



Parkdale Sherwood Headstart

Monthly Newsletter

DEAR Headstart Families,

It's hard to believe Christmas will soon be upon us. A few quick notes; our Christmas concert will be December 16th at noon time. The centre will be closed from December 26 until January 3, 2017. Happy Holidays!!

Dec 26	Dec 27	Dec 28	Dec 29	Dec 30	Jan 2	Jan 3
CLOSED Pd Stat Holiday	CLOSED Paid Stat Holiday	CLOSED NO CHARGE	CLOSED NO CHARGE	CLOSED NO CHARGE	CLOSED Pd Stat Holiday	Open for the new year

Munchkin News

This month we will continue to explore Baby Beluga as the Munchkins still love our favourite whale. We will also be exploring and decorating for Christmas. We will be trying something new as we work together to bake Christmas cookies. Be prepared for some yummy treats.

Sharon

Bookworm News

Please be sure to stock your child's backpack with plenty of changes of clothing. We ask that you only bring their OUTDOOR footwear and jackets/hats etc to the kitchen. Please check with Brittany or Brenda regarding whether or not your child needs more diapers/wipes/pullups. The Bookworms are anxiously awaiting their field trip to the QEH Peds unit. We will be travelling by bus on December 15th. We are leaving the centre at 10 am and returning before noon. All parents are welcome to accompany their child/children on this outing. The deadline for donations to our project is Dec. 5th. There is a list of requested items (from the Peds Unit) in the front locker area, if you wish to contribute.

We have begun practicing for our Christmas concert. Our group LOVES singing and dancing !!

Brenda & Brittany.

The Little Rainbows

The Christmas Season has officially begun with the Little Rainbows! We have our Christmas tree up, and have started making some decorations to make our space more festive. The 'Beanie Boo Gives Back, Reverse Advent Calendar is going really well. The children are excited to show what items they have brought in and can't wait until we go on our field trip to drop off our donations!

If your child has any Christmas stories (or any story) they would like to bring in to share with the group, they are more than welcome to.

We have started practicing for our upcoming Christmas concert as well. The songs we have chosen are; 'Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer', 'Santa Clause is Coming to Town', and 'This Little Light of Mine'. Please check your child's locker for copies of the songs so you can practise at home as well.

With the cold weather now upon us, we ask that you please provide boots, splash pants or snow pants, a warm jacket as well as hats and mittens or gloves. We try and get out as much as possible so these are much needed items.

Thank you ☺

Bailey and Johanna

The Foxes

The Foxes would love to wish everyone a Merry Christmas as the Season is fast approaching. We are very busy getting ready for our Christmas concert. The children are all excited about our special helper Christmas Mouse *Frederica P. Mouse*.

Our neighbourhood project is going great. If you have any old Christmas wrapping paper or bows and ribbons we would love to have them (maybe any other old Christmas small items).

Merry Christmas from The Foxes

Glenda , Sasha & Taylor

Centre Closures

The centre will be closed from Monday December 26th - Tuesday January 3rd

Scholastic Book Orders are Due December 1st

CHILDREN'S NEEDS :

The weather is much colder now! It is important that the children are dressed according to the outdoor temperatures. Please send splash/wind pants, outdoor footwear, a warm sweater or jacket, mittens, and a hat. It is much easier for your child to be dressed in layers (and peel one off if he/she is too hot) than to have them freezing in the back yard (if he/she is under-dressed)!

PLEASE watch your speed, when entering or exiting the parking lot! The parking lot is very busy at the beginning and end of the day and little ones are sometimes anxious to run in /out from the car.

Please be sure to label ALL of your child's belongings.

Thank you

Fundraising News

'Tis the Season to Give Headstart Fundraising Initiatives: Christmas Lottery Ticket Raffle

We are raffling off lottery tickets this Christmas season. Imagine winning over \$100.00 in scratch and win lotto tickets! Tickets are \$2.00 each or 5 for \$5.00. You may find some surprise gifts under our money tree too! Tickets are due back on December 12th.

Best Seats in the House & Best Spots on the Lot

We are also selling \$1.00 tickets for your chance to win front and center (and comfy) seats at our annual Christmas Concert. We are also selling tickets for reserved parking close to the entrance of Headstart on the morning of the concert.

If you would like any additional tickets just ask any staff person in the kitchen.

All tickets are due back by December 12th

NOTE

When it comes to Headstart fundraising ticket sales, everyone is eligible to win, including Headstart Board of Directors, staff, parents, and children. Everyone is treated equal.









Christmas Concert

This year's concert is scheduled for Friday December 16th at 12:00 sharp! It will be in the gym. The concert is brief but full of holiday spirit. Each group performs in turn and then the children join their family members and staff for lunch. There is a lot of excitement on this day. Parents can help by assisting in preparing the lunch, set up or clean up and/or signing up to contribute food. There will be a sign up sheet posted in the next couple of weeks. Thanks. Note: We hope that all the children enrolled at Headstart, whether scheduled for Friday or not participate in the concert.

A Visit From Santa

On Wednesday December 21st, we will be having a pajama day and will have a visit from the big guy himself...SANTA!! If this is a day that your child does not normally come in, they are more than welcome to join us for the morning. Santa will be arriving at 10:30 so we ask that everyone be here by 10:00.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Dec Book Order Due	2 Fox's Show & Share	3
4  Laken	5	6	7	8  Malcolm	9	10
11	12 Fundraising Tickets Due Back!!	13	14	15 Bookworms fieldtrip to QEH to deliver gifts collected	16  CHRISTMAS CONCERT 12:00 Movie	17
18 FOX'S CHRISTMAS STORY WEEK	19	20  Ben & Nate	21 Visit from Santa at 10:30  PJ DAY	22	23	24  Twas the Night before Christmas ...
25  MERRY CHRISTMAS	26 CLOSED PD Stat Holiday	27 CLOSED PD Stat Holiday	28 CLOSED	29 CLOSED	30 CLOSED	31  New Year's Eve