

Nature's Scholars Enrichment Center

October 2023

Dates to Remember

- Oct. 5th Harrison Early Release
- Oct. 7th No School Harrison & Richmond
- Oct. 9th Columbus Day – No Public School for Johnsbury, Richmond, & Harrison
No attendance for Rangers Pre-K
- Oct. 16th MTFPD Fire Truck here at NSEC 10:00am
- Oct. 19th Harrison early release
- Oct. 31st Halloween Party 9:00am – 11:00am

Coming Up

- On Monday Oct. 9th (Columbus Day) The Ranger's morning Pre-K class is not in attendance. You will be charged one less day this week.
- All Public Schools are closed for the National Holiday. Reminder, if your child attends a full day on this day, an extra charge of \$17.00 (\$15.30 if they are an older sibling) will be added to your tuition.
- October is Fire Safety month. we will be having the McHenry Township Fire Department come to show off their Fire and Rescue trucks and talk about their equipment with the children.
- Tuffo Suits are available! If your child is not signed up for the Tuffo Suit Rental Program, please see someone up in the front office for a rental form. The rental fee is just \$25.00 for your child to be assigned a suit for as long as they fit into the biggest size of 5T. They always remain at the center and each classroom has an individual rack for their children. Soon we will be needing them and with the use of a Tuffo, we can assure your child remains cleaner, dryer and warmer.



FROM THE KITCHEN!

Looking for a spooky idea for Halloween Dinner?

- **Slice French bread in half.**
- **Spread on the pizza sauce.**
- **Add a layer of shredded mozzarella cheese.**
- **Add thinly sliced zucchini.**
- **2 olive slices for the eyes**
- **Pop in the oven @ 350* until lightly browned.**

**** Add some fruits and/or veggies on side like witches' toes (Carrot Slices) or Goblin eyeballs (Grapes)****

Happy Halloween!!

Miss Julie



A Note from Mr. Cody at the Barn!

🌻 Please make sure your child is wearing clothes that you are ok with getting dirty! The woods and barn are a time for your child to “take chances, make mistakes, and get messy!!”

🌻 Each week we learn about a different animal. Something fun to do at home is to have your child talk about that animal with you!

October's Weekly themes are:

🌻 Week 1: Cold Water Fish

🌻 Week 2: Animal Tracks

🌻 Week 3: Apples

🌻 Week 4: Pumpkins

Halloween Party (Tadpoles - Ranger's Pre-K)

**Our party will be on Monday,
Oct. 31st from 9:00am - 11:00am**

Please see your child's classroom door for attendance sign up as well as party treat and parent helper's sign up. If your child does not normally attend on Monday's, they may attend for the party time only. Costumes are encouraged for our party, and we will be having a costume parade. Crafts, games and special activities are being planned. Please no weapons, scary costumes or blood. Please send your child in their costume in the morning but provide a change of clothing and bag for the costume so we can change them out after the party.



PROPER WEATHER CLOTHING

Please provide rain boots or waterproof shoes/boots during this transition to winter. We discourage any open toe shoes for safety reasons. 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.



Holiday Closing Days

Thursday, Nov. 23rd Happy Thanksgiving

Friday, Nov. 24th Thanksgiving Holiday

Monday, Dec. 25th Christmas Holiday

Tuesday, Dec. 26th Christmas Holiday

Monday, January 1st New Year's Holiday

Tuesday, Jan 2nd New Year's Holiday



Scholastic Update

This year Scholastic will be going out every month, but we do not choose the turn in date anymore. With that being said, we suggest that you order your Christmas books from the October or November orders because we will not be getting a December. This is all new to us so please be patient as we navigate the new changes too.



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 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 of 100.4 or greater, is vomiting, has unexplained excessive diarrhea (3 or more), has a spreadable disease (i.e., Hand, Foot and Mouth, Pink Eye), or is very lethargic or is unable to actively participate in the program, 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" form. **Note: The child must then be fever/symptom free for at least 24 hours prior to returning to school.**

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 before and after all meals, wash children's hands before/after meals and coming inside or changing rooms. Toys that children put in their mouth are set aside to be disinfected daily as well.

