Woodland Head Start Newsletter— September 2023





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.

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Classroom 1 ext. 228

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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 Fernett





Message from your Family Advocate

Welcome to Woodland Head Start. The school year has started again, and I want you to know How excited we are to have your child and your family in our program.

As part of our engagement activities, we are going to have Parent Connect meeting every month.

We are so thankful for your participation in the August Parent Connect.

In this meeting parents voted for the following parents to represent the Center as:

Policy Council Representative, Stephanie Fuentes, Policy Council Alternate, Connie Castellon.

For the Center Parent's Committee will be Lizbeth Vazquez, Chairperson and Estrella Andres, Secretary.

Our next Parent Connect is scheduled on Wednesday, September 6 @ 12:00pm in the Conference Room.

During this month we are scheduling appointments to review the Parent handbook and setting the Goals for this school year.

If you still don't have the appointment for the review of the Handbook or established your Goal for this year, please contact the Family Advocate.

Thank you.

Le damos la bienvenida a Woodland Head Start. El tiempo escolar comenzo de nuevo y le queremos dejar saber que estamos muy entusiasmado por tener a su hijo(a) y su familia en nuestro programa. Como parte de las actividades de participacion familiar, tendremos mensualmente las reuiniones de Contacto. por lo que estamos muy agradecidos por su participacion en la pasada reunion en Agosto.

En esta reunion los padres votaron por los siguientes padres para representar este Centro:

Policy Council Representative, Stephanie Fuentes, Policy council Alternate, Connie Castellon,

Para el comite de padres del Centro, sera Presidenta Lizbeth Vazquez y secretaria Estrella Andres.

Nuestra proxima reunion Parent Connect esta programada para el 6 de septiembre a las 12:00pm en el salon de conferencia.

Durante este mes estaremos programando citas para repasar Parent Handbook y establecer las metas para este tiempo escolar.

Si todavia no tiene una cita, favor de contactar la Defensora de las Familas

Gracias

Classroom News

Hello families,

We did it! We made it through the first month of school! It has been a slightly rocky start due to illnesses and storms, but we will only go up from here. September is going to be a great month. We have been doing the first six week study, learning about all the rules, routines, and expectations. The children are doing great getting to know all their new friends and following the schedule. Mid-September we will start the study of clothes. Why investigate clothes? Well, children are interested in clothes from a very young age. Babies tug at their clothing; toddlers study buttons, snaps, and zippers; and, by the time children are in preschool, they develop distinct preferences for colors, fabrics, and styles. Children's interest in clothing can be the foundation for learning about different kinds of clothes, a variety of fabrics, the process involved in making and selling clothes, the specialized purposes of some garments, and how clothes have changed over time. This study shows how to use children's interest in clothes to help them explore social studies and science concepts about different kinds of clothing and where and how clothing is made. The study also helps children use skills in literacy, math, technology, and the arts as they investigate. We need your help to gather a collection of clothes to investigate. We need clothes of all sizes, types, colors, and fabrics. Here's a list of suggestions, but you may also send in clothes that are not on the list. Please label the clothes with your name so we can return them to you at the end of our study. We promise to take good care of them! Jackets, coats, parkas, windbreakers, raincoats, ponchos, suit coats, blazers, vests, sweaters, sweatshirts, T-shirts, turtlenecks, work shirts, dress shirts, blouses, flannel shirts, jeans, trousers, pants, skirts, dresses, shorts, pajamas, bathrobes, neckties, bow ties, bandanas, scarves, belts, sashes, suspenders, gloves, mittens, socks, tights, shoes, boots, sandals, bathing suits, exercise clothes, old-fashioned clothes, uniforms, costumes, and more. Thank you for playing an important role in our learning.

Ms. Nichole & Mrs. Mary

Classroom #2 News

Welcome parents to our new school year. We have started our first lesson which deals with the first 6 weeks of school. Children begin to know what the classroom rules are, how to use our toys and learn our daily routine. We will continue working on this for several more weeks. In addition to our lessons, we also work with the children in the socio-emotional area, such as sharing being kind with our classmates and having them talk about their feelings.

I remind you to bring a family picture for our classroom.

IF you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us.

Mrs. Sasha & Mrs. Jessica

eBooks

Wemberly Worried

by Kevin Henkes

Read by: Storytime with Elena

Wemberly Worried by Kevin Henkes - YouTube

Home Activities

- Our 1st home activity will be: My Feelings/Mis sentimientos
- The 2nd home activity will be: Our Rules/Nuestras reglas

Mark Your Calendar

- Parent Connect— September/6th @ 12:00 noon
- Early Release Days: September/6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th
- Labor Day—September/4th

Parent Meeting Minutes

Parent Connect Woodland Head Start

Wednesday, August 23@12:00 Noon

Minutes

Meeting begun at 12:00pm

Welcome by FA Joseline Couto

Ice Breaker: Tell us your name and your favorite hobby.

New Events:

Picture day-Monday, August 28

Labor Day/Holiday-Monday, September 4th

Next parent Connect: First Wednesday of each month @

12:00pm

In service/Student holiday-Friday, September 22

Voting: The parents selected the following parents for the

position of:

Policy Council Representative: Stephanie Fuentes

Policy Council Representative Alternate: Connie Castellon

Parents' Committee:

Chairperson: Lizbeth Vazquez

Secretary: Estrella Andres

Services Area: Ms. Pam Fernett, Site Supervisor, introduced herself to the parents and emphasized about be on time at school.

Family Advocate: Review the importance of the attendance at

school.

Raffle

Meeting adjourned at 1:00pm



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.