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# HEAD START NEWS

Spring Hill Head Start Newsletter



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## FROM THE DESK OF YOUR CDS

By: *Ronjaneen Harris*

Welcome everyone to the 2021-22 school year. My name is Ronjaneen Harris and I am the Child Development Specialist for Spring Hill Head Start. We look forward to working with you and your child(ren) and providing them with life-long skills and experiences that are necessary for school readiness.

I have met many of you as you bring or pick up your child(ren). This school year, we are using the Creative Curriculum which is based on well-known theories of child development. Our teachers work very hard to get your child(ren) ready for kindergarten. We ask that you take part in your child's education and ask questions, complete and return your child's educational home activities which are sent home twice a month, attend monthly parent meetings (virtual), support the teachers, and bring your child to school daily.

Please remember to dress your child in closed toe shoes and bring a set of changing clothes in case of an accident.

You can reach me, Ronjaneen Harris, at 352-556-4800, extension 209. I look forward to seeing you at the September 7 virtual parent meeting.



## CONTACT US!

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Classroom 701 Sherry Harris and Theresa Scott (352) 556-4800, Ext. 2701

Classroom 702 Amy Doyle and Ryan Fuller (352) 556-4800, Ext. 2702

Classroom 901 Amy French and Janet Thomas (352) 556-4800, Ext. 2901

Classroom 902 Shannon Farrell and Mariani Suarez (352) 556-4800, Ext. 2902



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

No school - September 6 is Labor Day holiday. Parent Meeting is September 7 at 1:00pm virtual. No school - September 24 is in-service/student holiday.



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## FAMILY ADVOCATE CORNER

*By: Lynda Kersey, Lynn Woerner, Nitza Jerez, and Brianna Yuhasz*

We welcome all of our new and returning families! We are glad that you and your child are back in our program. We want to invite you to attend our first virtual Parent Committee Meeting on September 7th @ 1:00 P.M. We will be voting for our different committee positions and Policy Council Representatives. Please consider getting involved and participating in these leadership positions. Please remember to wear your mask on campus. Remember to bring your child to school and communicate with your family advocate or teacher if your child is going to be absent. We look forward to seeing you and working together!



## A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

### CLASSROOM 502

Welcome to Spring Hill Head Start Classroom 502! We want to thank everybody for their patience and cooperation in getting everyone settled in for the 2021-2022 school year. We have a very smart and fun group of children. We are diligently working on our classroom rules and routines. We have introduced our Second Step curriculum which is to help the children learn social skills such as sharing and taking turns. Listening Skills have been introduced. We are also working on our Creative Curriculum which is to introduce the children to various age-appropriate academic skills. The children are enjoying the fun stories and hopefully will learn to become lifelong readers. We are having fun making new friends and creating our classroom community. Thank you! ~Miss Shelley and Miss Olena

### CLASSROOM 601

Welcome to a new school year! We are going to enjoy our special time together this year. Our first priority is health and safety of our children, and you might notice things are a little different this year. This will be a learning opportunity for all of us and we are going to work together to make the best of it! Our school year will be starting off with learning the routines, rules, and getting to know everyone in the classroom. Please, if you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to get in contact with us. Here's to a FANTASTIC year! ~Mrs. Theresa and Mrs. Wanda.

### CLASSROOM 602

We are excited to begin our preschool year with new adventures and ideas. All of our learning units throughout the school year will be based on social skills and how to be friends. During the first couple of weeks, we will begin to do activities to develop gross motor skills, fine gross motor skills, and coordination. We will be talking about our routine and rules at school. Extra information will be sent to your weekly communication or feel free to contact me or Ms. Lucia with any questions or concerns at [npadro@MFCS.US.com](mailto:npadro@MFCS.US.com) or [Lquiles@MFCS.US.com](mailto:Lquiles@MFCS.US.com)  
~Mrs. Norma & Mrs. Lucia





## A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

### CLASSROOM 701

Welcome to September. I am believing for everyone to have a safe and happy Labor Day holiday. We have been in school for about 3 ½ weeks, whereas, we are getting to know the children and parents. We are establishing our routines as we get to know each other. The children have started picking classroom jobs that they can do for the week. We will be going over letters and letter sounds. We will also be doing shapes and colors. Thank you. ~Ms. Sherry and Mrs. Theresa



### CLASSROOM 702

Happy September!! We are so happy to be here in Spring Hill. Both myself, and Mr. Ryan came from the Brooksville campus. I have been working for Head Start for 11 years and Mr. Ryan joined me last year. We were very happy to see you all at meet the teacher and we look forward to a great school year.

We have started the year off by getting to know all our new friends and teachers. We have been learning all about our school and the people who work here. I have sent home two home activities for the children to complete. A book about me and a family album. Please bring them in as soon as you have finished so that we can put them around the classroom. We want the children to be able to share their families with each other.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at [ADOYLE@MFCS.US.COM](mailto:ADOYLE@MFCS.US.COM).

~Ms. Amy Doyle and Mr. Ryan Fuller

### CLASSROOM 901

Welcome families to the beginning of a new school year. We will begin to start a routine with the children to get them adjusted to their classroom. The children will brainstorm to create the expectations for their classroom. They will learn each other's names as well as recognize their own names. We will introduce the children to their helping hands duties to familiarize them with the different responsibilities in the classroom. We will begin to learn their strengths and weaknesses so that we can better serve their needs. The curriculum we use is Teaching Strategies and Second Step for social and emotional behavior. We look forward to a great year. Thank you. ~Ms. Amy and Ms. Janet

### CLASSROOM 902

Welcome back to school! We have been having a great time getting to know each other and making new friends. The children have been doing a great job learning the schedule and following the rules. We are doing a study called the first six weeks. We are discussing how learning names is important, what we should do if we feel sad or scared, what are our rules, who works at our school, and how can we make and keep friends. Our next study we will be learning about is Cameras. This will begin mid-September. More information will be sent home. ~Ms. Shannon and Ms. Mariani



## PARENT MEETING MINUTES

The first parent meeting will be held  
September 7 at 1 pm virtual



## HOME LEARNING / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

- Talk with your child about special friends or family members. Write each person's name on a slip of paper.
- Choose a name card and identify each letter with your child.
- Sing the following song to the tune of "Bingo" and incorporate the chosen name:  
I have a friend whose name is \_\_\_\_\_.  
We have fun together!  
We like to laugh and play,  
We like to laugh and play,  
We like to laugh and play,  
We love spending time together!  
What letters did your child name throughout the activity?  
Source: Teaching Strategies Guided Learning Experience



## 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.

The Gingerbread Man, retold by Bonnie Dobkin  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=urtV8inq6Uk>

## CHILDREN'S BOOK SUGGESTION