



MAY

# HEAD START NEWS

Bushnell Head Start Newsletter



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## FROM THE DESK OF YOUR CDS

By: Jennifer Hanner

Can you believe the school year is coming to an end! We made it through this uncharted time, and I want to thank you all for working with us as we worked out any of the kinks. We are hoping that next year we can get back to some of our normal routines. With that being said, without having your child participate on Zoom we wouldn't have been able to do our Fun Fridays. I know as well as the teachers are sad that we can't do our end of the year performances as we normally do. Unfortunately, we cannot do our end of the year performances as we normally would, but the teachers will soon be scheduling parent-teacher conferences. Please keep an eye out for these, and keep your contact information updated. With the weather changing, please make sure your child's extra clothes are weather appropriate. We want to wish all of the families who are leaving our program lots of luck. Now is the time - if you haven't already - to register for kindergarten. If you need any help, please reach out to your Family Advocate. For all the families who will be returning to us next school, we can't wait to see what next year brings us. We hope you all have a great summer!



## CONTACT US!

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Classroom 1 Parent Meeting – May 5th at 4pm  
Classroom 2 Parent Meeting – May 6th at 4pm  
Parent Activity – May 7th at 4:30pm  
Last Day of School - May 28th



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# FAMILY ADVOCATE CORNER

**By: Jasmine Herring**

Can you believe that the school year is almost over? Most of us feel relief that during the school year our children have a safe place to stay during the day, but what do we do for summer child care? Well, here are some helpful ideas to decrease of your child care summer stress.

- Family and Friends- we truly have to be thankful for them every day, and during summer we can they make a huge difference when they assist with the care of our children. We can make a calendar with our friends and family, so everybody can help with our little one's care. You can also offer to cover any expenses of your child. Remember to assist them as well if they have children to take care of also.
- Summer VPK – Did you know that if your child is ready to transition to kindergarten next school year, and if you haven't used your VPK voucher during the school year you can request it for summer? The best part is that multiple places around you will offer free VPK programs! You can come and visit my office for application assistance or for more information.

I will be all summer in my office serving you and other families as well. If your child is returning next school year we will need to review some paperwork, and to complete the VPK application. If your child is transitioning to kindergarten, and if you need their Physical and Immunizations, please contact me for support. I can be reached at (352) 573-7716.

## A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

### CLASSROOM 1

For the month of May, Mrs. Tammy and Mrs. Amber will begin a short study on sand and then focus on getting ready for Kindergarten. Each parent will receive a new study letter for each study. If you do not get yours, please see your teacher for one. We will begin our final VPK assessment. Please complete and return your home activities in a timely manner. Arrival and departure; Please have your child at school at 8:00 am and pick up time is 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 please keep in mind, we only have a few weeks left to learn so much. As always, thank you for your continued support toward our classroom and your child's educational growth. It has been a pleasure working with you all this year!

Mrs. Tammy and Mrs. Amber



### CLASSROOM 2

Greetings to the parents and families of our class!

The month of May is finally here! We are excited to reflect on what an IMPACT we have made. As most of you may be aware, this is the last month of the 2020-2021 school year. Please keep in mind, as some children are still potty-training, and the weather changes to a much warmer state, we kindly ask that you would send a change of clothes to school with your child, suitable to the weather outside. Underwear, shorts, t-shirts, and tank tops would be appropriate for the kids. This month, we are continuing onto the investigation study topic of Reducing, Reusing, & Recycling. There are 2 questions to the parts to the study- "What do people throw away?" "Where does trash go? What do workers do there?" The children showed much interest when exploring this topic. We discussed that people throw away much garbage every year. Some examples of the trash that we produce are old food, hair, and banana peels, for instance. However, some of the materials that get thrown away can be re-used again, such as cardboard boxes and batteries. This is where recycling comes into effect. We also learned that sanitation workers are the people whose job is responsible for collecting our trash each week. Then, the garbage goes to a landfill. The new homework activities, "Three Corner Catch," and "Play Ball" will have been turned in. Please remember the homework activities will be due on Fridays. Bring them in during arrival and dismissal times, if you can it is much appreciated. In addition, May 28, 2021 @ 1:00 P.M. is the LAST DAY OF SCHOOL for children in both classrooms. We appreciate all your help and support, for continuing to make this a successful year. We hope to see some of them returning in the Fall, and a big congrats to the children who will be going to the public-school system. We love each of you!

Ms. Heloise & Ms. Breanna

## HOME LEARNING / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Classroom #1 Home Activities: “Block Patterns.” “What time is it Mr. Fox?”

Classroom #2 Home Activities: “Coupon Matching.” “Sharing Toys.”



## PARENT MEETING MINUTES

Classroom 2 Parent Meeting, 4/14 at 4pm-  
NO ATTENDEES

Classroom 1 Parent Meeting, 4/15 at 4pm -  
NO ATTENDEES

## POLICY COUNCIL UPDATES

The April Policy Council met via Zoom today. The March Minutes were approved. Five proposed staff were approved for hire. The Attendance/Enrollment and Snack reports were Approved. Several policies and procedures were reviewed and accepted. The Bushnell and Holly Hill Parent Activities were approved as were all Center and Service Reports.



## CHILDREN'S BOOK SUGGESTION

The Very Hungry caterpillar By Eric Carl  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=75NQK-Sm1YY>