HEAD START NEWS

Bushnell Head Start Newsletter



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FROM THE DESK OF YOUR CDS

By: Jennifer Hanner

Welcome back to school!! My name is Jennifer Hanner, I am the Child Development for the Head Start classrooms! I'm so excited to be a part of your school year this year. I am happy to welcome you to the 2021-22 school year! We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential. We recognize that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both the home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities. Our teachers will be sending twice a month home activities/ learning games, this is an amazing way to connect with home and school. We will also be utilizing our Teaching Strategies app that your child teachers will be helping you set up. Through this, you will receive lesson plans, home activities, newsletters, second step letters and any information that needs to be shared. You will also be able to message your child's teacher. Please reach out to the teachers if you have not been set up or have not been getting any information or emails about Teaching Strategies or you can call me, and I will be happy to assist you. For the safety of everyone we are asking that you please wear a mask when you are on campus. Please remember our school hours are 8am -2pm. If you are going to be past 9am we ask that you call in to your child's classroom to let them know. This will allow us to be able to have someone meet you to check you in. Please also remember that our day ends at 2pm. This allows the teachers time to clean and sanitize the room daily.

We want this year to be the best for our families if you have any concern please feel free to contact me I'm always available to families.



CONTACT US!

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Parent Meeting – August 31st

Early Release at 1pm – September 3rd

No School – September 6th









BUSHNELL SEPTEMBER

FAMILY ADVOCATE CORNER

By: Jasmine Herring

On behalf of the Staff at the Bushnell Head Start we are happy to welcome you to the 2021-2022 school year. We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children achieve their highest potential. Special thanks to all of our families for give us the privilege to serve and to guide you; you are truly our inspiration for making this difference on your child's life. By providing the opportunity of early learning development you are setting the foundations for your child's future success. I would like to invite you to share your goals, needs, concerns and any other special situation that you may have. We are here to support and assist you through the school year. Our work is to make sure that you also learn, improve and achieve your goals, because you are as important as your child is to us at Bushnell Head Start.

We recognize that in order to be successful in school, our children need support both at home and at school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. Please we ask that you participate in all center activities.

As we approach the beginning of the year, there are some things we'd like to consider. As most of us are aware, the COVID-19 pandemic still remains active. We are still encouraging and mandating face mask coverings on campus-children, teachers, staff and faculty and visitors are still required to operate the face coverings. If you or someone in your family is sick, we encourage you to stay home, rest and return after feeling better.

The wonderful Bushnell Head Start Teachers and the FA feel privileged to be a part of this school family and we thank you for your support during this school year.

A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

CLASSROOM 1

We are extremely grateful to have the opportunity, once again, to come back to school and start off the NEW 2021-2022 school year!

We are 100% back to Brick-and-Mortar style learning. However, if policies and protocols are to change, we will be here to provide support every step of the way. Please do not hesitate to reach out. WE ARE HERE FOR YOU! Each week, teacher/TA, FA's, and supervisors will keep you updated on subjects to change. This year, the teachers who will be working in Classroom 1 are Mrs. Tammy and Teacher's Assistant Ms. Breanna. The first few weeks of school will be focused on getting familiar with teachers, parents and families, as well as learning about the expectations of the program. The VPK program for children who are enrolled will begin on August 23, 2021. The paperwork will be included within the morning arrival/ Health checks procedure. Please send changes of clothes to school with your child in the event of a toileting accident, eating food, or whenever a child's clothes may become soiled. Also, we will be transitioning back to family-style dining during meal times, and tooth brushing with the children after eating lunches each day of the week.

Parents, if you have any additional comments or concerns regarding your children please feel free to let us know!

We are looking forward to a wonderful, safe and engaging school year.

Thank you,

Mrs. Tammy & Ms. Breanna

CLASSROOM 2

Ms. Heloise and Mrs. Amber would like to welcome our new families as well as our returning parents to the new school year. To start the year off, we are getting to know each other. What we like or don't like, our feelings and what makes us feel that way. We are working on recognizing our names in the classroom. Please remember to bring an extra set of clothes because accidents happen and a small blanket for rest time. Sign in starts at 8am. Pick up is at 2pm. Make sure when you are walking across the parking lot, whether coming in or leaving, you hold your child's hand so they can stay safely with you. If you are going to be late or need to pick up your child early, please give us a call. Thank you and we look forward to a wonderful year.





BUSHNELL SEPTEMBER

HOME LEARNING / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

PARENT MEETING MINUTES

Classroom #1 Home Activities: "Block Patterns." "What time is it Mr. Fox?" Classroom #2 Home Activities: "All About Me Books" and "Talk about Feelings"

Parent Meeting - August 31st





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

"A Pocket for Corduroy" written by Don Freeman https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fgN4voVcs2M

"Charlie Anderson" written by Barbara Abercrombie https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pHkrOV1TkCq