

Head Start Newsletter

April 2026

Earth Day is approaching this month!

We celebrate Earth Day to raise awareness about environmental issues such as pollution, deforestation, climate change, and endangered species.

Here is how you can celebrate Earth Day:

- Plant a tree
- Make a bird feeder
- Start a garden
- Go on a nature walk
- Make your own homemade paper

Attention!

We are always accepting applications for the Head Start program. If you know of a family with a child from the ages 3 -5 years of age, please give them the phone numbers to call. The local number is 812-926-3190 or the toll free 1-888-292-5475 and they can ask for Tay ext. 216 and she will assist them.

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ATTENDANCE

Below are the attendance percentages for the month of February for each classroom. The Head Start program is required to strive for at least 85% attendance for each child. When this happens, staff are required to document the reason for the absences and assist families that did not meet the requirement to improve their child's attendance. Children that continue to have poor attendance may be placed back on the waiting list until the barriers preventing regular attendance have been eliminated.

Aurora	Brookville	Dillsboro	EE	Laurel	Lawrenceburg	Moore's Hill	Mt. Carmel	Rising Sun	St. Leon	Sunman	Vevay	Agency
83%	87%	74%	85%	85%	54%	82%	72%	71%	71%	86%	93%	79%

<u>AURORA</u> <u>PERFECT ATTENDANCE</u> Lillian Deaton Lucas Deaton Azalea Smith August Walker <u>EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE</u> Naomi Day Emediong Edet Maverick Harbert Connor Rowen <u>BROOKVILLE</u> <u>PERFECT ATTENDANCE</u> Chevy Gray River Gray Joseph Kuntz Audrey Roark Avery Roseberry <u>EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE</u> Carter Crooker Jasper Crooker Skyler Hufford Kaiser Marshall Oaklynn McCarty Lucus Precht Jude Thomson Ivy Uhl Amary Werner <u>DILLSBORO</u> <u>PERFECT ATTENDANCE</u>	Rosali Schlotterbeck Atlas Taylor Liam Taylor <u>EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE</u> Neveah Bell <u>EAST ENTERPRISE</u> <u>PERFECT ATTENDANCE</u> Arizona Curlin Christopher Duckenfield Kelly Liapis Weslynn Whiteford Aubrey Young <u>EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE</u> Callee Boatman Olivia Bruns Roger Johnson Weston McClure Carter Thomas Eugene Turner <u>LAUREL</u> <u>PERFECT ATTENDANCE</u> Tristen Bartish Tate Coon Paisley Dye Annalee Harmon Olivia McQueen Gunner Miller Mavrick Miller Parker Tillison	<u>EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE</u> Paisley Harmon Rhett Klein Joshua Purdin <u>LAWRENCEBURG</u> <u>PERFECT ATTENDANCE</u> Cassius Deitsch Veda Kinder <u>EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE</u> Casen Flanagan Asta Wong <u>MOORES HILL</u> <u>PERFECT ATTENDANCE</u> Maria Gabriel Matias Hazel Goldsmith Waylon Hendershott Colten Hiltenbeitel Corbin Hiltenbeitel Nova Vernatter Tayla Wesley Zane Witt <u>EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE</u> Willow Bills LeeAnn Hendershott Abel Henderson Canaan Lochard <u>MT. CARMEL</u> <u>PERFECT ATTENDANCE</u> Cora Schmidt	Navy Bruns Wren Burneka Evelynn DeMoss Vincent Huber Leonel Leon <u>RISING SUN</u> <u>PERFECT ATTENDANCE</u> Frances Vanover <u>EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE</u> Hazel Miller Amelia Nicholas <u>ST. LEON</u> <u>PERFECT ATTENDANCE</u> Kason Eckerle Zander Fleming Kayjae Hunter Audrey Sorber <u>EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE</u> Drew Gillespie Jesse Gillespie Autumn Sorber Cooper Walters Britt Wilhelm <u>SUNMAN</u> <u>PERFECT ATTENDANCE</u> Jameson Albright James Buckman Everleigh West Jace Yeoman Dalyn Young	<u>EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE</u> Jasmine Grote Lily Gump Olivia Long Sophia Nunier Rome Randall Jacobo Riveros-Medina MacKyla Rodgers Aubrey Smith <u>VEVAY</u> <u>PERFECT ATTENDANCE</u> Rogue Couch Trace Couch Avie Faulkner Emily Moore Chloe Murphy Kylie Sample Spencer Tice <u>EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE</u> Maverick Hickman Olive Hull Grayson Savage Sissy Wilson
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BIRTHDAYS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Aurora

