



MARCH

# HEAD START NEWS

Easterseals Head Start Newsletter



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## FROM THE DESK OF YOUR CDS

By: Sheila Sturgeon

Hello Easterseals families. I want to introduce myself as the new Child Development Specialist. My name is Sheila Sturgeon and I have been with Mid-Florida Community Services Head Start/Early Head Start since March 2018. I have worked in Early Head Start as a co-teacher and also as a lead teacher in Head Start teaching VPK. I have been married to my husband for nearly 37 years and we have four children, 13 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. I am originally from Central Indiana relocating to Florida in 2018. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.



## CONTACT US!

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**Classroom Phone Number:**

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Early Release on March 3 @ 1:30 pm.

No school March 19.

Spring Break March 22-26.

Parent meeting March 16 @ 3pm.



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Connected!



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## FAMILY ADVOCATE CORNER

*By: Bernadette Flake*

Dear Families,

Special thanks to all of our families, for giving us the privilege to serve and to guide you; you are truly our inspiration for making the difference in your child's life by providing the opportunity of early learning development by setting the foundations for your child success in the future. I would like to invite you to share your goals, needs, concerns and any other special situation that you may have, we are here to support and assist you through the school year. Our work is to make sure that you, can also learn, improve and achieve your goals, because you are as important as your child is to us, here at Easter Seals Head Start.

We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children achieve their highest potential while also including activities and goals to look forward too. We recognize that in order to be successful in our school, our children need support from both the home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child education.

Just a reminder to: Please ensure that he/she:

- 1) Attends school daily and arrives on time ready for the day learning experience.
- 2) Completes all homework assignments and activities given by teachers.
- 3) Reads daily to develop a love for reading and improve literacy skills.
- 4) Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life.
- 5) Informs you if he/she needs additional support in any area or subject.

The wonderful Easter Seals Head Start Teachers and the FA, feel privileged to be a part of this school family and we thank you for your support and volunteer services during this school year. AND LET'S NOT FORGET!!! March 17th those Leprechauns will be running around dressed in green so don't get left out!!!

## A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

### CLASSROOM 1

The color is yellow and the shape is oval and letters are T, U, V, W. The theme this month is Growing up Healthy. We will be learning about how to take care of our own needs, and eating healthy. Practice good nutrition and to participate in physical activities.



## PARENT MEETING MINUTES

Staff present: 5

Parents present: 3

Policy Council Rep: 0

Start time: 3:21pm/End time: 3:38pm

- Icebreaker: If you woke up in the morning what animal would you like to be and why? If you had an imaginary friend who would it be and why?
- PC notes: Fa Bernadette stated that 8 pending hires were approved, Jaclyn updated selection criteria.
- January Parent Meeting Minutes: Not reported
- Important dates: holidays that have passed MLK Day and President's day Upcoming Holidays: 3-3-21, St. Patty's Day, 3-19, 3-22 until 3-26 Spring Break
- FA Info: Parent activity amount not submitted on time for approval for March, but FA will attempt to work to get it approved for the next month For St Patty's day FA Bernadette would like to see children participate in wearing Green
- CDS info: Octavia Jenkins would no longer be the CDS and will truly be missed. Shelia Sturgeon will be moving into that position effective 2-18-21.
- Teacher Info: parent conferences are coming up please reach out to teachers to schedule a time What's going on in the classroom?
- Color: Yellow Shape: Oval Letters: T U V W Theme: Growing up Healthy



## HOME LEARNING / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Take a trip to the grocery store and talk about healthy foods.



## 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.

Harry the Dirty Dog by Gene Zion and pictures by Margaret Bloy Graham

<https://youtu.be/vMiGX0OSiyM>

## CHILDREN'S BOOK SUGGESTION