



# Parkdale Sherwood Headstart

## Monthly Newsletter

September 2019

**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 26<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. Paula Kelly is continuing as our faithful cook.

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

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

Our 2 yr. old group will have Jessie Chaisson and Krista Thomas 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](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 Septmeber 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.**

## **Pick Up and Drop off**

We ask that all children be here by 9:30 so they are present for snack and their group time. Drop off always needs to happen in the kitchen area if arriving before 9:30 regardless of whether your child's educator is in their space or not.

At pick up, please let an educator know that you are taking your child for the day. If we are outdoors, for safety reasons, please ensure that the gate is securely closed when entering and exiting the playground. We also ask that older siblings do not come into the playspaces without a parent present. Also for safety reasons children are not permitted to hang off the gate or open it, even if a parent is present.

## **Regarding 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. These measures are in place for your Privacy and Security and we appreciate your cooperation.

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. The movie is approved by Angela or Carol before viewing.

## **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 [scholastic.ca](http://scholastic.ca) and create your parent account under parents. 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 2019 Program. 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*

Welcome to all new and returning friends and families. I am excited to provide healthy snacks and lunches for another year. Happy Sept to you all and I look forward to another great year and happy eating.

*Paula*

Hello, Everyone. My name is Sharon Furness and I've been a certified early childhood educator since 2006. I've been fortunate to be with our youngest group since the dawn of the infant program at Headstart and am excited to begin my tenth year with this age group. We always have lots of fun in our room as the children go through some of the biggest developments in their lives. I can't wait to begin another year.

*Sharon*

My name is Krista Thomas and I will be working with The Ducklings group this fall. I have worked in daycare for approximately 22 years since graduating with an Early Childhood Educator diploma. I love working with children and watching them grow and learn through play. I look forward to getting to know all of the families and children. Please come see me any time if you have questions or want to share a cute story about your little ones.

*Krista*

Hello, I am Jessie Chaisson and I am excited to be working alongside Krista with the 2 year olds in the Little Duckling's group this year. I am a big believer in outdoor play in all weather and I also love promoting exploration through sensory play. We have a lot of new faces starting this fall and I look forward to working with everyone and their families over the next year!

*Jessie*

My name is Brenda. I am a fully certified, Level 3 ECE and a certified Montessori teacher. I am in my 9th year as an educator here at Headstart. This year, I am a 3 year old educator. My group table is The Cubs.

*Brenda*

Hello everyone! 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 with our son and his family in York. Our children are all grown up and we presently have eight beautiful grandchildren. I am excited and looking forward to getting to know our new children and their families over the next year.

*Glenda*

Hi everyone! My name is Christina Seeley and I am going to be working with the 3 year olds this year! This is going to be my third year as an ECE and working at Headstart! My group this year will be called the Otters. I am looking forward to another year of taking care of your precious little ones!

*Christina*

Hello! My name is Emma Dunphy, I have been an Inclusion Specialist at Headstart for the past five years, and I'm excited to be in the upfront group this year with the four year olds. I look forward to meeting all of the new families joining our group this year!

*Emma*

Hello! My name is Susan Clark and I am an Educational Assistant here at Headstart. I am looking forward to another year of being with our older friends and meeting some new ones!

*Susan*

Hello! My name is Maggie Evans and I'm from St. John's Newfoundland. I am very excited to be starting my second year at Headstart as an educator with the 4 year olds. I'm looking forward to another year of adventuring and learning with the children in our care.

*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). Due to the plastic bag ban, we encourage families to provide a wet bag for any soiled clothing your child may have.
- ➔ 1 pair of indoor sneakers (non marking). PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE MULTIPLE PAIRS
- ➔ 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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# SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  Shoaleh	2 <b>CLOSED FOR LABOUR DAY</b>	3	4	5	6  Carter	7
8	9	10  Kian & Harry	11	12	13	14
15	16  Quinn	17  Leila	18  10:00	19	20	21
22	23 	24	25  10:00	26 AMG, Meet the Teacher 7:00 in the gym for parents	27  Jaxon  Movie & PJ Day!! 	28
29	30					