



SEPTEMBER

HEAD START NEWS

Hope Place Head Start & Early Head Start Newsletter



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FROM THE DESK OF YOUR CDS

By Rhonda Lochiatto

We've lifted off to a new year and it has certainly not been without its struggles. We sincerely apologize for the rocky beginning, but rest assured we are doing our very best. As they say, "The Road to Success is ALWAYS under Construction!" We truly appreciate your flexibility and patience with us as we continue to maneuver through these very unprecedented times.

Please remember to arrive on time for drop off and pick up. Be sure your children are dressed appropriately including proper footwear. Make sure you have gotten with your child's teacher for your first home visit, as well!

If at any time you have concerns or questions, please feel free to contact me. My door is always open and I always have a seat and an ear ready to listen



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386-281-3315

11-1: x201 11-4: x204

10-6: x106 11-6: x206

10-7: x107 11-10: x210



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

September 2 – Parent Meeting

September 6 (Monday)- Labor Day

September 15 (Wednesday)- Early Release Day

September 20 (Monday)- Student Holiday



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Let's Get
Connected!



FAMILY ADVOCATE CORNER

By: *Bernadette Flake*

On August 16th we celebrated the start of the school year and welcomed new staff and students. We also want to remind everyone about our school-wide expectations: Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Responsible. It is very important for students to have the opportunity to foster a caring, loving environment to learn. A great way to help them is by establishing a simple good-bye routine in the morning and allowing them to transition quickly into the classroom. Your students have had a great first week and we are off to a great start!!! Here at Hope Place we are busy building, creating, and learning. Two way communication between parents and teachers is a yearlong responsibility, but everyone working together will make positive differences in a child's educational experience. Our first parent meeting will be September 2 at 3pm and we encourage each and every one of you to attend virtually. Parents, we also encourage you to join the parent committee and also Policy Council as we value your input and interests. We have had quite a few parents reach out to us wanting to join so we are excited!!! We are also excited to announce our new addition to the team here at Hope Place in our Family Advocate position Jaime Iraci. Jaime is a valuable asset and we are happy to have her! ~Mrs. "B"

A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

CLASSROOM 11-1

Welcome from 11-1

We are so happy to have your child in our classroom. The couple of weeks in August we are working on classroom rules and schedules, as well as getting to know our friends and teachers. We also started working on the number 7, the letter S and the octagon shape. In September we will be discussing safe play and being safe on the playground.

~Ms. Phaleisa and Mrs. Sue

CLASSROOM 10-6

Hello and welcome to room 10-6!

We would like to welcome you back to the 2021-2022 school year. We are looking forward to new adventures and building on past experiences. We will be starting the new school year off with exploring balls. The exploration of the balls includes many different aspects starting with different kind of balls, we will compare differences as well as similarities. We will investigate what they are made of, then wrap up our study with a celebration of balls. Oh, what fun!

~Ms. Jodi and Ms Ericka



CLASSROOM 11-10

Welcome Back from 11-10!

Hello and welcome back. We are so excited to get to know not only your child, but you as well. Having at-home support and open communication is an essential part of a successful school year. It's going to be a FABULOUS year! We promise you that we are going to have a great time this year participating in many fun and exciting activities.

An apple for the teacher, Is really nothing new.

Except when you remember Parents are teachers too!

~Ms. Cynthia and Ms. Terry



A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS



CLASSROOM 10-7

Cool Greetings from 10-7

We are so excited to start our new school year with our classroom theme of “WE ARE A RAINBOW OF POSSIBILITIES”! Last month we were busy getting acclimated to our new material in our classroom. This month we will explore “Rocks”. We know many of our little explorers love nature. What better way to kick off our school year? Remember learning doesn’t have to stop when they leave the classroom. Did you know that September was National Library Card Sign-up Month? Just think about the endless continued learning possibilities a library card has. To sign-up find your local library and stop on in.