Ayden Widener - 6th

Laurel

Allison Meredith - 14th

Rising Sun

Everlynn Vest - 7th

Brookville

Lucus Precht - 3rd

Joseph Kuntz - 12th

Lincoln Schneckner - 17th

Moore's Hill

Arteus Piepmeyer - 14th

Mt. Carmel

Joel Hettersimer - 29th

Sunman

Everleigh West - 5th

Dalyn Young - 11th

James Buckman - 19th

Jace Yeoman - 27th

East Enterprise

Aubrey Young - 13th

Christopher Duckenfield - 18th

Vevay

Chloe Murphy - 29th

Special birthday wishes to the Head Start children celebrating April Birthdays.

We wish you a wonderful year of growth, health, and happiness!

Please remember if you denied permission to have your child's name in the newsletter they will not be listed!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Save the Date

For Southeastern Career Center's 60th Anniversary...

SPRING CRAFT BAZAAR & CAR SHOW

4/25/2026
901 W US 50
Versailles, IN 47042

Spring Bazaar 9 am - 2 pm
Car Show Registration Begins at 9am
Awards: 2:30 pm

We're excited to welcome handmade items, home-show products, vendor goods, and more at our upcoming event!

Booth rental sign-ups are happening now!

QUESTIONS? CONTACT: SPRINGBAZAAR@SCCUSA.ORG

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RIPLEY COUNTY

film fest

48 HOUR CHALLENGE

Apr 24 at 7 PM - Apr 26 at 7 PM

Ripley County Film Fest: 48-Hour Challenge

Batesville Memorial Public Library

New Horizons Rehabilitation Inc.

Spring Market

- Hand crafted items by our clients, employees, and others
- Games for the kids
- Food Options

Friday April 24th 12pm to 6pm

237 Six Pine Ranch Rd.
Batesville, IN

P.A.W.S. 5K BARK-N-RUN /WALK

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026

RACE STARTS: 9:00 AM

Registration opens at 7:30 AM

GREENDALE CABIN
827 Nowlin Avenue
Lawrenceburg, IN 47025

ENTRY FEES:

- ✓ \$30 Pre-Registration (Includes Race Shirt if registered by March 27)
- ✓ \$35 Race Day Registration (No shirt)

RUN OR WALK - ALL AGES WELCOME!

Help Support the Animals at **P.A.W.S. HUMANE CENTER!**

P.A.W.S... helping you find a friend for the long run!

www.pawsofdearborncounty.org

Upcoming Sunman Classes

SIMPLY BREASTFEEDING PART 1

SIMPLY BREASTFEEDING PART 2

Class is from 1 - 2 at the Sunman Town Hall

We hope you can join us!

Archaeological Research Institute

ARI SCIENCE FAIR

Science meets the past at this hands-on archaeology fair! Explore real artifacts, test archaeology tools, and discover the research bringing our region's history to life.

APRIL 4 | 10:00AM - 2:00PM

NEW HORIZON'S DISABILITY FAIR

APRIL 7, 2026

10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

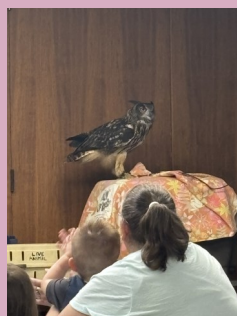
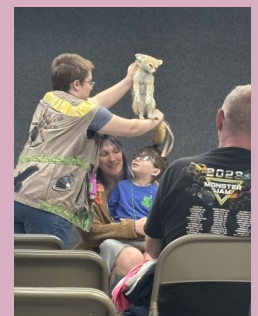
- Entertainment
- Food Trucks (with purchase)
- Free Giveaways
- Resource Tables

