



Parkdale Sherwood Headstart

Monthly Newsletter

September 2018

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 Septmeber 19th 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. Paula Kelly is continuing as our faithful cook.

Our 4 year old group will have Glenda Mallet, Maggie Evans, and Olivia Callbeck as their educators.

Our 3 year old group will have Brenda Burhoe, Christina Seeley, and Emma Dunphy.

Our 2 yr. Old group will have Sasha Clow and Jessie Chaisson as their educators.

Our infant group 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 We have an email address of 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 Septmeber 19th 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. 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 specified accessible 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. Our registered charity number is 0641803-20-02 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

Please 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, 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. 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 here 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

My name is Paula Kelly and I am excited to be back for my second year as your cook here at Headstart. I look forward to getting to know all of you and your children this year.

Paula

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 eighth year at Headstart. I can't wait to begin the new school year with new and old friends alike.

Sharon

My name is Sasha Clow and I have been working in the early childhood field for 4 years now. I am excited to working with Jessie again this year in the 2year old group called the Little Ducklings. Exploring nature and experiencing new ideas, places, and objects is my favourite thing to do! I love working with the children and learning alongside them! I am really looking forward to working with the children and families in my care!

Sasha

Hi everyone, my name is Jessie Chaisson and I have been a certified Early Childhood Educator since 2015. I am looking forward to working with Sasha again this year in the 2year old group called the Little Ducklings. I can't wait to see what this year has in store for this great group of 2 year olds.

Jessie

Hello. My name is Brenda. I am a fully certified ECE and a certified Montessori Teacher. I am entering my 8th year of employment at Headstart. I am so excited to be the co-educator in the 3 year old group for this year called The Little Wonders.

Brenda

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 seven lovely Grandchildren. I am excited and looking forward to getting to know our new children and their families over the next year.

Glenda

Hello everyone! My name is Christina Seeley and I am going into my second year here at Headstart. I am excited to be with the 3 year olds this year, The Little Wonders. I graduated from the ECE program in June of 2017 and have been with Headstart since graduating.

Christina

Hello! My name is Emma Dunphy and I am excited to be back at Headstart this year. I am an Inclusion Support Assistant with the 3 year old group and I am happy to be working with your children this year.

Emma

Hi there, my name is Olivia Callbeck and I am an Inclusion Support Assistant here at Headstart with the 4 year old group. I am super excited to be part of such a great team and I am looking forward to working with your children this year.

Olivia

Hello! My name is Maggie Evans, I've just moved here from St. John's Newfoundland and I am very excited to be a member of the Headstart team. I will be co teaching with Glenda in the 4 year old group called The Pigeons this year. I look forward to getting to know all of you over the year.

Maggie

~Children's Needs ~

Welcome to a new year at Headstart!

There are a few items that your child will require:

- a family photo, this does not need to be professional
- a zippered backpack to hold their belongings
- water bottle to be left at the center
- 2 FULL changes of clothing (to be left in the backpack)
- 1 pair of indoor sneakers (non marking)
- outdoor footwear (sneakers and boots)
- a sweater or jacket for outdoor play
- outdoor clothing suitable for ALL types of weather
- for those in diapers or pull ups, please send a full sleeve of diaper or pull ups and a package of wipes. These will be placed in your child's designated space and you will be asked to replenish them when necessary.
- for those that nap, a nap blanket that can be left here. We will launder them at a minimum of once a week

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
2. 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 nut products on their skin or clothing, or any residue from these items.
3. Ensure that sunscreens/lotions/creams/bug sprays do not contain peanut/egg oils or protein.
4. Please do not bring toys or costumes from home as they may have been exposed to the allergens.
5. 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 nut and peanut allergies please contact Carol or Angela at 902-892-5916.

Thank you for your support!!

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