List of Local Libraries:

- Hope Place Public Library 1310 Wright St
- Ormond Beach Regional Library 30 S Beach St
- Daytona Beach Regional Library (City Island) 105 E Magnolia Ave
- John H Dickerson Heritage Library 411 S Keech St
- Port Orange Regional Library 1005 City Center Cir

~Ms. Akilah and Ms. Wendy

CLASSROOM 11-4

Welcome from 11-4

During the month of September, we will be exploring different things about balls. We will look at the way that they bounce and the way that they roll. The students will also be learning the color blue and the shape triangle. We are also going to start working on brushing the children’s teeth. The book that we will be reading is, “Llama, Llama, Red Pajamas,” and “Wheels on the Bus.” We will be closed on Labor Day, September 6 and the next early release day will be September 15 at 1:00 pm.. If you have any questions feel free to contact us.

~Ms. Monica and Ms. Mary

CLASSROOM 11-6

Welcome from 11-6

Greetings, this school year we are exploring our classroom and continuing our developmental objectives with new studies implemented in the lesson plan. We would like to acknowledge our new staff to the classroom, Ms. Barbara Long who transferred from the Fairview Center. A friendly reminder for our parents to continue reading to your child every day.

~Ms. Maria and Ms. Barbara



PARENT MEETING MINUTES

HOME LEARNING / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Parent Meeting started at: 11:00am. · Parents were greeted by: Carmen Rader-Harris · The Pledge of Allegiance was leaded by: _____n/a_____. · Minutes from last Parents Meeting n/a · Policy Council Representative, reported Policy Council Minutes: Yes: X . No: _____ (Arnessia King (CDS) read the Policy Council minutes. · Parents were notified of coming Important Dates: Last day of school June 4 @ 1pm pick up, Summer VPK will begin June 14-July 27 from 8am-2:30pm Monday-Friday. The last day 7/27 is a 1pm pick up. Holiday/No school July 5, 2021. Notes: Carmen introduced an icebreaker. The ice breaker was What things do you do to cope with the stress of parenting? The parents stated: Going to the beach, reading a book and a bubble bath. Arnessia said the May policy council met virtually via Zoom on May 27, 2021. April minutes were approved. Eight prospective employees were approved to proceed through the hiring process. Enrollment, attendance, and snack reports were processed and approved. Various program policies were presented and approved. Service area and Center reports were also reviewed and approved. (Brandy was dealing with a customer at the time, so Arnessia King read the policy council updates). Arnessia talked about what is going on in each classroom. Carmen talked to the parents about S.M.A.R.T. Goals. The word smart is an acronym that means: Specific Measurable Attainable Realistic & Relevant Time-bound. Carmen talked to the parents about writing down goals of how well to take care of yourself. An example of being specific is once a week on a Wednesday, go to the beach for one hour & hang it up on the refrigerator. Be measurable by making sure your objective of relaxing is achievable. Attainable, make sure you schedule a time frame to relax. For example: 15 minutes, 30 minutes, 1 hour or longer. Realistic, making sure it is a sensible and practical idea. Relevant, don't say doing laundry and reading a book is relaxing. And lastly, Time-bound, Set a scheduled time for 30 days. Evaluate, did it work? Do I need to re-do or reschedule my goals? Carmen showed a 2-minute video called "Self-Care for Parents". It stated 4 ideas: 1. Make sure basic needs are met 2. Make it a routine. 3. Start small. 4. Model self-care. In closing, Carmen encouraged all the parents to take care of themselves so that they can take care of their children. Lastly, Carmen asked if there were any questions. Trelody asked does her child qualify for VPK. Arnessia asked when was his birthday and concluded that he did not qualify. Meeting adjourned at: 11:48am. Presents: 3 . Parent Committee: 1 . Staff: 2 . Minutes taken by: Arnessia King.

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

Title- Pete the Kitty's First Day of Preschool
Author-Kimberly Dean & James Dean