

Head Start Newsletter

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Blue Home Base Group News

Welcome to March! The school year has flown by way too fast and before you know it we will be on our end of the year field trip!

The Blue group consists of two Hutterite colonies. Roxy Lapka, who is the teacher, makes her weekly visits between Long Lake Colony and Spring Creek Colony.

In October we started the group year out with a Wild West theme called "The Roundup". The children dressed up as cowboys with hats and bandanas, and enjoyed a ride on the special guest, Foxy the pony.

We had to cancel the field trip to the Leola Fire Station and The Electric Train Station due to illness in November but will try to reschedule for spring.

Love and Logic Early Childhood Parenting Made Fun classes are back by popular demand. Both colonies have completed 3 sessions of the five and should be done by April.

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With only two months before summer break, we will begin discussing where to spend our last group. In the past we have been to Wylie Park, Aberdeen Fire Department, airport, museum, Watertown Zoo, and toured the wind turbine factory.

Stay safe, continue to enjoy your families and prepare yourselves for 2022-23 school year, because it's going to be epic!

What's Happening

March 8th

Policy Council and Board of Director's Meeting

March 11

All Staff In-Service

March 13

Daylight Savings Time Starts

March 18

All Staff In-Service

April 12

Policy Council and Board of Director's Meeting

April 18

Holiday-Easter Monday



Sisseton Head Start Preschool Update

Where has the time gone? It's already March and we have only a few months left before summer break! The Sisseton Center has been chosen as one of the 'duration centers' and has been a positive experience overall.

Duration means the children will be at the center four full days a week instead of the previous half days. We have full attendance with 30 children and two classrooms of 15 children each.

We welcome to Sisseton two new teachers and one new assistant: McKenzie Butler and Sadie Braus. The assistant is Sandy Carl, all are doing a fantastic job adjusting and are already planning new things for the 2022-23 school year.

Peggy Fisher, our bus driver of over 30 years retired last spring, so we welcomed Jeanie Huber to the team to assist in the classroom and drive bus. So needless to say, we are experiencing a lot of change here at the center. The children are in the routine and actually look forward to the afternoon 'rest time' and several of them even fall asleep. We all know how important sleep is for a 3 & 4-year-old!

Aside from the general preschool curriculum, we walked to the Sisseton Fire Department last fall and are planning a nature walk in Sica Hollow State Park and a field trip to the Marshall Dairy in Veblen in the spring.



What are we all most thankful for you ask? The fact that we are all back in school again after the COVID pandemic and continue to educate, socialize and care for one another while your children prepare for kindergarten! "Thank you" to all the parents for being supportive and permitting your child to participate in our program.

Red Home Base Group News

The RED Home Base group consists of two groups: The White Rock Colony families, and the Britton/Veblen/Claire City families. Groups meet on the second and fourth Mondays at two locations: White Rock Colony and the First Lutheran Church basement in Britton.

The year began by welcoming the White Rock Colony families to our Red area, taking field trips to the Marshall Dairy and Britton Fire Department. We are in the beginning stages of planning our end of the year field trip.

Kayla Kramer, our teacher, stays busy with 12 home visits travelling as far west as Houghton and then east to Rosholt. The parents have completed sessions 1-3 of Love and Logic Early Childhood Parenting Made Fun class, while working on several school readiness activities.



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Our "Application Day" is scheduled for April 11th from 1:00pm-5pm at the Marshall County WIC office building. If you know of anyone interested in enrolling their child, have them go to www.nesdhs.org and download an application or fill one out online.

Huron

The Huron Center has been very busy this school year and it is hard to believe that March is already upon us. This year we have tried to find our new level of normal operation as we continue to navigate through COVID. We have had the Huron Fire Department come and show us their trucks and talk about fire safety, along with a variety of in person parent child activities so far this year. March has us working on getting those who are transitioning on to kindergarten ready for that and those that will be coming back to Head Start for another year registered for that, as well. Once again we will be inviting parents, grandparents and guardians to our annual graduation ceremony on May 12th. The kids will still have a week of school following the graduation ceremony as their last day of 2021-2022 school year is May 19th.



We are currently taking applications for next school year, those are available at the Huron Center, by calling 605-352-1845 to request one be mailed out, or by visiting our website www.nesdhs.org. At the end this school year we will pack up and move to a new location that is located on the West side of Ravine Lake behind the Prostrollo Collision Center. We have enjoyed our time as a renter from the Huron Public School District but they are looking to expand their Special Education preschool services to meet their needs. Applications can be picked up at our new location starting in June and August screening will take place there to kick off the 2022-2023 school year.

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