



Parkdale Sherwood Headstart

Monthly Newsletter

Beluga News

The Baby Belugas are reading 100 books for children in need. When we read 100 books, Scholastic will donate 100 books to children's libraries in need. Keep tuned for updates. Have a great month everyone.

Sharon

Little Duckling News

This month we were busy showing our new classmate Evelyn what we are learning and playing with. We used the gymnasium a lot due to the weather. In the gym we like to run, throw balls, drag or push the mats and at the end of the day we join in on a great game of Mr. Wolf with the older kids. During art we have been using finger paint and practicing putting our lids on each marker we use. We can identify what a turtle is and if you look up high in our classroom you can see the turtles we created.

Krista and Jessie

The Little Wonders

The Little Wonders have been doing lots of painting. We LOVE to paint! We have been using our sensory bins, playdoh, and LEGO, almost every day! We have been practicing "waiting for a turn" and finding something appropriate to do while you wait. We are continuing to stress the importance of kind words and gentle hands, as we have some very strong personalities in our group.

NOTE : If anyone has any crafty materials they are looking to re-home, we would be more than willing to use them. Just drop them off to Brenda in the morning. Thank you

Brenda, Christina, and Emma

The Pigeons

This month the Pigeons are continuing to work on our superhero special helper and superhero world up front. We've also changed up our under loft area and created a vet clinic. We've added items such as stuffed animals, clip boards, "medicine" bottles, some dress up clothes, a registering system, and more. We are planning on extending this animal interest by working on a future field trip to the Humane Society. We would like to invite parents to bring in old newspapers for the group to donate and we will also be exploring a fundraising possibility for the Humane Society.

Maggie, Glenda, and Olivia

Summer Plans:

Summer Vacation Policy In order to provide as much flexibility as possible to families around our summer program, Headstart is pleased to offer parents the option of removing their children for the entire summer program payment free. The summer program runs from July 1st, to August 29th and will allow families to hold a spot for the fall for their child. The following conditions are required to be eligible:

1. Parents *MUST* let the Center know **by May 1st** if they would like to take advantage of this option. Requests after this date will not guarantee a spot will be held for your child.
2. In order to maintain your spot in the fall program, families must provide a two week deposit by June 25th which will be applied to the child's first two weeks attendance in the Fall Program. Please note that this amount is non-refundable should parents choose to not to return in the fall.
3. Your child must be part of the 2, 3 or 4 year old age groups. Due to child to educator ratios, we unfortunately cannot offer this option to the 1 year old age group.

This direction allows the Centre to insure we have appropriate staffing levels and ratios for the summer program. Headstart takes pride in ensuring high quality staff for our summer program which can only be achieved with hiring well ahead of the summer program.

CHILDREN'S NEEDS :

Please be sure that your child has a warm jacket/snow pants/hat/mittens and a couple of changes of clothes in their backpack that fit properly.

If snow pants are forgotten, we only have a couple of spare pairs (not larger sizes) and your child will be cold when we go outside.

PLEASE be mindful of speed and respectful of the ACCESSIBLE PARKING spaces in our parking lot. It is unfortunate that some parents (not just Headstart) have been using the Accessible Parking spots when they are not validated to do so. We ask that you share this information with family members that may be picking up or dropping off as well.

UPCOMING FUNDRAISER

We are excited to announce an upcoming March Break Staycation fundraiser that will be starting on Monday March 4th. All families will receive \$20 worth of tickets to sell with the prize being one night stay at the Delta for 2 adults and 2 children, 4 brunch passes for Red Shores, and 2 Family Ticket Passes to the Island Storm (within regular season). The draw date is March 13th so we ask that all tickets are back by the 12th.

FUNDRAISING REQUEST

The fundraising committee would like to again, thank you all for your support in our fundraising events. *We are now asking any Parent/Family Member that would like to donate an item (i.e. a new item or an item that you have no use for and would consider re-gifting) or a service (baking service, grass cutting or snow removal, etc.) that could be used in a silent auction in May or maybe you know of a business that would be willing to donate. All donations would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions please ask Carol or Angela and they will pass the questions on.*

Again, thank you for your support.



READING EVERY DAY...

...**CREATES** lifelong readers.

...**TEACHES** children to find adventure, ideas, and answers through books.

...**STRENGTHENS** relationships and creates memories as a family activity.

...**OPENS DOORS** through which children can learn about themselves.

...**BUILDS** a diverse vocabulary and strengthens fluency in reading.

...**ALLOWS** a child's imagination and creativity to blossom.

...**GIVES** children the tools needed to become successful students.

...**TAKES** the "scary" out of reading in the classroom.

...**HELPS** children make connections to new places, people, and concepts.













...**AWAKENS** children to the world around them.





March



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5 🎵 9:00	6  Isaiah  10:00	7 🎵 3:00	8	9
10  SPRING AHEAD!	11	12 🎵 9:00 March Break Staycation Tickets Due Back	13  10:00 March Break Staycation Draw!!	14 🎵 3:00	15  Alicia & Felicity Dress in green for St. Patty's Day!	16
17  Happy St. Patrick's Day!	18	19 🎵 9:00	20   10:00	21 🎵 3:00	22	23
24	25	26	27  10:00	28 PJ & MOVIE DAY 	29  Daria	30
31  Evelyn						