



MAY

HEAD START NEWS

Westside Head Start Newsletter



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FROM THE DESK OF YOUR CDS

By: Rhonda Lochiatto

Happy May! We made it to the end. We have faced challenges this year that we never could have imagined and it has definitely made us stronger all around. I'm so proud of my staff for their dedication, determination, and perseverance. I am so proud of our families for their patience, flexibility, and understanding. This month I hope all of our mothers stop and take time to relax and enjoy time with their families.

Parents, don't forget that our early release day this month is May 19th, and we will be closed on May 31st for the Memorial Day holiday. Also, be on the lookout as our teachers will be contacting you to schedule end of the year conferences.

Best wishes to our children moving on to kindergarten. To everyone else, enjoy your summer break and we look forward to seeing you back in the Fall!



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

May 19th: Early Release Day

May 31st: "Memorial Day" No school for students



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Let's Get
Connected!



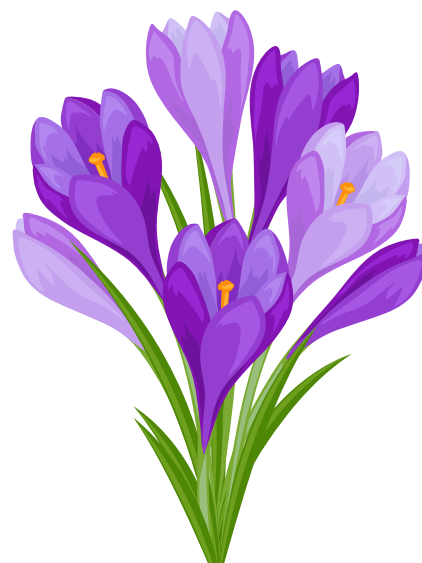
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FAMILY ADVOCATE CORNER

By: Yvette Altman

Kindergarten registration has now begun. Please call your home school to get your child enrolled. You will need child's birth certificate, two forms of ID and child's shots and physical. Please provide, updated shots and physicals.



A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

CLASSROOM 1

Time flies when you are having fun! Spring is in full bloom and our class has been busy bees. Our class will continue the study of gardening. We will be focusing on seeds, plants and grass seeds and observing how they grow. This will be our last newsletter. Parents, we truly enjoyed every day we have had with your child and it was a pleasure to have gotten to know such wonderful families. Your child has shown so much growth and development in all areas since August. Just look at the pictures from August and now to see the physical changes. We would like to say a Great Big Thank you to all of our parents here at Westside. Thanks for sharing your special gift with us this school year. Have a wonderful and safe summer.

**Ready for
Kindergarten!**



HOME LEARNING / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

“Planting Together “

Create a window garden with your child and talk with your child about how you will be working together to make the window garden grow. With this activity your child will gain experience in cooperating and taking responsibility.

What to do: Choose a sunny window sill to grow a family garden together, if possible, you may create your garden outside.

- Make a list of needed items with your child and other members of the family. And together collect a few things such as seeds, potting soil, water, paper or plastic cups. Etc.
- Begin by putting soil in each cup. Give your child as many opportunities to help as possible.
- Ask your child to put seeds in the cups. Choose seeds that sprout and grow quickly, such as green peas or any kind of bean.
- Explain to your child that the plant needs time to grow. Talk about how each plant needs soil, light and water.
- Place a watering schedule near the window. Each person can take turns watering. Let your child check off their name on the schedule after their turn.
- Talk about how each plant is growing taller. Encourage your child to draw pictures of plants to document the growth.

PARENT MEETING MINUTES

Meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Family Advocate Ms. Yvette.

- May 19th at 3; 30 p.m. will be the Parent Activity. We will be planting. Materials will be provided.
- Please Join our fun zoom meeting
- Sumer VPK will be offered at Hope Place Head Strat. More information to come



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.

Book : Oliva Plants A Garden Author: Emily Bunting

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CKAi-rPs7Vw>



CHILDREN'S BOOK SUGGESTION