

# Nature's Scholars Enrichment Center

February 2024

## Dates to Remember

**February 2<sup>nd</sup>** Groundhog Day

**February 5<sup>th</sup>** Scholastic Due

**February 14<sup>th</sup>** Valentine's Day

**February 15<sup>th</sup>** No School Johnsborg

**February 16<sup>th</sup>** No School Johnsborg,  
No School Richmond,  
No School Harrison

**February 16<sup>th</sup>** **NO NSEC PRE-K**

**February 19<sup>th</sup>** President's Day  
No School Johnsborg,  
No School Richmond,  
No School Harrison

**February 19<sup>th</sup>** **NO NSEC PRE-K**

**March 5<sup>th</sup>**- Hearing & Vision  
Screening **\*\*Starts at 9AM\*\***

## Coming Up

- March 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Dr. Seuss Week (weekly theme sheet will be mailed out soon)
- Tentative Mother's Day celebration will be held on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> (Weather Depending) More info to follow when it gets closer.
- The tentative Pre-K Graduation will be on Friday May 24<sup>th</sup>. Starting at 10:30am with a light luncheon to follow. The graduation will be outdoors.
- Father's Day celebration will be held outside on Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> (weather depending). More info to follow when it gets closer.

**Ms. Melissa & Family are  
expecting a baby girl!**



## 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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 27<sup>th</sup> "Memorial Day"

Thursday July 4<sup>th</sup> "Independence Day"

Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup> "Staff-in-Service"

Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> "Labor Day"

Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup> "Thanksgiving"

Friday, November 29<sup>th</sup> "Thanksgiving Holiday"

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

Wednesday December 25<sup>th</sup>, "Christmas Holiday"

Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, "New Year's Holiday"

Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, "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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## Love Notes from the Kitchen!

Share some love this Valentine's Day with shelter dogs and your family!

### Homemade Dog Treats

1 cup pumpkin (make sure it's 100% pumpkin)  
½ cup Peanut Butter  
2 Eggs  
¼ cup Oil  
2 ½ Cups Whole Wheat Flour  
1 Teaspoon Baking Soda

Pre heat oven 350\*

Mix all the ingredients!  
Roll out and cut into hearts!  
Bake 15 minutes!

Call local Rescues /shelters and your local animal control first to see if they will accept the treats!



## 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 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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's Valentine's Day party is Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>! 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 normally, they can only come from 9-11AM.



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