



SEPTEMBER

HEAD START NEWS

Highland Early Head Start Newsletter



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FROM THE DESK OF YOUR CDS

By: Jennifer Tinstman

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! We hope you had a wonderful summer break and would like to welcome our returning families this year and give a special greeting to all of those new families who are joining us here at Oakridge Head Start & Early Head Start for the first time and those who are attending virtually! There are lots of changes for this year, and staff look forward to a sharing a wonderful year with you and your little ones. My name is Jennifer Tinstman, and I am the Child Development Specialist at your center. Please feel free to contact me, at (386) 235-4480, or jtinstman@mfcs.us with questions or concerns at any time. I look forward to meeting each of you soon, if we have not met already at drop off or pick up at the center. Thank you for your patience as we get the children checked in and out each day. With all of the COVID protocol, temperature scans, masks, etc., it does take a bit to get each one of the children into the classrooms each morning. We appreciate your wearing your masks and helping us to keep social distanced by waiting on the X's as you come and go. It is important for us all to work together as a team to keep everyone safe. Working together with you, we can all build a positive and nurturing environment where your children will learn and grow as they discover the world around them. I thank you in advance for your help in working with us to provide the best learning experience possible for the children. Please remember that attendance is very important to your child's successful learning experience and we hope to see your child at school each and every day at the center, and at the virtual sessions. We are looking forward to this school year and are very excited for all that it has to offer.



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Fridays there is no school; virtual classes.
Parent meeting 9/9/2020 via Zoom 4pm – 5pm
Labor Day 9/7/2020 there is no school



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FAMILY ADVOCATE CORNER

By: Chelene Brewton

Special thanks to all of our families, for give 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 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 work is to make sure that you, can also learn, improve and achieve your goals, because you are as important as your child is to us, in Highland EHS Head Start.

A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

CLASSROOM 1

Our theme is saying “Hello.” Children are being greeted with a warm welcome while helping them adjust to classroom changes. Ms. Michelle and Ms. Omaid (Thank you to Ms. Omaid for helping out. Ms. Marla will be starting with us soon.)

CLASSROOM 2

Hello, Hello! Another great school year is on its way – and we are doing great! We have been working on kind hands and making new friends. Also, within our classroom this month we are really focusing on establishing our routine in the classroom; ensuring that our day goes by smoothly. See you in class, Ms. Brooke and Mrs. Beatrice.



HOME LEARNING / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Each classroom has been emailing Zoom invites, please be sure to check your emails for further updates. Please be sure to connect to your classroom's zoom session on Fridays.

PARENT MEETING MINUTES

Did not meet in August.

POLICY COUNCIL UPDATES

The July minutes were approved. A prospective ten staff were approved for hire. The enrollment, attendance, and snack reports were approved. Additionally, a review of our school options were reviewed and updated with the Council. Service area and center reports were also approved.



CHILDREN'S BOOK SUGGESTION

[A Happy Day keeps the Grouches Away Sandy Cameli](https://magicblox.com/books/1835-a-happy-a-day-keeps-the-grouches-away#.X1EmyXlKjD5)
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