environment where your child feels safe and well-cared for. Therefore, we cannot, in good conscience, leave your child in wet or soiled clothes. In the case that you have not provided a change of clothes, we will provide new clothes for your child at a cost to you. Your account will be charged as follows:

Pants/Shorts - \$8.00
Long-sleeved Shirt - \$7.00
Short-sleeved Shirt - \$6.00
Underwear or Socks - \$2.00.

For the health and safety of all concerned, soiled clothing cannot be rinsed out. Please understand that soiled clothing will be placed in a plastic bag to be rinsed and cleaned at home.

What type of clothing needs to be available for outdoor play?

All children will be going outside everyday snow, rain, or shine unless weather is extremely prohibitive. (Due to staff/child ratio requirements, children may not be kept indoors and should remain home if unable to go outside.) Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. Waterproof coat, mittens, hats, snow pants, boots, etc. are needed for cold or wet days. A swimsuit and towel need to be brought to school on warm days for outdoor/water play. Our guideline for outdoors in the winter is 0 degrees or above with the wind chill in consideration. Our guideline for outdoors in the summer is 95 degrees or below. Children will remain in the air-conditioned center if any ozone or heat indexes are issued for immediate area. Special considerations of high and low temperatures will be in place for infants, toddlers, and special needs children.

MASK UPDATE AS OF 3/1/2022

As most of you are aware we received an email from DCFS regarding the current mask mandates in Illinois. We stated in our email that we strive to provide an atmosphere of mutual respect and understanding, and we want everyone to feel comfortable. These are the following procedures we will be implementing within our center:

- If you send your child with a mask that child will wear the mask.
- If you do not want your child to wear a mask, please do not send one in with them.
- If your child has been exposed or tested positive for Covid and they show no symptoms during the 10 day quarantine, they can return to the center after 5 days at home.

○ Your child WILL have to wear a mask for the remaining 5 days in the center.

** We will now facilitate masks like our clothing protocol "If you're sent with something, you will wear that". **

If there are any extenuating circumstances that you would like to discuss about this, please don't hesitate to contact the office. Also, PLEASE be respectful of EVERYONES choice in this process.

PLEASE also know that Covid is now being tracked PER COUNTY. So, if McHenry County spikes in cases, then this mandate will be reevaluated. Please be patient with us as we navigate through this new phase.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

What: Father's Day Celebration 2022!



When: Friday, June 17th

Time: 9-11 AM

Where: Nature's Scholars Enrichment Center

Invitation to follow

** Weather pending**





Save The Date!!!

*What: Mother's Day
Celebration*

When: Friday May 6th, 2022

Time: 9-11 AM

*Where: Nature's Scholars
Enrichment*



*Invitation to follow
Weather Pending*

Frontier's Pre-K Graduation Save the Date!

A graduation ceremony will take place here on Friday, May 20th (Weather Pending) starting at 10:00 am for all students who will be going into kindergarten in the fall of 2021-2022. Weather permitting it will take place outside. The program will last about a half hour and will follow with a casual luncheon. Parking will be very crowded so be prepared to park along the street.

Invitations to follow



Tuition Rate Changes as of **June 6th, 2022**

It will soon be that time of year for a tuition rate change. As our Parent Handbook states, "There may be a yearly rate increase, effective the week after Memorial Day" This allows us to accommodate for our yearly cost of living changes for our centers operating costs. New rate sheets were emailed last month in the newsletter for you to plan accordingly.

Thank you for your understanding.