FREE FOR EVERYONE

Location
237 Six Pine Ranch Road,
Batesville, IN 47006

For questions, please contact: ghenderson@nhinc.org or call (812) 834-4028

Mom and Kid's Silly Safari Event



HEAD START SCHOOL NEWS

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- Please complete and turn in Pink in-kind Sheets and Home/School Connection Activity Calendars.
- Classrooms are looking for volunteers inside and outside the classroom.
- 30 Day Health Requirements (physicals and immunizations) and 90 Day Health Requirements (Dental) must be completed to ensure your child does not get put back on the waiting list.
- Regular and routine attendance is important. Your child misses beneficial and fun things when they are not there. They also miss the important social skills needed for kindergarten.

AURORA NEWS

We have switched to camping as our classroom theme. We are learning about safety while camping and different types of animals and bugs in the woods. We are working to get fire trucks and EMS to come and show the kids their trucks and learn about safety. We are planning an outside unit where we will be outside all day!

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BROOKVILE NEWS

This month we have been learning all about space! The children had a blast dressing up like astronauts and creating their own unique planets with special names. A favorite in our classroom has been dancing and singing along to “Danny Go Space Race”. We have also enjoyed reading There Was an Old Martian Who Swallowed The Moon by Jennifer Ward. We have been taking turns playing letter Candyland. This has helped build their letter recognition skills in a fun and engaging way! Next, we will begin learning all about spring time and bugs. We can’t wait to explore! Please continue turning in your pink In-Kind sheets and Home/School Connection Activity Calendars.

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DILLSBORO NEWS

Hey guys, Dillsboro crew back with all of our exciting news. Our current study has been Dr. Seuss. There is always a lot to learn about Dr. Seuss and all of his amazing creations. We loved the book, Sam I Am, especially when it comes to discussing rhyming words. The kids did really well with identifying the rhyming words. They were even trying to make words rhyme with their names. We really enjoyed doing that. We had some extra time to take a dive into outer space. We used our projector to look at a great amount of slides that taught us all about space and the planets. The kids know how to identify Saturn. They remembered the ring around it. They really enjoyed learning about an astronaut and what they do in space. We planted our own bean plants and the kids cannot believe how much they have grown already. While we continue watching them grow and check on them, we will be hopping our way into learning about farming. We look forward to learning all about farming. That’s all this time, until next time. Dillsboro Crew.

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EAST ENTERPRISE NEWS

Down at the farm with an oink here and oink there animal counting, life cycles of chickens, to floating toys like ducks. We will be feeding our brains with farm life big and small. Can't wait to share all about what is going on our classroom farm. Don't forget to dress and smile on the 14th for picture day!

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LAUREL NEWS

This month, our class has smoothly transitioned from our ocean study into an exciting exploration of insects. During our ocean unit, the children especially enjoyed creating their own octopuses and designing clams complete with "pearls", which encouraged both creativity and fine motor development. As we shifted into our insect study, students have been actively engaged in hand-on projects, including crafting lady bugs, and spiders, as well as practicing pattering skills while creating colorful caterpillars. We also conducted a fun and visually engaging science experiment using skittles and water, where students observed colors blending together to form a rainbow. This activity sparked curiosity and encouraged early scientific thinking through observation and discussion.

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LAWRENCEBURG NEWS

This month was full of surprises. We are learning so much this month! We will be talking about the Kennedy Space Center (NASA) located in Merrit Island, Florida. We will be discussing what an astronaut does in space and discuss gravity and what that is. We will then start taking about Natural Disasters that happen such as volcanoes, hurricanes and tsunamis, tornados, earthquakes, and lastly, snowstorms and blizzards. We will talk about the different farm equipment and what they are used for as well as farm animals and why they are important on a farm. We are asking donations for our upcoming projects: 2 liter bottles, toilet/paper towel rolls, borax, vinegar, baking soda, and food coloring. If you donate items, that counts for In-Kind which helps keep funding for our program. On that note, please turn in your Home/School Connection Activity Calendars and pink In-Kind sheets.

