



SEPTEMBER

HEAD START NEWS

Highland 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 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 Highland Early Head Start for the first time! All of the staff here look forward to sharing a wonderful year with you and your little ones.

My name is Jennifer Tinstman, and I am the Child Development Specialist at Highland. Please feel free to contact me, at (386) 235-4480, or jtinstman@mfc.us.com with questions or concerns at any time. I look forward to meeting each of you soon if I have not already done so.

Thank you for your patience as we get the children checked in and out each day. With all of the COVID protocol, 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!



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

September 6th-Labor Day—
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS/Staff
EARLY RELEASE DAYS- 1:00PM Dismissal—September 15, 2021
September 20th- In-Service for Teachers-NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Parent meeting: TBD



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FAMILY ADVOCATE CORNER

By: Latoya Peterman

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: If your student will be absent, please call the school by 8:15 am.

For 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 complete a change of information form and give to your FA or teacher.

Thank you for working with us to make it a great year for the children!

We have made it to September. September is known to be the health month, there are so many awareness's this month just to name a few we have Blood Cancer, Sickle cell, and self-care awareness this month. Self-care is extremely important on so many levels. This is also baby safely month. Please make sure with take care our homes, families and bodies.

This is also my last month of working with such great people. I will like to thank each and every one for all their hard work and dedication. It has been my pleasure and you all will be missed.

A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

CLASSROOM 1

Welcome Back! We missed you. We are starting off the year with containers and brushes. The children are enjoying matching our classroom activities to our new classroom visual schedule. We are singing and dancing—baby shark, if you're happy and you know it—Herman the worm and many more all of which can be found on YouTube. We are brushing our teeth and washing our hands each day. It's shaping up to be a great year!

Ms. Michelle & Ms. Marla

CLASSROOM 2

Hello families! We are getting ready to start our second month of school! We are learning all about our new friends and school family. We are getting used to our daily routine in the classroom. We are continuing our Creative Curriculum study on containers, how they open and close, what can go inside a container, as well as how people can use containers. Thank you for all of your support in the classroom and for entrusting us with your children.

~Mr. Hector and Ms. Karen



HOME LEARNING / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Home activities 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.



PARENT MEETING MINUTES

There are no parent meeting minutes for this month. Please attend the next Parent Meeting.



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 written by Diane Alber
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A-u7C4yQhsg>