



MAY

# HEAD START NEWS

Oak Ridge Head Start & Early Head Start Newsletter



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## FROM THE DESK OF YOUR CDS

By: Jennifer Tinstman

### Happy May! - Jennifer Tinstman, CDS

It is hard to believe that this is our final official newsletter for the '20-21 school year. Our time together is winding down and many of our children will be off to kindergarten in the upcoming new school year. Remember that going to school is a natural progression for children and most will be very excited to go. To help your child look forward to going 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." Try to attend your school's orientation which may be virtual with your child. Visit your public library and read, read, read to your child over the summer months.

We are also very excited and looking forward to working again with the children and families who will be returning to school with us next year, as their children advance to the next classroom group continuing the preschool journey with their friends. Our Early Head Start children will still be with us during the summer months and we have lots planned for them.

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 so much growth and development in each one of them.

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.

Have a wonderful and safe summer!



## CONTACT US!

CDS: Jennifer Tinstman 386-235-4480

Family Advocate: Sheena McDaniel 386-956-3859

### Classroom Phone Number & Extensions

386-366-8242

HS Classroom 1 Ext. #101 Ms. Kathy & Ms. Elaine

HS Classroom #2 Ext. # 102 Ms. Carolyn & Ms. Nia

EHS Classroom #3 Ext.# 103 Ms. Dawn & Ms. Zhane

EHS classroom #4 Ext. #104 Ms. Jody & Ms. Adriana



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- May 11th – Transition to Kindergarten meeting at 3pm
- May 13th – Parent meeting at 3pm
- May 19th --Early Release for Head Start at 1pm
- May 31st— Memorial Day -No school for students
- June 4th- Last Day of school for Head Start students-- dismissal at 1pm



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## FAMILY ADVOCATE CORNER

*By: Sheena McDaniel*

Hello Parents and Families,

COVID Reminder: As we continue to practice COVID 19 protocols please remember that anyone entering our campus is expected to wear a mask. Parents are to wear a mask at drop off and pick up, and to maintain a distance of six feet. If you need a mask please ask the teacher or a staff member for one.

Attendance: Please remember that teachers cannot sign children in before 7:45 am. If your student will be absent please call the school by 8:15 am. If you need to reach me, my phone number is 386-956-3859.

Emergency Contact: Please make sure your student's information is up to date as possible. If you need to update your contact information including your address please see myself or a staff member for a change of information form. Please make sure that your student's physical, immunization, and dental exams are current. If you are unsure about dates please contact your FA Sheena Winfield-McDaniel to find out dates. Students will be excluded if documentation is expired.

Students attending Head Start next year please visit with FA as soon as you can in order to complete paperwork for next year. Turning 3: Please make sure that you do not miss your opportunity for your student to attend Head Start this upcoming school year. Make an appointment for your student as soon as possible. What are your summer plans? There are VPK classes forming now. Please visit the Early Learning Coalition website to apply for summer VPK.

## A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

### HEAD START

#### CLASSROOM 1

This month we are continuing our study on Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. We will investigate what people throw away, where trash goes and what the workers do there, how trash affects our community, how we can reuse junk, and how can we create less trash. As the school year is coming to an end, we can now step back and see that our children have blossomed. They have loved learning, have developed great social and educational skills, and continue to be excited and curious about new experiences. They are ready for the next stage of growth. We have enjoyed watching the children grow, learn and develop in to very special people! We wish everyone a safe, happy and fun filled summer. Make every day count!

Ms. Kathy & Ms. Elaine

#### CLASSROOM 2

We have begun our study on Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. Our classroom is learning about different items that are being recycled, such as plastic bottles, cardboard boxes and paper towel rolls, just to name a few. The end of the school year is fast approaching. We have so enjoyed watching our children mature both educationally and emotionally. Most of them will be going kindergarten in the fall. Please continue to read to your child throughout the summer, as well as have them practice writing their names, reciting and recognizing the letters of the alphabet and keep up, with their numbers and counting. Have a safe and wonderful summer!

Ms. Carolyn & Ms. Nia

### EARLY HEAD START CLASSROOM 3

Time flies when you're having fun! We can't believe it is already May. This month we will learning about nature, gardens and how plants grow. We will be doing some fun spring sensory and art activities and we cannot wait to share them with you.

Ms. Zhane & Ms. Dawn

#### CLASSROOM 4

This month we are studying plants, trees, flowers and their colors. The children are observing and investigating the outdoor nature. We continue to encourage communication between children and teaching them different ways of communicating. Let's keep using the masks to drop off and pick up the children, to keep us all safe. Thank you for the encouragement and support.

Ms. Jody & Ms. Adriana

## PARENT MEETING MINUTES

Oakridge HS/EHS Parent's Meeting Minutes April 22, 2021

- Parent Meeting started at: 3:00 p.m. via ZOOM .
- Parents were greeted by: Family Advocate and CDS

### REPORTS

- Teachers: Yes: X No: • FA: YES: X No: • Policy Council Rep: Yes : No: X Notes:
- Welcome by FA and CDS
- CDS discussed imagination library
- First Books
- Transition to Kindergarten in May
- Head Start Teachers updates: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Garbage Collection Learning about Recycling
- Reading with children Using pictures to learn to read Have children use pictures to tell the story
- Early Head Start updates: Weather How things grow Seasons Social Skills Reading
- FA Updates: Attendance, Blue Cards, Immunizations, physicals, dental exams, Applications and Rollovers o Referrals
- Next Meeting scheduled for May 13, 2021 at 3 pm via ZOOM
- \*\*\*Parent won \$25 gift card to Burlington Coat Factory\*\*\*



## CHILDREN'S BOOK SUGGESTION

## HOME LEARNING / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

This will be last month of homework that will be given. Please continue to work with your children over the summer. You may redo some of the activities that were sent home throughout the school year. Feel free to make up your own games and activities to help keep those young minds busy.



## 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.

Mouse's First Spring written by Lauren Thompson & illustrated by Buket Erdogan  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uFkYLgCMw7I>