

NATURE'S SCHOLARS NEWSLETTER

February 2026

Important Dates

Feb. 4th : Harrison Early Release

Feb. 11th : Harrison Early Release

Feb. 12th: NO SCHOOL
JOHNSBURG & HARRISON

Feb. 13th : NO SCHOOL
JOHNSBURG, RICHMOND
& HARRISON

Feb. 16th : NO SCHOOL
JOHNSBURG, RICHMOND
& HARRISON

Feb. 12-16th : NO RANGERS PRE K

Feb. 18th : Harrison Early Release

Feb 19th : Explorers lunch with
McHenry county deputies

Feb 24th : Hearing & Vision
Screening

Feb. 25th : Harrison Early Release

Up Coming big events!

- March 2nd – 6th : Dr. Seuss Week! (Weekly theme sheet to be emailed out soon!)
- Mother's Day celebration will be held on Friday, May 8th from 9-11 AM. More info to follow when the date gets closer.
- Pre-K Graduation will be held on Friday May 22nd, 2026 at 10:30 AM. A light luncheon will follow the ceremony. More info to follow closer to the date.
- Father's Day celebration will be held outside on Friday June, 19th. More information to follow.

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Love Notes from the Kitchen

Share some love this Valentine's Day with shelter dogs and your family!

Homemade Dog Treats

1 cup pumpkin (make sure it's 100% pumpkin)

½ cup Peanut Butter

2 Eggs

¼ cup Oil

2 ½ Cups Whole Wheat Flour

1 Teaspoon Baking Soda

Pre heat oven 350*

Mix all the ingredients!

Roll out and cut into hearts!

Bake 15 minutes!

Call local Rescues /shelters and your local animal control first to see if they will accept the treats!



Hearing & Vision

The McHenry County Department of Health will be coming to our center February 24th to conduct hearing and vision screenings with students age 2-5 years old .

If your child attends any other PreK held through a school district they will not be receiving this.

This also will NOT qualify for a Kindergarten exam for kids that will be going into kindergarten next year.

We will be sending home a form for you to fill out for your child so they can participate in the exam.

There is no charge for this screening!



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Rate increase

As stated in the Parent Handbook our rates are due to increase. We increase the rate in June every year, which is the beginning of the Summer Session. With that being said, we are attaching a copy of our new rate sheet to give you time to prepare. We take pride in the fact that we are giving our families loving quality care, with creative lessons, nutritious meals, and fun activities. Our staff turnover has been minimal for this industry, and we would like to think it's because they follow our passion for giving high quality care. To cover rising food and supply rates, as well as building and playground repairs, This increase will help us keep up the quality we strive for. Thank you for your continued support, trusting us with your children and all your great reviews and referrals. We are thankful every day for your children and the relationships we have with the NSEC families.

Valentine's Day Party

Due to public schools being closed on February 13th this year, our **RANGERS PRE-K CLASS** will have **their classroom party** on Tuesday February 11th from 9-11 AM.

The rest of the school (Tadpoles, Little Sprouts, Explorers, Frontiers & School Age classrooms) Valentine's Day party is Friday, February 13th from 9-11 AM! 😊

ALL students are allowed to attend the party even if they don't attend on that day. If they do not attend on that day normally, they can only come from 9-11AM.