



NOVEMBER

HEAD START NEWS

Highland Early Head Start Newsletter



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FROM THE DESK OF YOUR CDS

By: *Jennifer Tinstman*

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Happy November and Happy Thanksgiving to all of our children and families! Thank you for your participation in center meetings and events. You are all doing a great job having your children prepared for school each day and we appreciate your efforts in arriving on time and picking up promptly as the school day ends. We are hoping to begin enjoying some cooler days soon so please be sure to check that your child's extra set of clothing is appropriate and send a light sweater or jacket also when needed.

A few quick thoughts on 'play' and its importance for your child's development. . . It is generally through play that a preschool child learns about the world around them. It is very important that we give children time for a variety of play, including dramatic play and make-believe, as well as allowing them creative building, counting, and problem solving opportunities.

Because young children enjoy play, it becomes a very natural way for them to learn about themselves and about the world in which they live. Since, children learn through play, they must be given enough time to do so. When you see your child actively involved in play at school, you can be assured that they are doing a lot of important learning while enjoying the learning process. We look forward to sharing another fun month with your children and encourage you to continue to participate in center activities and events when you can, including the home activities sent home by your child's teacher. This shows your child that school is very important and that you value it. At this time of the year as we all celebrate Thanksgiving with friends and family, we are reminded of how grateful we are to have you and your children here with us at Head Start each day and we wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday.



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1: 2201

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Fridays there are no school; virtual classes.

Parent meeting 11/13/2020 via Microsoft Teams 1pm – 2pm

11/3/2020 Teacher Duty Day (No School)

11/11/2020 Veteran's Day (No School)

11/23/2020 – 11/27/2020 Fall Break (No School)



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FAMILY ADVOCATE CORNER

By: *Chelene Brewton & Carmen Rader-Harris*



How exciting to be already in

November! I'll be sharing a few tips that can save you money for the upcoming Thanksgiving Family Dinner. We can still have a great dinner, while saving money. Thanksgiving is a celebration to be thankful for what we have and also to share what we have with others. Here are some helpful tips for this upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday:

- Family/Friends Thanksgiving Potluck-The potluck dinner is a great idea in theory: everybody brings one dish to share, and you end up with a feast. Be specific with your instructions, and make sure they're within your guests' cooking abilities and budgets. Assign a different dish to your guest, so you don't end up with three turkeys!
- Plan the menu ahead: By planning ahead your menu, at least two weeks before the Thanksgiving Holiday. Remember that many other families are looking for the same ingredients and saving deals for the Thanksgiving Dinner. This tip will take me to my next great idea for this season!
- Request an Attendance Confirmation: Please have your guest confirmation before buying the Thanksgiving Dinner Grocery List. By doing this you will not exceed your budget planning a dinner and probably having plenty of leftover for weeks, after Thanksgiving.
- It will also save you time in the kitchen!
- Loyalty/Reward Cards: Get a Loyalty or Reward Card, from your local and favorite grocery store. Use your awarded points or reward dollars towards lowering the cost of your grocery shopping for Thanksgiving. This can be a year round saving tip!
- Coupons: Look and clip coupons! You can look for them online, thru coupons phone applications, and at Red Plum Coupon Book, for example. Many grocery stores offer coupons that you can use and mixed beside the manufacturer's coupons. At your favorite grocery store, visit the customer service counter and ask for the store coupons availability. You can also clip coupons at your favorite grocery store phone application.

A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

CLASSROOM 1

While still in the Fall Season our 1 yr. olds are experimenting with painting with fall colors orange, red, brown, and yellow. Our babies are enjoying the classroom learning environment and the comfort of their teachers, while listening to songs they enjoy.

Ms Michelle & Ms Marla

CLASSROOM 2

Classroom 2

November already? October has come and gone! We are still learning about seasoning changes; observing the colors change outside, weather change, and how the rain has lightened up! We also would like to introduce our newest member to our Highland Classroom 2 family, Mrs. Dawne! She is our permanent Co-Teacher and the students have already given her such a warm welcome to our classroom! See you in class, Ms. Brooke & Mrs. Dawne



HOME LEARNING / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Each classroom has been emailing Zoom invites, please be sure to check your emails for further updates.



PARENT MEETING MINUTES

Parent's Meeting Minutes

Day: 13th Month: October 2020

Parent Meeting started at: 1pm

Parents were greeted by: _Chelene, Jennifer, Carmen

The Pledge of Allegiance was leaded by: N/A

Minutes from last Parents Meeting were given by: Ms. Bailey

Policy Council Representative, reported Policy Council

Minutes: Yes: X No:

Parents were notified of coming Important Dates:

Zoom Meetings for classroom on Fridays

Center opening on Fridays beginning in January

Upcoming parent meeting: Oct 10th, 1pm

Notes: All families were welcomed to the Highland Parent meeting via Teams.

Parents were presented with video, followed by discussion, on topic of childhood brain development and tips for stimulating healthy brain growth. Education provided an update from the classroom outlining fall themed ed. Activities and music style learning techniques, as well as, introduction of new staff. The minutes from the last meeting were read, ice breaker was provided to encourage conversation, time for Q/A was provided, and parent participation game was completed.

Meeting adjourned at: 1:33pm Present: 10

Parent Committee: 1 Staff: 3

Minutes taken by: Chelene/Carmen

POLICY COUNCIL UPDATES



The start of a new Policy Council has begun on October 22, 2020. Policy Council met via Zoom to allow ease for communication and voting while practicing COVID 19 safety practices. All Board leadership positions were voted upon and filled. The September minutes were approved by the new Policy Council. Eight prospective hires were approved. OHS IM (ACF-IM-HS-20-05) was reviewed regarding the Focus Area One and Focus Area Two Audits, as well as CLASS will not be audited for the 2020-2021 year. Service area and center reports were approved.

Maple Leaf Adventure: A Journey in the Wind Susan Harper
<https://magicblox.com/books/2676-maple-leaf-adventure-a-journey-in-the-wind#.X5h1QkeSnD4>

CHILDREN'S BOOK SUGGESTION