



# Parkdale Sherwood Headstart Monthly Newsletter

September 2016

**DEAR Headstart Families,**

**WELCOME !!!!**

**New friends and welcome back our present friends.**

I hope that everyone had a relaxing summer. We here at Headstart are very enthusiastic about our fall program. We have spent a great deal of time over the past week preparing for all of you and are looking forward to a year of fun and growth. We hope to see all of our parents at our **Meet the Educator, AGM night on Wednesday September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.**

## **REGARDING STAFFING**

**We take great pride in our quality educators. We have a strong history of retaining and recruiting "quality" when staffing for our center.**

I, Carol Ford, am continuing as the Center Manager. Angela Sigsworth is continuing as the Director of our Early Years Center.

Our 4 year old group will have Glenda Mallet, Sasha Clow, and Taylor Kimpton as their educators. Our 3 year old group will have Johanna Gallant and Bailey Smith as their educators.

Our 2 yr. Old group, the Book Worms, will have Brenda Burhoe and Brittany Livingston as their educators.

Our infant group, the Munchkins, will have Sharon Furness as their educator.

We have had lots of positive feedback regarding our newsletters and therefore are planning on issuing them monthly as in the past. You can view them on our website; if you want a hard copy just let Angela know. Our website is [www.headstartpei.ca](http://www.headstartpei.ca) We have an email address of [headstartpei2013@gmail.com](mailto:headstartpei2013@gmail.com). As usual our doors are always open please feel free to call us at any time. If you need to speak to one of the educators you may have to leave a message, it will be easier to reach me, Carol in the morning but messages can be left and we will return your calls at your convenience. We aim to please!!! Just let us know.

Remember when your child is enrolled at Headstart you are now a member of our Headstart family so, welcome to the family! We look forward to your participation and hope to see all of you at our **Meet the Educator and AGM Night, Wednesday September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.**

**Regarding your accounts,**

I just want to clarify to everyone that the other staff members are not privy to information regarding your accounts. If you do have any questions please direct them only to me, personally, by note, or by phone. For the few of you who are not using direct deposit, there is a payment box outside my office. Staff are not to receive money so please drop off your payments into the locked box. These measures are in place for your Privacy and Security and we appreciate your cooperation. We encourage everyone to use direct deposit but have made a few exceptions. Thanks, Carol

**PARKING**

We ask that parents respect the special/disabled parking spaces in front of the building. These spaces are wider to accommodate loading and unloading equipment/wheelchairs and facilitate children and adults with mobility needs coming into the building. Please be mindful of not obstructing the entry or exit of these spaces as well, i.e.: pulling up to the end of the walk to “run in for a minute.” It is a real source of frustration for families who rely on these spaces, from our program and others. Thank you.

**REGISTERED CHARITY/UNITED WAY**

Just a reminder: We are a registered charity therefore you can designate a contribution to us at any time. Also note when giving to the UNITED WAY your donations can be earmarked for HEADSTART. Thanks.

**SPECIALS THANKS TO:**

Thank you to each and every one of our excellent staff for preparing the center for our new fall program. Enjoy your year here with us at Headstart!

Carol

**Field Trips**

I just wanted you all to be aware that if your child's group does go on a field trip there will be a permission slip that needs to be signed and brought back, or your child **will not** be able to go on the planned field trip. That being said if you do not want your child to go, we do make arrangements for that as well.

**Movie Day**

Although we do not promote watching movies, the children think it is a big treat so once a month, every third Friday, we will have a movie day at Headstart. This will happen after lunch time. We will provide the movies for those days, so please do not encourage your child to bring movies in on those days.

## Scholastic Book Orders

Dear Parents,

Each month you will receive a Scholastic Book Order. If you wish to order, fill out the form completely. If the items you are ordering are a gift for your child please mark this clearly on the form so that we know not to put the books in your child's locker when they arrive. Bring the completed form in with your payment by cheque (made out to Scholastic Canada), cash or money order.

You can also order and pay online at [parenpay.scholastic.ca](http://parenpay.scholastic.ca). It's quick and easy. Once you've placed your order online, bring in the completed form so we can add it to our order. Every book you buy through Parkdale Sherwood Headstart earns bonus points which we use to purchase new books and materials for our centre. Thank you for your continued support.

*Sharon*

## Staff Welcomes and Group News

Hello and welcome. I am Angela Sigsworth, and I am the Director at Headstart. I am very excited to begin our Fall Program. There will be some new faces and many familiar ones returning, and I can't wait to see all of you. Please know that my door is always open, and that if there is anything you need to discuss, or any questions you may have I am here to help. I am looking forward to a great year of fun and learning at Headstart!

