



Parkdale Sherwood Headstart

Monthly Newsletter

Baby Beluga News

It's hard to believe that Spring is finally here. The Baby Belugas will be spending more time outdoors and reading lots of books about Spring. Happy Spring, everyone!

Sharon

The Little Ducklings News

Happy spring!! The Little Ducklings have been exploring some different interests in Outer Space and Mail delivery! We plan to continue to include these interests in our environment. We are so excited that the weather is finally turning around so we plan to get outside more and more as conditions in our yard improve, it may however be a bit of a muddy transition. We are also excited to be exploring Easter and we will begin including some Easter materials and activities in our environment! Happy April :)

Jessie & Krista

The Little Wonders

The Little Wonders are trying something different in the morning, if we do not go outside, now in the mornings some children go up loft and the other children stay in the middle area to do an activity. The children can chose where they want to play and can switch areas during the morning, if space allows it. The Little Wonders have been enjoying painting, sensory activities, and science experiments.

Christina, Brenda, and Emma

The Pigeons

Spring is in the air! The Pigeons will be starting to spend more and more time on outdoor adventures so PLEASE make sure your child has extra clothing. Everywhere is very **muddy** and **wet** in the SPRING so PLEASE make sure your child has clothing suitable for mud play.

We have started a new special helper of the day SCIENTIST OF THE DAY, so your child will be bringing home a jar with water beads (to watch them grow).

We will also be doing some Julia Donaldson books. Our Super Hero World is now over and we will be moving onto everything OCEAN related. So if you have anything you can add to our environment or know of anywhere or anyone who would be willing to come into our group to do something, we would love it. Also we are always looking for LOOSE PARTS for our environment.

Happy Easter from the Pigeons

Glenda, Maggie, and Olivia

Environmental Concern

In the past weeks, now that the weather is getting warmer, that there are still a number of cars idling in the parking lot at pick-up and drop-off times with nobody in them. We know carbon emissions, like those from driving a vehicle, are a major contributor to climate change (on PEI passenger vehicles are actually the #1 source of greenhouse gas emissions). It's not feasible for many Islanders to stop driving their gas powered cars altogether but surely we can all reduce unnecessary emissions from idling in any weather, but especially when it is warm outside.

*Let's all try to do our part 😊

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Wednesday April 10th → Parent Educator Meetings

Friday April 19th → CLOSED for Good Friday

Monday April 22nd → CLOSED for Easter Monday

Wednesday May 1st → Deadline for summer off requests

Friday May 3rd → CLOSED for Spring Conference

Monday May 20th → CLOSED for Victoria Day

Friday May 24th → Our annual Family Fun Night

Friday June 28th → Last day of our regular program

Parent –Teacher Night

On **Wednesday April 10th**, Headstart will be offering parents another opportunity to sign up to have a little one on one meeting with your child's educator. The purpose of this meeting is to celebrate and share your child's many accomplishments here at Headstart and to work together to establish goals for the remainder of the year.

Each meeting will be 15 minutes maximum and parents will be required to sign up ahead of time with the educator that is responsible for the upkeep of your child portfolio. There will be a list posted beside the signup sheet for you to refer to before signing up. These meetings will take place after hours.

PLEASE NOTE: If there is a big gap in between times you may be asked to switch times.

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 both 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.

FUNDRAISING REQUEST

Our biggest fundraising event of the year is just around the corner. On Friday May 24th Headstart will be hosting our annual Family Fun Night here in our Headstart gym from 5:30-7:30. There will be food and portraits of the children for sale, a silent auction to bid on, bouncy castle, and many other great activities to enjoy. This night always proves to be a great time.

If you have a talent, item, or know of a business that would be willing to donate to our silent auction, there are Headstart donation request letters available from the office. We will gladly accept your help.

Thank you
The Fundraising Committee

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.



SPRING

Bucket List



- Fly a kite
- Decorate Easter eggs
- Go on a bike ride
- Have a picnic
- Catch butterflies
- Make a rain gauge
- Plant some flowers
- Feed ducks
- Make a mud pie
- Shop at a farmer's market
- Find a rainbow
- Dance in the rain
- Create sidewalk art with chalk
- Go berry picking
- Blow bubbles
- Take outdoor family pictures
- Play miniature golf
- Watch the sunset
- Visit the zoo
- Stargaze in the backyard
- Make a bird feeder
- Go fishing
- Pick wildflowers
- Have a bonfire
- Shop garage sales
- Play an outdoor game
- Skip rocks
- Find a ladybug
- Go on a hike
- Have a tea party
- Splash in puddles
- Spot a rainbow
- Walk barefoot in the grass
- Play frisbee
- Find a four-leaf clover
- Make a flower necklace
- Play at the park





| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | <p>1</p> <p>APRIL FOOLS' DAY</p> | <p>2</p> <p>Wear blue in support of Autism Awareness</p> <p>3:00</p> | <p>3</p> <p>music therapy 10:00</p> | <p>4</p> <p>3:00</p> | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | <p>9</p> <p>9:00</p> | <p>10</p> <p>music therapy 10:00</p> <p>Happy Birthday</p> <p>Brenda</p> <p>Parent Educator Meetings starting at 5:30</p> | <p>11</p> <p>3:00</p> <p>Happy Birthday</p> <p>Beckett</p> | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | <p>16</p> <p>9:00</p> | <p>17</p> <p>music therapy 10:00</p> | <p>18</p> <p>3:00</p> | 19 | <p>20</p> <p>Happy Birthday</p> <p>Bria & Daisy</p> |
| <p>21</p> <p>Happy Easter</p> | <p>22</p> <p>CLOSED for Easter Monday</p> <p>Earth Day April 22</p> | <p>23</p> <p>9:00</p> | <p>24</p> <p>Our last music therapy session with Molly ☺</p> | <p>25</p> <p>3:00</p> | <p>26</p> <p>PJ & MOVIE DAY</p> | 27 |
| 28 | <p>29</p> <p>Happy Birthday</p> <p>Sophie</p> | <p>30</p> <p>3:00</p> | | | | |