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# HEAD START NEWS

WVEC Head Start Newsletter



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## FROM THE DESK OF YOUR CDS

By: *Pamela Fennett*

It is hard to believe that this is our last newsletter. Our preschool year is winding down and many of our preschoolers will be off to kindergarten in the fall. Remember, going to school is a natural progression for children and most will be very ready to go. To help your child look forward to a new school, be sure to talk positively about attending kindergarten. Talk often about making new friends, learning new things, growing up, and becoming a "big boy or girl." Plan to attend your school's orientation with your child, visit your public library and read, read, read to your child over the summer months. Head Start "transition bags" contain some terrific ideas for learning new things and having big fun.

We thank you for entrusting your child to us this year. We have enjoyed working with all of the children in our care and have seen growth, development and skill acquisition in all of the boys and girls. We have also witnessed how the children have grown in the way they deal with frustration and the care and concern they express for one another.

Thank you for being your child's first and most important teacher and working with us on behalf of your child. We thank you for your support throughout the year. We feel a close partnership with our parents and send you our best wishes.

Hoorah for preschoolers!!! We appreciate your support. Have a wonderful and safe summer!

~ Ms. Pam



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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Orientation to Kindergarten-May 11th

Parent activity-May 14th

Early release-May 19th

Parent Meeting-May 20th



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# FAMILY ADVOCATE CORNER

From the desk of Joseline Couto

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Dear parents:

During this month we'll be making appointment to complete the Rollover process for the children coming back the next school year. Please contact the FA if you don't have yet you appointment. We are approaching the summer and we can start with free things that don't cost anything with our children. Here are some ideas:

- Head out to your local woods, beach or park for a walk
- Create an obstacle course, indoors or outdoors, and test your skills in a friendly family competition. .
- Enjoy Gardening with your children.
- Design and build a Lego or plastic brick structure. It could be a castle, a house, a fire station, or maybe a small town.
- Sand play with a large shallow plastic container and some play sand.

If you have any question or concern doesn't hesitate to call me.

Thank you.

Joseline Couto, Family Advocate

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Queridos padres:

Durante este mes estamos haciendo las citas para completar el proceso de los niños que regresan en Agosto. Por favor de contactar al FA si todavía no tiene una cita. Estamos acercándonos al verano y podemos comenzar con actividades libre de costo.

Aquí tenemos algunas ideas:

Ir al parque, a la playa o solo caminar al aire libre.

Crear una Carrera de obstáculos dentro o fuera de la casa y tener una competencia familiar.

Hacer jardinería con los niños.

Diseñar o construir estructuras con Lego o objetos plásticos.

Jugar con arena con un embalse llano con arena.

Si tiene cualquier pregunta o preocupación. No deje de contactarme.

Gracias,

Joseline Couto, Family Advocate

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## A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

### CLASSROOM 1

Dear Families,

Wow, where has the year gone? We have learned so much this year and had fun doing it. Thank you for sharing your child with us, we have truly enjoyed teaching each and every one of them! In May, we will be finishing the Reduce, Reuse, Recycle study and ending the year with two weeks of Getting Ready for Kindergarten. During the recycling study, children will have opportunities to create and reuse "junk" in art and science. We will be sorting, counting and classifying recyclable items in math and writing words that go along with the study in the writing area. Books we will read include I Stink, Don't Lose It- Reuse It, and Peter's Chair. During Getting Ready for Kindergarten, children will talk and learn about how preschool is similar but different than Kindergarten. We will also discuss how they feel about going to Kindergarten.

In Second Step, we will review units 3: Managing Emotions and 4: Friendship Skills and Problem Solving. The last Second Step theme is Transitioning to Kindergarten. If you have any questions or comments please see one of us.

Thank you,

Mrs. Lorri & Mrs. Jessica

### CLASSROOM 2

Hello, we are reaching the final stretch of our school year. The children enjoyed different activities throughout the year. This month we will work on the recycling study. The children will explore different materials that they can reuse. In addition, they will be shown videos of recycling places, and we will read stories related to the subject. In the Second Step curriculum, we will review all of the topics covered. We thank all parents for cooperating in providing materials for the enjoyment of the children.

Thanks,

Mrs. Sasha & Mrs. Katherine



## PARENT MEETING MINUTES

- Parent Meeting Minutes-April 15, 2021

### Minutes from Policy Council Meeting:

- Kathia Nunez- Meeting was held on May 18th. They approved 4 staff hires, food program and enrollment. The Parent Activity for EVEC was approved.

### New Events:

- Next parent meeting will be May 20, 2021
- Early Release Day is May 19, 2021
- Congratulations to Ji Shee Ford for volunteering to be the chairperson for WVEC center. Thank you for being so faithful to attend each meeting.
- Orientation to kindergarten will be held virtually on May 11, 2021. Each student moving up will receive an invite to the meeting and Pam Fernet (CDS) will be putting together Transition packets for each student as well.

### Vote for the Parent Activity:

- Parent Activity will be a craft. Parents will sign up to participate. Activity will be on May 14, 2021.

### What's happening in the classroom:

- Mrs. Lorri Classroom 1- Class will finish the Tubes and Tunnels study tomorrow. We will begin the Recycling study next week. Students painted tubes and made their own creations, use tubes to also make shakers and straws for Pan Flutes. Also if our families could help to provide recycling items to use in the study will be great. Class has started the first week of Safer, Smarter Kids. We will continue to work on letter recognition and Social emotional development skills.
- Mrs. Sasha Classroom 2- Our class also will finish the Tubes and Tunnels study tomorrow and begin a new study in Recycling next week. Students made musical instruments, played with tunnels outside and funnels in water. Please help us to save on recycling items we could use in class.

**Presentation on Language and Critical Thinking Resources was cut short. Mrs. Joseline spoke about sending out an email with website to looking into those resources.**

- Raffle winners:
- Ji Shee
- Kathia
- Carime



## HOME LEARNING / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

### Make a Piggy Bank

<https://youtu.be/Sc0am9iQieo>



## 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 Paper Bag Princess

<https://youtu.be/DvmySr7zN4U>