*Angela*

Hi Everyone,

I'm Sharon Furness and I'm happy to be the infant educator again this year. I've been a certified early childhood educator since 2006 and am heading into my seventh year at Headstart. I can't wait to begin the new school year with new and old friends alike.

*Sharon*

Hello!

I am very excited to begin a new year with the Bookworms. I am beginning my 6th year at Headstart. I am a fully certified ECE, a certified Montessori Teacher and also have my Level 1 sign language. I am looking forward to reconnecting with families I already know and meeting the new parents and children of our centre.

*Brenda*

Hello everyone! My name is Brittany Livingston. I am so happy and thrilled to be continuing to work with the two year old group and Brenda until Jamie returns in February. I graduated from the Human Services Program in June 2015, and am currently working on becoming a fully certified ECE, only two

courses left! I am excited and looking forward to getting to know our new children and their families and hope to learn and grow together.

*Brittany*

Hello! My name is Glenda Mallett, I am a certified ECE and I will be working with the 4 year olds this year. I have worked at Headstart for many years. My husband John and I live/work on our family dairy farm in York. We have four grown children and five lovely Grandchildren. I am excited and looking forward to getting to know our new children and their families over the next year.

*Glenda*

I'm Sasha Clow and I am an Early Childhood Educator. I am looking forward to working with Glenda this year in the 4 year old group! I am so excited to meet the children we will be working with and I cannot wait to see where our learning will take us!

*Sasha*

Hi everyone, my name is Johanna Gallant and this is my 17<sup>th</sup> year as an Early Childhood Educator and my third year as an educator at Headstart. I am so excited for the new year to begin so that we can learn and grow together. Can't wait to meet you all!!

*Johanna*

Hello, my name is Bailey Smith and I am very excited to be continuing on with the three year olds. This is going to be a wonderful adventure that I look forward to sharing with the children and their families.

*Bailey*

My name is Taylor Kimpton, and I am the SNA here at Headstart. I have a business degree from UPEI, years of experience working with children, and planning to further my education in this field. I am very excited to grow relationships with your family.

*Taylor*

## **The Book Worms**

**Welcome to the Bookworms!**

**We are so excited to begin a new year of playing and learning together!**

**Firstly, a little housekeeping news. Beginning the first week of September, we will be using our lockers in the big entry to hold the Bookworms backpacks. We ask that you ONLY bring your child's outdoor clothing/footwear, and their blanket and teddy (if they use one at nap) to the kitchen.**

**Please provide at least 2 changes of clothing. (Many more if your child is training) These clothes will be kept in your child's bin in the change room.**

**A package of wipes is also needed. We will notify you when wipes/diapers/pull-ups need replenishing.**

**We often do "messy" art! We ALL love it. Please do not wear your child's "best clothing" to Headstart as they will not be the "best" when they leave.**

**We ask that you limit the number of footwear to 1 pair of indoor sneakers and 1 pair of outdoor footwear. Our space is very limited.**

**Both Brittany and I contribute to your child's portfolios. Although they are not on display, you are more than welcome to look at them at any time. They are located inside the labeled white cupboard in the Bookworm area.**

**If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask Brittany or me.**

**Here's to another great year of fun!**

**Brenda and Brittany**

**~Children's Needs ~**

Welcome to a new year at Headstart.

There are a few items that your child will require in order that their time spent here is pleasant:

a backpack to hold their belongings

2 FULL changes of clothing

1 pair of indoor footwear (non marking)

outdoor footwear (sneakers and boots)

a sweater or jacket for outdoor play

outdoor clothing suitable for ALL types of weather

PLEASE label all of your child's belongings. Their backpack or bag can be hung in their designated locker.

**SEVERE ALLERGY ALERT PRECAUTIONS**

Due to the allergies of children in our care we are asking all families to become aware of these safety precautions which will allow us to provide a safe environment for all children at Headstart.

1. Please **do not** bring any food into Headstart
  
1. Brush your child's teeth and wash your child's hands and face well before entering the daycare to ensure there is no peanut butter or egg on their skin or clothing, or any residue from these items.
  
2. Ensure that sunscreens/lotions/creams/bug sprays do not contain peanut/egg oils or protein.
  
3. Please do not bring toys from home as they may have been exposed to the allergens. For show and tell please make sure your items are safe.
  
4. Please help us to teach your child how to make our environment safe for all children by following these precautions.

***If you would like additional information on anaphylaxis or egg and peanut allergies please contact Carol or Angela at 892-5916.***

***Thank you for your support!!***

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