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HEAD START NEWS

Port Orange Head Start & Early Head Start Newsletter



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FROM THE DESK OF YOUR CDS

By: Pamela Fernet

The safety of your children is always the most important aspect. We are super excited to have your children attending daily in the classrooms here at Mid Florida Community Service, Inc. Head Start. The education of your child is very important and you ensuring your child's attendance to school daily; helps to prove how important it is to you. Here at Head Start/Early Head Start we thrive on the education of your child and feel it is important that these first years of school for your child are stimulating and happy. Please feel free to discuss any concerns you might have so that we may know your child better and work with him/her more effectively. I especially want to assure families that phone calls to the school are always welcomed. You may call at any time to check on your child, especially if he/she had a difficult time separating from you. Just be aware that the teachers are busy interacting with the children and may not answer the phone right off. Please follow the prompts and leave a message, they will get back to you as soon as they can. Thank you again and welcome to the Head Start/Early Head Start Family. I would like to share that September is "Baby Safety" month. The National Head Start Association will be doing a parent book club if you would like to join. I have included the link: National Head Start Parent Book Club - NHSA, please check it out. Participate will receive the book: "When You Wonder, You're Learning brings the lessons of Mister Rogers into the digital age, introducing a new generation of families to the lessons of Mister Rogers' Neighborhood. Children's advocate Gregg Behr and award-winning reporter Ryan Rydzewski show parents and educators the many ways they might follow in Rogers' footsteps, sharing his lessons with today's kids." (NHSA)



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Wednesday, September 1st – Parent Meeting
Monday, September 6th – No School (Labor Day)
Head Start – Early Release is on all Wednesdays in September.
Early Head Start – Early Release Day is Wednesday, September 15th.
Monday, September 20th – No School (In Service Day)



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FAMILY ADVOCATE CORNER

By: Yvette Altman & Denise Stratton



Welcome to September,

The new school year is off to a great start. Please make sure that your student has all their proper documentation turned in to our office. Without this documentation, your child will not be able to remain in school. As the new year starts for some students this is a hard transition. Please remember attendance is key to your child's success! The Head Start and Early Head Start Programs require a 90% attendance rate, we do understand there are circumstances that can't be controlled, if your child is going to be absent or tardy, please make sure to contact your teacher to let them know, this will ensure we have enough meals for our students.

Some friendly reminders to keep everyone safe and healthy. Please remember to wear your mask when approaching teachers at drop of and pick up. We know there is a lot of controversy on the use of mask, but to ensure we keep our center and classrooms open, it is crucial that our teachers and staff stay healthy. Also, for the safety of our students, please drive slowly and use caution where entering and exiting our facility.

Thank you,

Denise & Yvette

A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

HS CLASSROOM 1

MS. BRIANNA & MS. APRIL

Greetings families,

We feel privileged to be working with you and your children this year and are enjoying building relationships with one another. Throughout September we will continue emphasizing our daily routines and procedures as we get to know the people and places in our school. From hand washing techniques, meal etiquette, playing safely on the playground, exploring the toys and tools in our classroom, and cleaning up after ourselves we are learning every step of the way. Our class rules are simple—be safe, be helpful, and be kind—we can do it! Looking forward to growing with you.

HS CLASSROOM 2

MS. LYNN & MS. ARELIS

Hello Families,

We are working on getting focused and adjusted to the new routine and classroom, we are also learning to get to know one another. We have begun our first theme of the year which is "Beginning of the Year" and this is getting us started. The teachers are observing and doing assessments, this allows us the knowledge of each child's strengths and weaknesses. We are so excited to get this year off and running, we look forward to getting to know your child better as well as your family. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to ask.

EHS CLASSROOM 3

MS. KASANE & MS. DI'SHENDA

This month we will be working on "All About Me!" Where we are getting to know more about each other as well and the different family backgrounds to emphasize more ways to help them adapt in the classroom setting. Our all-inclusive classroom is about growing with each other and learning about how one another adapt. We will be working with the families, at pick up and drop off, to ensure that both children and parents are comfortable.



EHS CLASSROOM 5

MS. JUANITA & MS. JESSICA

During the month of August, Classroom 5 with Mrs. Juanita and Mrs. Jessica, we be exploring containers and their many uses. We will also enjoy experimentations like, discovering magnets and what they attract. Other activities that will establish and maintain our class routines. We will be taking time to get to know each other and have fun along the way.

HOME LEARNING / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Teaching shapes, this is something that we will be working on with the children and could use your help at home. This could be done driving down the road, at home, shopping, going for walks, watching tv, bath time, etc. There are different kinds of shapes everywhere; street signs, houses, buildings, windows, doors, cars, toys, etc.



PARENT MEETING MINUTES

No minutes at this time, we haven't had our first meeting yet. Please attend our first parent meeting on Wednesday, September 1st.



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

Wemberly Worried; By: Keven Henkes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tkuXc0htNGk>

A World of Families; By: Trish Holland

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EWkVRHmONPw>