



SEPTEMBER

HEAD START NEWS

Oak Ridge Head Start & 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 you 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.



CONTACT US!

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Classroom Phone Number & Extensions

386-366-8242

HS Classroom 1 Ext. #101 Ms. Kathy & Ms. Elaine

HS Classroom #2 Ext. # 102 Ms. Carolyn & Ms. Nia

EHS Classroom #3 Ext.# 103 Ms. Lavonne & Ms. Carla

EHS classroom #4 Ext. #104 Ms. Jody & Ms. Adriana



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

No School, Monday , September 7, 2020 in observance of Labor Day

Parent Meeting , September 10, 2020 at 300pm via Zoom



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FAMILY ADVOCATE CORNER

By: Yasmin Moore

Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to a new school year. This year a lot of things are different- e.g. School is Monday to Thursday with Zoom sessions with class teachers on Fridays; we offer Virtual as well as Center Based classes; most meetings are done via Zoom or Teams; along with other changes we will discuss at Parent Meeting. You will be electing parent officers for Parent Meeting, Policy Council and other Committees.

Oakridge Parent Meeting Time: Sep 10, 2020 03:00

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86918306254?pwd=MFdNcGZLMY4VTRJaFpoMGtwdXZSQ09>

Meeting ID:

869 1830 6254

Passcode:

GmP5kQ

Don't forget to "mask up, back up, and wash up"



A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

HEAD START

CLASSROOM 1

Welcome to our classroom! The beginning of school is always exciting, and this year is no exception. We are very excited about getting to know your child and hope that you and your child are anticipating a wonderful year. In the beginning of the year, we spend a lot of time talking about rules and practicing rules. Our lessons and activities are centered around learning the rules and procedures of the classroom, but the children are having fun at the same time. Our children learn about themselves, their families, and their school. Our lessons place a strong emphasis on making friends and learning about feelings. Fridays will be FUN via zoom. We will be conducting small group meetings at that time. We hope to see everyone participate and learn while having fun!

Thank You! Ms. Kathy & Ms. Elaine

CLASSROOM 2

Welcome back!! We are so excited to be back to school after such a long time away! It has been an adventure to start this new year. We want to thank everyone for working with us and being patient with us as we get accustomed to our new way of arriving and dismissing children. As the year begins, we will be spending much time on getting to know our classroom, getting to know each other, and getting to know our classroom rules as well as our playground rules. As a reminder we will only be in school Monday - Thursday. On Friday we will be staying home and attending a SPECIAL Zoom session. Please look for this in an email through Teaching Strategies Family Portal. If you have any questions, PLEASE let me know!! We will do our best to help you get your child online for our Friday Zooms.

Thanks so much!!! Ms. Carolyn & Ms. Nia

EARLY HEAD START

CLASSROOM 3

We began the year by welcoming our new children on "Meet the Teacher Day" with posters and book themes. We distributed educational bags and introduced ourselves to the families. We will begin the year with the introduction of routines and classroom acclimation.

Thank you! Ms. Lavonne & Ms. Carla

CLASSROOM 4

Welcome to a new school year!! We are very excited to have your child in our class. This month we will focus on getting used to a new routine, along with our new friends and teachers. We will learn the classroom rules and the playground rules, and how to be kind to each other.

Thank you, Ms. Jody and Ms. Adriana

HOME LEARNING / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Fun Fridays Zoom sessions for each classroom at Oak Ridge. Please check your Teaching Strategies Family Portal for information on logging onto live zoom session with your child's classroom and peers.

PARENT MEETING MINUTES

No meeting was held 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

Caps for Sale Told and Illustrated by Esphyr Slobodikina.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c3HBH8FnulA>