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HEAD START NEWS

WVEC 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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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March 3rd-Early Release

March 18th-Parent Meeting at 3PM

March 19th-No school

March 22nd-26th-Spring Break



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FAMILY ADVOCATE CORNER

From the desk of Joseline Couto, WVEC Family Advocate

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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 Tripplet, 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 Tripplet, 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

Dear Families,

We will be starting a study on Tubes and Tunnels in March. We have lots of fun activities planned that will support growth in math, literacy, language, science, and writing. We will be adding tubes and tunnels to sand/water table, block center and creating art with different tubes. Books we will be reading include, Harry the Dirty Dog and Ruby's Baby Brother. In Second Step, we will be learning about Fair Ways to Play, Having Fun with Friends, Inviting to play, and Joining in with Play. We have a story and discussion, puppet script and two skill-practice activities each week for children to practice learning these skills. Spring break is March 19th-26th. We hope you all have a wonderful break and get to do fun things as a family!!

Please see us with any questions or concerns or suggestions. Thank you, Mrs. Lorri & Mrs. Jessica

CLASSROOM 2

This month we will begin the study of tunnels and tubes. The children will explore different materials to which we can create tunnels and use them in a fun way. They will be shown videos of different tunnels as well as tubes and their different uses. We will continue with our Second Step curriculum supporting the social emotional area of our little ones. Any concerns or questions, please approach us.

~Mrs. Sasha & Mrs. Katherine



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 Tripplet: 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. Classes 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 Fernet- 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 Tripplet.
- 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:
- Raffle winner was- Mildred Howard & Jennifer S.
- Adjournment: 3:40pm



HOME LEARNING / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Activity with paper tunnel

https://youtu.be/fghW_LPL2JQ



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

Harry the Dirty Dog

<https://youtu.be/vMiGX0OSiyM>