



MARCH

HEAD START NEWS

DeLand Head Start Newsletter



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FROM THE DESK OF YOUR CDS

By: *Pamela Fernet*

Can't believe March is already upon us. It seems like the months are flying by much too quickly. February was a flash and I am sure summer will be here in the blink of an eye. We had lots of exciting events that occurred in February and have much more to come in March.

We are delighted with the progress of all our children at this point of the school year. All have totally excelled in all their preschool activities. Our staff feels so fortunate to have such delightful, bright and beautiful children.

We also appreciate all of our parents' efforts in getting their children to class. Your participation and communication makes our job so much easier. Thank you for taking the time to allow the Teachers to complete virtual home visits. It's great to see the children in their natural environments when they join you in these conferences. It helps the teachers learn so much about them.

Don't forget Daylight Savings Time starts on March 14, 2021. Set those clocks ahead one hour.



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Classroom Extensions

1: 101

2: 102

3: 103

CDS Office: 120

FA Office: 110



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March 18th: Parent Meeting at 3pm

March 19th: No School: In-Service/Teacher Training

March 22nd-26th: Spring Break: No School



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FAMILY ADVOCATE CORNER

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Dear parents: Warm greetings to all of you. You've probably noticed some last-minute changes at the Centers. I will be working simultaneously at Deland and WVEC Centers. Also, Anna Triplet, Family Advocate on site will be assisting the families at Deland Center as well. FA, Joseline will follow up: classrooms daily attendance, VPK attendance, families' needs, medical records, parent meetings, family activities and fire drills. I will be most of the time in my office WVEC on site. Any further questions please, contact me at 386-956-3622. We are more than happy to help in Deland Center. Thank you.

Queridos padres: Saludos muy calurosos a cada uno de ustedes. Quizas habran notado algunos cambios en los Centros. Estare trabajando simultaneamente en los Centros de WVEC y Deland. Anna Triplet, Family Advocate en el Centro de Deland asistira a las familias de igual manera. FA, Joseline dara seguimiento a la asistencia diaria de las clases, asistencia VPK, necesidades de las familias, records medicos, juntas de padres, las actividades de familias y practicas en caso de fuego. Estare la mayor parte del tiempo en la oficina de WVEC. Por favor llame al 386-956-3622 Estamos mas que contentas en ayudar en el Centro de Deland.

A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

CLASSROOM 1

For the month of March, our study will be focusing on bread. Every culture in the world eats some type of bread. This study will provide children the opportunity to learn about and investigate topics such as: how bread is made, what kinds of breads do we like, can we create our own bread and how do we eat bread. In addition, we will continue our daily routine by asking a question of the day in the mornings and our focus questions on the study during group discussion. This will assist in facilitating language development and literacy. Furthermore, on a daily basis, children will continue exploring and investigating in different centers through play (dramatic, construction, library, art, science, table toys, and computer areas). This will aid in building their social skills such as: peer interaction, sharing, taking turns, having conversations, language, how to play, etc. Consequently, children will continue learning their letters/sound, shapes, and counting and matching numbers with quantities.

There will be a different letter and shape on a weekly basis. In addition, children will continue our Second Step Program where they are learning and practicing appropriate social skills.

~Ms. Simone & Ms. Chanie

CLASSROOM 3

Hello everyone. Ms. Sheila was promoted to another position and is now a Child Development Specialist; Ms. Omaida will be in her place until February 25th when a new teacher, Ms. Lois will start. We are doing investigations about "Simple Machines" until the end of February. Next study will be about "Trees." We also have the Second Step Curriculum "Managing Waiting", and the children are learning to be patient when they wait. While the children are plying in the classroom, they are learning math skills, building fine and gross motor skills, social skills and how to problem-solve.

~Ms. Omaida and Ms. Mary

CLASSROOM 2

Temporarily Closed



HOME LEARNING / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Classroom 1: Parents should partner with their child and do a fun exercise together. Exercise can be done indoor or outdoor. Invite your child to choose an exercise that he/she enjoys doing.

Classroom 3: Parents please read to your children so they learn about their world and learn vocabulary from the story.

POLICY COUNCIL UPDATES

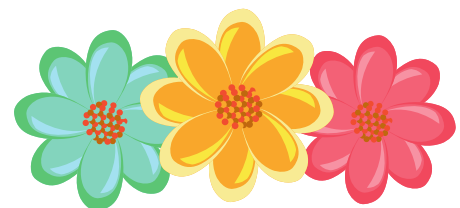
On Thursday, February 25, 2021, MFCS HS/EHS Policy Council met via Zoom. New elections were held for the Chair and Vice Chair positions; these were filled. The Policy Council approved the January PC Minutes. Six prospective staff were approved to proceed with hiring. The following reports were approved: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



PARENT MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Started: 3:00 PM

- Welcome: Attendance was taken Joseline (FA): Welcomed us to the meeting and thanked the parents for being understanding as she gets to know everyone at this time as the Family Advocate for both centers.
- Anna Triplet: Hello and welcome from the interim Family Advocate at Deland. She is there to help parents with anything they need.
- Kathia Nunez: reviewed last month's policy council committee minutes.
- New Events:
 - Early Release March 3, 2021
 - Next Parent Meeting March 18, 2021 @3pm
 - Spring Break March 19th-26th. Class's resume 29th.
- What is happening in the classroom:
 - Classroom 1 shared: We are in the Balls theme for this week and next. Students have learned allot from what are balls and how we use them too what balls are made of. We explored whether balls sink or float as well. Our next study will be Tubes and tunnels. Parents please save up your paper towel rolls. Bring them in to be used for the classroom.
 - Classroom 2 shared: We are working on the same study Balls. One more week and then theme moves to Tubes and Tunnels. Please we also need paper towel rolls. Thank you.
 - CDS Pam Fernett- Many parents have asked about temperature screening changes due to emails from Volusia County Schools but at this time Head Start will continue checks until we here otherwise from managers. Substitutes needed. If you know of anyone interested in helping out please let us know.
- Planning Parent Activities:
 - Anna mentioned a parent activity. A planter's pot to be painted by parents and seeds to be planted by the students. If you have any other suggestions for parent activities please speak with Anna Triplet.
- Presentation What You Do Matters:
 - Guest: Evelez Velez Social Emotional Development Specialist She spoke with us about how social emotional growth is so important. She will be sending out packets of information presented as soon as possible.
- Comments and Questions: None Raffle winner was- Mildred Howard & Jennifer S. Adjournment: 3:40pm



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oCpzsJ4upvc>
eBook: "Dona Flor" by Pat Mora