



MAY

# HEAD START NEWS

Chisholm Head Start & Early Head Start Newsletter



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## FROM THE DESK OF YOUR CDS

*By Andrea Rodgers*

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!



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3: x103  
4: x104



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

5/19 Early Release Head Start Only  
5/31 No School – Memorial Day



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# FAMILY ADVOCATE CORNER

*By: Yasmin Moore*

FROM THE DESK OF THE FAMILY ADVOCATE.

**April in Review:** April continued to be a trying time for all due to the continued presence of COVID-19. Fortunately, none of our classrooms had to be closed. Families are encouraged to continue practicing social distance, wear mask and wash up.

**Medical Records:** Parents are encouraged to turn in updated medical records after child had a new doctor's appointment for physical, immunization or dental.

**Attendance-** Parents are encouraged to bring their child to school often, preferably every day; and to keep sick children home.

**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO OUR CHISHOLM FAMILIES!!!!**



## CLASSROOM 1

For the month of May we are finishing up our lesson on "Clothes"; "What special clothes do people wear to work and play?" We will be starting a new lesson on "Lights"; "What objects make light?" "How do you turn lights on and off?" "What happens when he block light?" and "What kind of things can light shine through?" We will be working on Mother's Day gifts for our Moms. We are working on potty training some of our children.

Ms. Maritza and Ms. Amber

## A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

### CLASSROOM 3

In classroom three we are working on writing our name, identifying letters and numbers, rote counting, drawing with some details, patterns, discussing the season Spring, discussing our feelings and how to handle them appropriately, we are also working on and learning fair ways to play, problem solving techniques, and using our words when wanting something or needing to communicate with another peer or the teacher. We have been on our new theme which is Exercise, the children already knew some about this topic and have shared their knowledge with us, but they are also learning about a lot more when it comes to exercising and living healthy. We have set our Dramatic Play area up as a Yoga Facility, it has a mat with different pictures of Yoga poses, the children are enjoying this and trying all the different poses. We have different stepping stones in our block area for the children to set up and walk across, as well as cones and rings for the children to manipulate and set up. We did set up an obstacle course in our room using, the hoops, cones, stepping stones, hop scotch we made, mat, and a tunnel, the children loved it so much that they make one of their own now and go through it. We are being healthy and enjoying it in Classroom #3.

Ms. Lynn and Ms. Amanda

### CLASSROOM 4

We cannot believe that the school year is almost over. We are introducing some kindergarten sight words since we finished with our alphabet study. We started in April with I, can, like, & the. In May, we will focus on the words and, see, we, a, to, come, me, & with. We are studying the topic of exercise this month. We turned our dramatic play area into a gym and a smoothie bar. We are focusing on how we move our bodies, what body parts are needed to exercise, jobs that focus on exercise, and how to stay safe when we exercise. Thank you so much for entrusting us with your children. It has been a different year, but we all worked together and made it a success. We wish you good health and happiness in the years to come. ~Ms. Karen and Ms. Maria

## PARENT MEETING MINUTES

Parent Meeting started at: 3:00 p.m. via ZOOM.

### REPORTS

Teachers: Yes: X No:

FA: YES: X No:

Policy Council : Yes : X No:

### Notes:

FA greeted parents and teachers

FA did an ice breaker called "Grab & Share" / "Show & Tell".  
Children who were on Zoom with their parents were allowed to participate.

Teachers greeted parents and presented information on classroom activities

Policy Council representative was not present so FA gave the Policy Council Report

FA discussed attendance for the month of March and encouraged parents to continue sending their children every day- all day. FA asked parents to contact the school before 9 a.m. if the child will be absent.

FA reviewed important dates for the month of May  
FA reviewed perfect attendance for March. One EHS child had perfect attendance.

FA raffled a Mother's Day gift basket

FA explained to parents the purpose of the parent meetings and how reminded them how it is to be governed. FA encouraged participation. FA asked for suggestions for parent activity and two suggestions were made. Bowling and Tortuga Baseball game. Further survey will be done with other parents.

9 parents were present at the meeting.

7 staff members were present.

FA wished mothers Happy Mother's Day since this is the last meeting before Mother's day

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Next meeting will be 5/20 at 3 p.m. via ZOOM

## HOME LEARNING / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Look for Cosmic Yoga on YouTube. The leader on these wonderful videos turn your child's favorite stories and acts them out using yoga poses. Have fun! Namaste!



## 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.



"Just Like Josh Gibson" by Angela Johnson  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l8LLUexbFQc>

"If You Give a Dog a Donut" by Laura Numeroff  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bBGdYKvJ2cY>

## CHILDREN'S BOOK SUGGESTION