

Nature's Scholars Enrichment Center

February 2025

Dates to Remember

February 2nd Groundhog Day

February 5th Harrison Early Release

February 13th No School Johnsbury & Harrison

February 13th – 14th NO NSEC PRE-K

February 14th Valentine's Day

February 14th No School Johnsbury,
No School Richmond,
No School Harrison

February 17th No School Johnsbury,
No School Richmond,
No School Harrison

February 17th NO NSEC PRE-K

February 17th President's Day
No School Richmond,
No School Harrison

February 19th NO NSEC PRE-K

March 5th- Hearing & Vision
Screening **Starts at 9AM**

Coming Up

- March 3rd – 7th Dr. Seuss Week (weekly theme sheet will be mailed out soon)
- Mother's Day celebration will be held on Friday, May 9th from 9-11AM (Weather Depending) More info to follow when it gets closer.
- The Pre-K Graduation will be on Friday May 23rd. 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 13th from 9-11AM (weather depending). More info to follow when it gets closer.



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 February 28th**. 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 26th "Memorial Day"

Friday, July 4th "Independence Day"

Friday, August 16th "Staff-in-Service"

Monday, September 1st "Labor Day"

Thursday, November 27th "Thanksgiving Holiday"

Friday, November 28th "Thanksgiving Holiday"

Wednesday, December 24th "Christmas Holiday"

Thursday, December 25th "Christmas Holiday"

Wednesday, December 31st "New Years Holiday"

Thursday, January 1st "New Years 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 February 24th 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 2nd. 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

Due to public schools being closed on February 14th this year, our **RANGERS PRE-K CLASS** will have their classroom party on **Wednesday February 12th** from 9-11 AM.

The rest of the school (**Tadpoles, Little Sprouts, Explorers, Frontiers & School Age classrooms**)

Valentine's Day party is **Friday, February 14th** from 9-11 AM! The McHenry County Deputies will be in attendance for these parties! 😊

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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