



SEPTEMBER

HEAD START NEWS

Oak Ridge Head Start & Early Head Start Newsletter



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FROM THE DESK OF YOUR CDS

By: Jennifer Tinstman

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! We hope you had a wonderful summer break and we would like to welcome our returning families this year and give a special greeting to all of those new families who are joining us here at Oakridge Head Start & Early Head Start for the first time! All of the staff here look forward to a sharing a wonderful year with you and your little ones.

My name is Jennifer Tinstman, and I am the Child Development Specialist at Oakridge. Please feel free to contact me, at (386) 235-4480, or jtinstman@mfcfs.us with questions or concerns at any time. I look forward to meeting each of you soon, if we have not met already at drop off or pick up at the center.

Thank you for your patience as we get the children checked in and out each day. With all of the COVID protocols, temperature scans, masks, etc., it does take a bit to get each one of the children into the classrooms each morning. We appreciate your wearing your masks and helping us to keep social distanced by waiting on the X's as you come and go. It is important for us all to work together as a team to keep everyone safe. Working together with you, we can all build a positive and nurturing environment where your children will learn and grow as they discover the world around them. I thank you in advance for your help in working with us to provide the best learning experience possible for the children. We know it will be a fun school year and are very excited for all that it has to offer!



CONTACT US!

CDS: Jennifer Tinstman 386-235-4480

Family Advocate: Sheena Winfield- 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

September 6th-Labor Day—NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS/Staff

Oak Ridge Parent Meeting September 1st

September 20th- In-Service for Teachers-NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS



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FAMILY ADVOCATE CORNER

By: *Sheena Winfield-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 and Pick Up: 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. Please remember our monthly parent meetings. This is the time to plan events, obtain speakers, and have your voices heard.

Sheena Winfield-McDaniel

A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

HEAD START

CLASSROOM 1

Welcome to classroom 1! We are super excited to start off the school year with you and your child! In the beginning of the year, we spend a lot of time talking about rules and practicing rules. Our lessons and activities are centered around learning the rules and procedures of the classroom, but the children are having fun at the same time. Our children learn about themselves, their families, and their school. The Creative Curriculum study "Beginning the Year" focuses on helping students become independent workers and thinkers. It includes a strong emphasis on making friends and learning about feelings. We hope that September brings many happy memories of the beginning of the school year!

Thank You! Ms. Kathy & Ms. Laura

CLASSROOM 2

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year at Head Start in classroom #2, with Ms. Carolyn and Ms. Nia. We are thrilled to get back together, meet new friends and see our old friends. This year you will see your child grow in many new ways, emotionally, academically, and of course physically. We are looking forward to the new adventures our classroom will bring and how your children will thrive because of them. September has a few days off so be sure to check the calendar and/or check with us! Please remember a change of clothes must be in the classroom in case of an accident. Also, a clean blanket every Monday. Please do not ever hesitate to contact Ms. Carolyn or Ms. Nia if you have any questions or something you may want to talk about. We are here for you!

~Ms. Carolyn & Ms. Nia

EARLY HEAD START

CLASSROOM 3

Welcome or welcome back to classroom 3! To our returning parents, we are so excited to have you back and thank you for all of your support last school year. To our new parents, we are so excited to have your child in our classroom and look forward to working with you. This month in the classroom we will be continuing to get familiar with the classroom routines as well as working on transitions, sharing and taking turns. We will be contacting you soon to schedule home visits and please remember to bring in two extra changes of clothes for your child in case of emergencies. We are looking forward to a fantastic school year! If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us.

~Ms. Zhane & Ms. Dawn

CLASSROOM 4

We're very happy to start a new school year with families and our littles ones. For the parents who were already here with us, thank you so much for the support you have given to us throughout the school year, and for the new parents and students, we are very happy to have you with us on this learning journey. During this month we are working the classroom routine, and also working on some social skills such as how to share and take turns. We are asking the parents please to bring two changes of clothing for their children that stays in their boxes in case we need them. We will have a GREAT year, full of new adventures and learning!!

Ms. Jody & Ms. Adriana

PARENT MEETING MINUTES

Parent Meeting rescheduled to September 1, 2021. Please attend this important meeting!



HOME LEARNING / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Homework will be sent out twice a month. Please enjoy doing these activities with your children. We would love to see photos or videos of the activities, which you can upload onto the Teaching Strategies portal.



POLICY COUNCIL UPDATES

August Policy Council met via Zoom on August 26, 2021. The June meeting minutes were approved. The Budget and Credit Card statements were approved. The Enrollment, Attendance and Snack reports were approved. Heidi Rand reviewed the Program Instructions/Information Memorandums: ACF-IM-HS-21-03 and ACF-IM-HS-21-04, no approvals were needed for these items. All Service Area and Center Reports were approved.



CHILDREN'S BOOK SUGGESTION

[Never Let a Dinosaur Scribble](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A-u7C4yQhsg) written by Diane Alber
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A-u7C4yQhsg>