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# HEAD START NEWS

Brooksville Head Start Newsletter



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## FROM THE DESK OF YOUR CDS

*By: Jennifer Hanner*

Can you believe that November is here, and the holidays are approaching us! I hope you are all adjusting well to the time change. This is a good time for you to check all smoke detectors to see if they are working or to change their batteries. If you haven't already, please see your Family Advocate for information about Toys for Tots. The teachers and the children have been very busy in the classroom learning about different studies. Each week the teachers will send you lesson plans and information about what they will be doing in the classroom the following week. Every week you will also be getting a Second Step letter. This letter will help you introduce the lessons at home as well as understand what they are doing in school. Each week our lovely teachers work hard on creating recording lessons. These lessons get uploaded on <https://www.midfloridaheadstart.com/lesson-library/index>. You can also find the link on our Facebook page. We know that some of you want to help in the classroom. Currently we still are not allowing parents in the classrooms, but there are still things you can do at home to help us. Please reach out to your child's teacher. Did you know that November is also National Child Safety Month?

Here are some tips and reminders ☺

**At your home:** keep walkways and areas near stairs clear and clutter free. This will help prevent falls. Assign a designated area for your children to put their toys away. Keep all cleaners, medications and all potentially harmful substances out of reach of your children or use a safety lock on cabinets that are low.

**Safety in the car:** Take off heavy coats, when putting your child in a car seat or booster seat. You can learn which safety seat is best for your child's age and size by checking online with your local state department.

**Safety with food:** Choking on foods can be a serious hazard for many children, both young and old. Some foods are more dangerous, such as hot dogs, popcorn, hard candies and nuts. Cut foods up in to tiny pieces that could be a choking hazard.



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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

11/11 no school

11/23-11/27 no school

Parent meeting 11/17 VIA zoom



Head Start  
Mid Florida Community Services  
Early Head Start



# FAMILY ADVOCATE CORNER

*By: Jody Lopez, Enibelle Garcia, Zoriells Soto*

From your Family Advocates, we want to thank you for your participation and compromise with our program. At the same time, thank you for coming to our office and completing your goals and Family Partnership Agreement. We encourage everyone to continue participating in our monthly meeting because you are part of the decisions and changes in our program.



## A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

### CLASSROOM 1402

Mr. Steven and Mrs. Monae want to say welcome to all of our new students and parents that have joined the 1402 classroom community! This month we are beginning our study "Making Music." Music is an important part of preschool's lives and the preschool classroom community and is an invaluable part of children's academic, social, and emotional development. This study offers many opportunities for children to investigate music making firsthand while they explore social studies and science concepts, experiment with and create instruments, interview musicians, and identify their feelings and preferences associated with different music experiences. The study also helps children use and develop skills in literacy, math, technology, and the arts. We also want to say have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

### CLASSROOM 701

We have finished our introductory unit in our curriculum and started our first study. We will be learning about Insects. I have sent home two Home activities for the children to complete. Please remember to send them back every month. If you have not already brought in your family pictures please bring them in. We want the children to be able to share their families with each other and put the pictures up around the room. Please be on the lookout in your mail boxes. Don't forget we have school on Fridays but we will have meetings on zoom. I will send those invites home every week. They will last 30 minutes and we hope that the children will love them.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at [ADOYLE@MFCS.US.COM](mailto:ADOYLE@MFCS.US.COM).

### CLASSROOM 904

For the month of October, we were all able to identify our names. We continued to work on how to write our first names. We focused on the letters E through J, as well as the sound that these letters make. We have been working on sounding out new words that start with these letters. As a class we picked a new study to discover...trees. We found out what types of trees that grow here at our school and what types of fruits grow on a tree. One of our children from our classroom would like to plant a banana tree in our garden, she decided it would take three years to fully. If you have any suggestions or anything you would like your child to plant in the school garden please let us know!



## A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

### CLASSROOM 902

For the month of October, we were all able to identify our names, yay! However, we continued working on how to write our first names. We focused on letters E through J as well as the sound that these letters make sounding out new words that start with these letters as we go. We also picked up a new topic to discover...trees. We found out what types of trees that grow here at our school and what types of fruits grow on a tree. One of our children from classroom 904 would like to plant a banana tree in our garden, she decided it would take three years to grow though. If you have any suggestions or anything you would like your child to plant in the school garden please let us know! Our learning activities we will be sending home this month are "Planting Together and Seeing Feelings". I hope you enjoyed these as will be starting our own little seedlings in the classroom to plant in our garden soon. ~Ms. Maribel /Ms. Margie



### CLASSROOM 901

Thank you to those who were able to send their children in blue and for spirit week to celebrate Head Start Awareness! We have been busy discussing and looking at the buildings around us! Please look at the lesson plan to see how you can help!!

Ms.Yolanda /Ms.Jessyal

### CLASSROOM 903

Ms. Jackie and I are excited to start our new study on Exercise. The kids have been enjoying exploring new ways to move their bodies to stay healthy. With some number and letter games the kids have been learning to recognize the letters of their names and counting to 10. The kids in the classroom are excited to see our friends on the computer during the live lessons, like dancing and story time. If you have any questions or if you have a change in email or phone numbers please don't hesitate to contact me or Ms. Jackie.

Ms. Nicky ad Ms. Jackie





## HOME LEARNING / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Some of Our learning activities we will be sending home this month are

“Planting Together and Seeing Feelings”

“See and Show”

“Two Step directions”



## CHILDREN'S BOOK SUGGESTION

## PARENT MEETING MINUTES

### Parent Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 20, 2020 @ 9AM

7 parents were in Attendance on Zoom

Minutes- Done by Jody Lopez (Family Advocate)

Meeting was held by Selena Delaine (President)

Everyone in the meeting introduced themselves

September Policy Council report was read. Policy

Council Community Jason Meehan was voted in.

Program reminders were read:

No School for EHS/HS: Wednesday, November 11, 2020 (Veterans Days)

Program hours for EHS is from 8AM-4PM/HS is from 8AM-2PM. Cut of time is 9AM. A child will not be allowed to enter the program if he/she arrives after 9AM. EHS/HS Holiday Sponsors have been selected for all classrooms.

Parents were informed about the Holiday Sponsorship Program. Toys for Tots – Accepting online applications from 10/5/20-12/4/20. Parent's will be notified if a child's Physical/Immunization is expiring. Parent's must

complete a Changes to Family Information Form in order to add someone in the pick up list. Parents will be required to meet with Family Advocates to

go over Family Goals and complete Family Partnership Agreement. Parents were asked if they had any concerns – parents had no concerns

10 Dollar Dunkin Donuts Gift Card was raffled off – Ms. Delaine won!

Next Parent Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 17,

2020 @ 9AM via Zoom.

Meeting Adjourned.

## 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.

Pete the Cat : I love my white shoes By Mr. Eric  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-1eOrPughU>