



MARCH

HEAD START NEWS

Bushnell Head Start Newsletter



CONTENTS OF THIS ISSUE

- FROM THE DESK OF YOUR CDS
- CONTACT INFORMATION
- MARK YOUR CALENDARS
- FAMILY ADVOCATE CORNER
- A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS
- HOME LEARNING & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT
- PARENT MEETING MINUTES
- POLICY COUNCIL UPDATES



FROM THE DESK OF YOUR CDS

By: Jennifer Hanner

Happy March! This month we have a lot to celebrate. This is the month to find that lucky four leaf clover. Did you know that the legend says that each leaf of the clover represents something; the first is hope, the second is faith, the third is love and the fourth is luck. Did you know it's Read Across America Day and Dr. Seuss' Birthday on March 2nd? Did you know that reading is a great stress reliever? Reading just 20 minutes a day adds up to reading 1,800,000 words a year for an adult. Children learn 4,000-12,000 words every year by reading. We would love to see a picture of you and your child reading. Please send it to your child's teacher. The classrooms have been exploring many different studies. Each of the studies last for six weeks as the children get to learn more. Some of the classrooms have even been going on virtual field trips! This month our second step lesson is Unit 4- Friendship Skills and Problem Solving. During this lesson they will learn to make and keep friends as well as calm down and use problem-solving skills. Please check your emails as each week the teachers send home information about the upcoming weekly plans as well as our second step activity for the week. By now, you should have had a second home visit with your child's teacher, if not please reach out to me or your child's teacher to get one set up. Thank you again for your understanding and being patient during our check in and check out stations. We know that it has been taking a little longer lately as we added new procedures to our check in station.



CONTACT US!

CDS: Jennifer Hanner (352)754-2464 ext. 245
Family Advocate(s): Jasmine Herring
(352)793-3737 ext. 220
(352) 573-7716
Classroom Phone Extensions: **(352)568-0821**
1: Ext. 201
2: Ext. 202



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March 8th – 12th: Spring Break
Tuesdays at 3pm: Parent Meeting
(please contact the Family Advocate if you need to reschedule)



Head Start
Mid Florida Community Services
Early Head Start

Let's Get
Connected!



FAMILY ADVOCATE CORNER

By: Jasmine Herring

Spring is in the air! This year the first day of Spring will be on March 20th, but Spring Break will be the week before. Have you thought about your Spring Break plans? We know the COVID-19 pandemic has either changed or canceled our normal activities once again, but we can still make the best of the situation: February 23rd-March 16th: Wild Kratts: Creature Power at the Glazer Children's Museum. This experience allows the whole family to learn about animals and their habitats, and complete missions and challenges with the Wild Kratts. If you have a food assistance (SNAP) card, you can take advantage of the reduced pricing using the Museum for All program. March 4th – 14th: Strawberry Festival. This event will take place with few restrictions (no live events this year). Remember to stay safe, but most of all enjoy this time with your children! Strengthening the bonds within your home as well as within your community makes us all better people. We will get through this together.

NOTE: If you are concerned about covering the meals your child would miss if normally in class, please know we will be giving out food boxes (the same ones given during Winter Break) the week before.

A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

CLASSROOM 1

For the month of February, Mrs. Tammy and Mrs. Amber have continued our study on Clothes. We are learning what different machines are used to make clothing. We have learned how cloth is made from both plants and animals. We have also learned what type of clothing professionals wear. Please remember to complete and return your home activities in a timely manner. Also, please have your child arrive at school at 8:00 am, and make arrangements to have your child picked up by 2:00 pm so we can get the most out of our day. Finally, please make sure to dress your children for the changing weather and have 2 extra changes of clothes in their backpack. We appreciate you working with us during these uncertain times and we will work together to make this a successful year for us all. Please keep in mind, our Spring Break is coming up fast from March 8th to March 12th.



CLASSROOM 2

Hello to our parents and families, We are excited to announce the great new things that are happening in Classroom 2. Recently, we have welcomed a new teacher to the classroom, Ms. Breanna. She will be here with us for the rest of the school year. Fun fact about her: She was also a Head Start kid, and Mrs. Tammy WAS HER TEACHER! Let us all make her feel a part of the Bushnell family! This year continues to fly by. This month we have been studying clothes. What we do with our clothes when they get dirty, where clothes come from, and how clothes are even made. We have learned about the different types of materials that can be found in clothes. Students have enjoyed designing their own shirts and trying to crochet yarn. It has been a very busy month! Our students will be starting to learn about recycling in the next month. The weather is changing, so please remember to dress for the weather. Please make sure that you are sending 2 extra pairs of clothes for them to change into in case of accidents as well as a blanket for nap time. Please remember to bring your home activities back. Drop off is 8 am and pick up is at 2pm.



HOME LEARNING / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Classroom #1 Home Activities: "Breakfast Time." "Hanging Up Clothes."

Classroom #2 Home Activities: "When, How, Why." "Search in Pairs."

PARENT MEETING MINUTES

NO ATTENDEES



POLICY COUNCIL UPDATES

On Thursday, February 25, 2021, MFCS HS/EHS Policy Council met via Zoom. New elections were held for the Chair and Vice Chair positions; these were filled. The Policy Council approved the January PC Minutes. Six prospective staff were approved to proceed with hiring. The following reports were approved: budgets, attendance, enrollment, and snack reports. Lastly, the following Parent Activities were approved: Osteen, Westside, and Easter Seals.



CHILDREN'S BOOK SUGGESTION

"Ten Little Bunnies by Nuril Karlin @
kidsworldfun.com