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MOORES HILL NEWS

Dear Families, we hope everyone enjoyed their Spring Break! As we look ahead to the month of April, we have so many fun and exciting things planned. This month, we will be learning all about recycling. The children will get hands-on experience by recycling old crayons and making new ones, creating art using recycled bottles, and even making wind chimes out of recycled marker lids. We will also be exploring Earth science. Some of our fun activities will include making a greenhouse in a bag, creating a water cycle, making a tornado in a bottle, and even making it rain in a jar. There are so many exciting ways to learn about our amazing planet. In addition, we will be learning about dinosaurs. The children will measure using dinosaur feet, make dinosaur tracks, play matching games, and pretend to be paleontologists as they crack open dinosaur eggs to discover what's inside. We also have picture day coming up at the end of the month. I will send out a reminder with exact date as it gets closer. April is going to be so much fun, and we can't wait to learn and explore together.

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MT. CARMEL NEWS

Happy April! This past month, students learned about dinosaurs and butterflies. Our students love to play board games and do an amazing job taking turns! This month we are learning lots about the season of Spring. They will be learning about spring weather and flowers that begin to grow this season. We look forward to another fun month. Picture day is this month.

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RISING SUN NEWS

Our classroom has had so much fun exploring Australia! We studied Australian animals, sports, and landscapes. Our favorite activity was the safari we took! Each Child made their own binoculars and explorers hat to take home. Next month we will begin learning all about how plants grow in the Spring.

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ST. LEON NEWS

This month we celebrated Dr. Seuss with two themed Dr. Seuss weeks. The kiddo's enjoyed Green Eggs and Ham as their favorite book. We are finishing the year with the learning about various community helpers. We are excited to welcome community helpers into our class to talk about how they help our community. We hope everyone had a good spring break.

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SUNMAN NEWS

In the month of April, we are going to start learning about plants, seeds, and life cycles. We will have our very own painted lady caterpillars and watch them grow into butterflies. We will also be planting flowers and learning all about the process of growing plants from seeds.

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VEVAY NEWS

We have been busy down here in the valley. We celebrated Dr. Seuss all month and made Truffula trees, drew pictures of places we would go, worn our silly socks, and matched lettered silly socks. We had tons of fun! We are now moving onto bugs and plants and how they work together. We had a community helper, “Mr. Rich”, come to tell us all about guitars, and he played, and sang songs. The class received a pick and was allowed to strum the guitar. Everyone please remember to do your Home/School Connection Activity Calendars and the pink In-Kind sheets that help your child's classroom the success that it is.

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EDUCATION Kindergarten Registration

IMPORTANT

Each student must be present at the time of registration.

Documents to bring:

Birth Certificate

Proof of Residency

Immunization Record

If applicable, you should bring official court custodial paperwork

Rising Sun

March 17, 2026 4:00 to 7:00 PM by appointment only.

Child must be 5 on or before October 1, 2026

812-438-2626

General Readiness

****SKILLS YOUR CHILD SHOULD KNOW PRIOR TO ENTERING KINDERGARTEN**

1. Know name, address and phone number.
2. Know parent's first and last names.
3. Prints own name correctly.
4. Know colors by name: red, blue, yellow, orange, purple, green, brown, black, white, pink, gray.
5. Know shapes: square, triangle, circle, rectangle, oval, hexagon, diamond, star and heart.
6. Know left and right.
7. Able to tie own shoes.
8. Able to color neatly.
9. Able to paste nearly.
10. Able to use scissors properly.
11. Able to comprehend stories and poems.

Batesville Primary School

812-943-4509

April 16, 2026

Must Go to:

https://batesvillein.powerschool.com/public/formbuilder/form.html?formid=5846988&request_locale=en_US

Child Must be 5 on or before August 1, 2026.

Franklin County

Brookville – 765-647-4128

Laurel – 765-698-3851

Mt. Carmel – 765-647-4191

April 9, 2026 12:00 to 7:00 PM and April 10, 2025
8:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Child must be 5 on or before August 1, 2026

Lawrenceburg Primary School

812-537-7239

April 10, 2026 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM by appointment only.

