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## Good Shepherd Building UPK Extended Day and Even Start March 2024

UPK Extended Day hours: 6:30 a.m. to start of UPK  
and end of UPK to 6 p.m.  
C<sup>2</sup>Z Even Start hours: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Dear Families,

### Get ready for the total solar eclipse on April 8, 2024!!

Mark your calendars for the afternoon of April 8, when our area will be among a handful of prime spots throughout the country to experience a total solar eclipse. Ahead of the big day, Dan Watson, a professor of physics and astronomy at the University of Rochester, answers a few questions about the phenomenon of eclipses.

#### What causes an eclipse of the sun?

A solar eclipse is caused by the shadow of the moon, as the moon passes between you and the sun. The moon's shadow has two parts: the umbra, which is the central region, and the penumbra, which is the outer region. People in the path of the umbra will see a total solar eclipse, whereas those on the area of the Earth where the penumbra passes over see a partial eclipse. Earth is bigger than the moon's shadow, so where you're standing on Earth makes a difference.

#### How often do total eclipses of the sun happen?

In any specific place on Earth, about once per 400 years on average.

#### How do we know when eclipses will happen?

Astronomers have measured the orbits of the moon and planets, and the position and speed of each in their orbit, extremely accurately. With this data, and computers, we can predict with that same degree of accuracy where and when eclipses will occur.


#### How excited should we be about the total eclipse?

Pretty excited! Although we might need to be concerned about the eclipse being clouded out. Historically, Rochester skies are clear 51 percent of the time on April 8 between 2 and 4:30 p.m. April 8, 2023, was a clear, sunny day locally.

Sincerely,

Pearl Tokar, Coordinator of Child Care Services

### March 2024

- 5 Summer Camp Extravaganza  
6:30 – 8:00 p.m., Good Shepherd Bldg.  
No registration is required. Several different organizations will be available to talk to you about their camp offerings.
- 6 Online registration begins for Cub Care 2024-2025 school year
- 6 *Bully Proof Your Child* – Parent Program by Elizabeth Marshall  
9:30 -10:30 a.m.
- 10 Daylight saving time begins – turn your clocks ahead one hour
- 12 Pre-school Story Time 10 a.m.
- 15 Payment is due for April
- 16 April late fee is added
- 17 Happy St. Patrick's Day 
- 19 First day of spring
- 19 Math Night for ages 3-Kindergarten  
6:30 p.m.
- 27 Ice Cream Social for Even Start families  
12:00 p.m. in your child's classroom
- 29-April 8 Spring Recess, schools closed:  
**NOTE:** Cub Care is closed March 29 and April 8
- April 1-5 Cub Care is available at the Good Shepherd Bldg. Pre-registration is required. UPK only

#### Change of Clothes

Please make sure that your child has a set of clothes to change into should they get dirty or wet while playing outside.



**Family Center Programs  
at the Good Shepherd building  
3288 East Henrietta Road**

**Family Math Night**

Tuesday, March 19, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

For ages 3-Kindergarten

Registration is open March 11-18. Email [psammon@rhnet.org](mailto:psammon@rhnet.org) to register.

There will be a variety of fun math games and activities for the whole family. Join us for the fun!

**Cub Care Zone 2024-2025**

**Information and registration for  
The 2024-2025 school year will be  
available beginning on March 6.**

Visit [www.rhnet.org/cubcare](http://www.rhnet.org/cubcare)

**Families currently registered  
will need to re-register  
for the 2024-2025  
school year.**



**School Closings**

When Rush-Henrietta Central School District is closed due to poor weather or any other emergencies, the Cub Care Zone is also closed.

An automated call is placed when the decision to close is made; you may also watch for the closing on the following television channels:



Channel 8 – WROC  
Channel 1- SPECTRUM NEWS  
Channel 10 - WHEC  
Channel 13 – WHAM

**2-Hour Delay**

What does a 2-hour delay mean to Cub Care? Cub Care will begin at its normal start time for each building. Children will be supervised until the start of school. An additional fee will apply.



**A look ahead.....**

March 29 – April 8 Spring Recess

**Non-School Day Activities at the Good  
Shepherd Building (UPK only)**

April 1 Create a planet mobile  
Relay races

April 2 Galactic minute to win it  
Moon and Sun legends

April 3 Rock painting  
Hands on science



April 4 Make a bird feeder  
Community service project

April 5 Dress up time: (Wear something  
Space related)  
Solar shuffle soiree

Throughout the week of spring recess  
students will participate in a range of  
activities that build their interest in an  
understanding of the solar eclipse.

**Happy Birthday Even Start!**

On Wednesday, March 27, at 12 p.m.  
we invite you to join us  
in your child's classroom for an  
ice cream social to celebrate  
the 32<sup>nd</sup> anniversary  
of the Even Start Program.

**April Payment is Now Due**

The April 2024 payment for your Cub Care Zone participation is now due. Full payment must be made by March 15, 2024. If you have made your payment, thank you! If you have authorized us to charge your credit card, that payment will be made soon.



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