



## Want to praise your child's teacher?

You can contact us via our website <https://www.midfloridaheadstart.com/> or by calling us: 1-888-277-0010

Director of Early Learning Services, Tanya Hall (THall@MFCS.US.com) Please also feel free to reach out to us should you have concerns about your child(ren)'s program.

## Phone Numbers

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## From the Desk of your Site Supervisor:

The safety of your children is always the most important aspect. We are super excited to have your children attending daily in the classrooms here at Mid Florida Community Service, Inc. Head Start/Early Head Start. The education of your child is very important and you ensuring your child's attendance to school daily; helps to prove how important it is to you. Here at Head Start/Early Head Start we thrive on the education of your child and feel it is important that these first years of school for your child are stimulating and happy. Please feel free to discuss any concerns you might have so that we may know your child better and work with him/her more effectively. I especially want to assure families that phone calls to the school are always welcomed. You may call at any time to check on your child, especially if he/she had a difficult time separating from you. Just be aware that the teachers are busy interacting with the children and may not answer the phone right off. Please follow the prompts and leave a message, they will get back to you as soon as they can. Thank you again and welcome to the Head Start/Early Head Start Family. I would like to share that September is "Baby Safety" month.

~ Pamela Fennett



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## Message for Families:

Dear Families:

Special thanks to all of our families, for giving us the privilege to serve and to guide you; you are truly our inspiration for making the difference on your child's life by providing the opportunity of early learning development by setting the foundations for your child's success in the future. I would like to invite you to share your goals, needs, concerns and any other special situation that you may have, we are here to support and assist you through the school year. Our mission is to make sure that you as families, can also learn, improve and achieve your goals, because you are as important as your child is to us, in DeLand Head Start/Early Head Start

## Classroom News

September is here and we are looking forward to a great month with the children. We will be discussing all kinds of feelings such as happy, sad, angry and excited. We will learn how to identify those feelings with our facial expressions, words and how to make ourselves and our friends feel better when needed. Each day when the children arrive, they will be able to recognize their feelings/ how they feel that day and share with their classmates by locating their "feeling fish" with their name and share with their friends how they feel that day. If those feelings change, their "feeling fish" can be moved as our feelings can and do change.

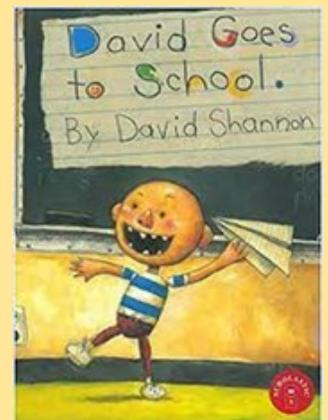
We will continue to use Second Step, one of our Curriculums centered around listening rules and calming techniques.

Area time is our favorite time in the classroom where we get to play in dramatic house area, art area, table toys, block area and we continue to learn the procedures on placing our name tag to the area we wish to participate in, verifying there is space for us to place our name tag so we can enter, counting our friends, sharing and cleaning up for the next activity in the day.

-Mrs. Grover and Ms. Vega Goden

## eBook Suggestion

**David Goes to School**  
[https://  
www.youtube.com/  
watch?v=Qk7zCs-PaU4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qk7zCs-PaU4)



## Family Activities

### What should we do if we get sad or scared?

- Feeling Sad
- Show your child one of her dolls or stuffed animals and say, Oh no, I see that (Benny the Bunny) is frowning. He looks sad. What can we do to help him?
- Ask your child what helps her feel better when she feels strong emotions, e.g., asking for help, taking deep breaths, finding a toy that makes her feel better, or sharing how she feels with others.
- Encourage your child to choose a strategy that helps and practice using it with the doll or stuffed animal. You gave Benny a hug. It looks like he feels a little better now.

~What strategies did your child share that help her feel better when she is feeling strong emotions?

## Parent Connect Minutes

Meeting took place on 8/24/23 at 2:00.

Introductions of staff were conducted; Teachers and Family Advocate introduced selves to parents.

Packets containing the following documents and forms were provided to each parent who attended. Parent handbook, volunteering in the classroom form, and dental form. Also information regarding being part of the Parent Committee and Policy Council.

Brighwheel: will not be used this year.

Family Advocate asked for Volunteers for Committee chairperson Vice chairperson and Secretary. No one Volunteers

Rocio Trujillo: will be Policy Council representative for Blue Lake

Parent meetings will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month.

## Mark your Calendar

- Open House—September 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:30-6:30pm
- Parent Connect—September
- Early Release Days: September/6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th



# Policy Council Notes

**Meeting Date August 24th, 2023**

August Policy Council met via Zoom on August 24, 2023. Quorum was established with (9) policy council representatives present.

June 2023 Policy Council minutes were approved.

Welcome and Introductions presented by Tanya Hall, Director of Early Learning Programs. Michelle Hann, Education Manager for Hernando and Sumter County was introduced.

Budget and Credit Card reports reviewed by Tanya Hall. All approved.

Enrollment and attendance report reviewed by Jennifer Fowler, ERSEA Manager. All approved.

Meal & Snack reports for May & June 2023 reviewed by Seth Williams, Program Manager. All approved.

Information Memorandum reviewed by Taya Hall. All approved.

Policies and Producers reviewed by Tanya Hall. All approved.

Staffing Reports & Acceptance of Service Area Reports reviewed by Tanya Hall.

Next Policy Council meeting is Thursday, September 28, 2023.