You have to scan a QR code to fill out the form.

Child must be 5 on or before August 1, 2026

South Dearborn Community Schools

Aurora Elementary – 812-926-2090

May 6th 3:30 - 6:30 PM

Dillsboro Elementary – 812-926-2090

May 13th 3:30 - 6:30 PM

Child must be 5 on or before August 1, 2026

EDUCATION Kindergarten Registration

South Ripley Elementary

812-689-4144

April 3th & 4th

Must Register and Select date:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdc8ivgapNUVvx0AvwRO9a2HIHT67SeXAeJg0t7AjkxouUuHkA/viewform>

Child must be 5 on or before August 1, 2026

Sunman Dearborn Schools

Bright - 812-637-4600

North Dearborn - 812-576-1900

Sunman - 812-623-2235

Can preregister online now at: <https://forms.gle/RcogKFYFgp3e4oNS8>

May 6th 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Child must be 5 on or before August 1, 2026

Switzerland County Elementary School

812-534-3128

March 6, 2026 9-5pm

Jeff- Craig Elementary School

812-427-2170

March 4, 2026 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Must register here:

<https://bit.ly/4hnl8uv>

Child must be 5 on or before October 1, 2026

Milan Elementary School

812-654-2922

March 11th 2026 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Or March 12th 2026 by appointment only.

Child must be 5 by August 1st, 2026

CONCIOUS DISCIPLINE



The **Skill of Empathy** is from the Power of Acceptance. The Power of Acceptance is to learn to respond to what life offers instead of attempting to make the world go our way. We must accept thoughts, feelings, actions, others, ourselves, and situations as they are to make the wisest possible choices in the moment. Empathy integrates the brain for personal responsibility and self-control.

When we accept the moment instead of fighting it, we put ourselves in a position to offer empathy to ourselves and others, and to see from multiple points of view. When we say, “This shouldn’t be” or “This should be,” we program the brain to be resistant and reactive. We refuse to question our judgements of what shouldn’t be or should be and attack anything that challenges them. Our judgment generates a fear of mistakes that makes learning and change impossible.

The Skill of Empathy addresses adult and children’s upset first and behavioral changes second. Adults as well as children need to own their feelings and become responsible for regulating them. Noticing children is essential, especially when they are acting out from a tantrum or has limited language.

Regulating emotions includes both acceptance and learning new strategies. When we become triggered, we become our emotions. Breathing and noticing our internal state then allows us to name the feeling. Once the feeling has been noticed and identified, we can reframe the problem and choose a solution.

For more information on the Seven Powers and Seven Skills go to www.consciousdiscipline.com.

DISABILITIES AND MENTAL HEALTH

WELLNESS WELL

That is the Wellness Well?

The Wellness Wheel illustrates a wellness model with seven dimensions: emotional, intellectual, physical, social, environmental, financial, and spiritual. All of the dimensions are interconnected and important to a well-rounded and balanced lifestyle.



Ways to Limit Pesticide Exposure

Pesticides are harmful chemicals that can affect children's and adult's health. When you spray pesticides in your home, they fill the air and settle on the floor and all of the surfaces. Here's how to limit your exposure.



Wash hands



Wash fruits
and vegetables



Clean toys



Clean surfaces



Use doormats



Vacuum carpets;
mop floors



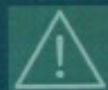
Take off shoes inside



Circulate air



Avoid sprays
when possible



The best way to keep pests out of your home is to remove their food, water, and shelter.

NUTRITION

Watermelon Pizza

Ingredients

1/8-inch round from a medium-size watermelon
Fresh fruit toppings (such as sliced bananas, kiwi, strawberries, grapes, or blueberries)
Fresh mint, torn into small pieces (optional)
Feta cheese, crumbled into small pieces (optional)

Directions

1. Lay the watermelon round on a cutting board.
2. Add the toppings.
3. Slice the watermelon round into pizza-shaped triangles.

Makes 8 servings

Safety tip: To prevent injuries, an adult should slice ingredients.

