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HEAD START NEWS

Holly Hill Head Start & Early Head Start Newsletter



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FROM THE DESK OF YOUR CDS

By: Arnessia King

I want to say HAPPY NEW YEAR! January is a fun month, because it is all about going back to school and reuniting with our friends and teachers after a long holiday break. Parents can help us during this time by praising kids with positive reinforcements such as, your friends missed you, and your teachers are waiting for you with new surprises and more. I hope your children enjoyed their Christmas presents that was donated by Helping Hands with God, Auxilium Amnus DEO. January we will get back into our Monday-Friday routines as we continue the CDC guidelines. There will be no school on January 17, 2021 as we celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. Just remember my office is always open for you to come and discuss any issues. And I am only a telephone call away.

Arnessia King

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CONTACT US!

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Extensions: 386-238-5333

Classroom 1: Extension 101

Classroom 4 (EHS): 104

Classroom 5: Extension 105



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

January 12, 2022 Early Release,
January 17 No School/Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr Holiday



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FAMILY ADVOCATE CORNER

By: Devon Shields

Hello EHS/HS Families!

Welcome to January! I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas filled with food, family and friends! The bustling holiday season is over. I hope you gave the gift of your time this holiday season. Parents can continue to be an active participant and help with their children's education by maintaining a good routine. A strong education is one where the student, teacher and parent all work toward the common goal of educating our children! We love being able to share them with you!!

A new year is that wonderful and magical time for new beginnings. Families and communities come together to celebrate life with joy and to start a new beginning. Our children are our world. We should cultivate in the future generations of hope, love, friendship, faith and good moral values so our future generation can thrive all year round. Let's make this year a one to remember by making a positive impact in our children lives so they and others can see that there is hope for a better, safe and peaceful future. Make a commitment to spend time with your loved ones and make an act of kindness so we can keep the magic of love and caring shining all year, every year!

As the days get colder, continue to stay active, get outside and play. Have your child play outside for exercise and fresh air. Please be sure to send your child to school with clothing that is appropriate for the cold weather, especially for their outdoor activities. Also, attendance is important and children should attend school every day. If your child will not be in school, please contact us. Thank you for continuing to trust us with your child during this pandemic. We are continuing improve safety throughout the school.

Please remember to keep Immunizations, Physicals, and Dental updated!

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please fill free to contact your Family Advocate, Devon Shields @ 386-238-5333 Ext. 110.

A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

CLASSROOM 4

We welcome the New Year 2022 and we hope everyone had a great safe and enjoyable time with their families and loved ones. We will continue exploring the topic of light, learning about what objects that can make light or reflect light, how to turn on and off the light how do we use light? What happens when we block light? We will be celebrating by using flash lights turning them on and off. We will be using different materials such as magnifying glasses of different colors to learn how light could be seen. Welcome back may this year bring happiness and health to all. Reminder if you have not brought in a change of extra clothing for appropriate change of weather please do so. Thank you, all best wishes.

CLASSROOM 5

Out with the old and in with a New Year of learning. Welcome 2022! As we close out last month's lesson on Celebrating learning about our clothing study. We will continue to build on background language and vocabulary through the reading of our many stories from our Clothing Study. We will be introducing a new study in the Month of January on Pets. We will be sending an introduction to the study through Teaching Strategies. Please remember to check your child's mail box on Fridays for the 2nd Step take home letter, and important information daily.

We would like to encourage our families to please read to your child daily and discussed what is being read and allow them to turn the pages and read the book back to you. If you need books please feel free to let Mrs. Stephanie or Ms. Keyanna know and we will provide you with some reading materials for your child.

Home visit time has approached us. Please set up a day and time to have a virtual home visit. Always remember you are your child's first teacher.

Mrs. Stephanie/Ms. Keyanna



PARENT MEETING MINUTES

The parent meeting minutes are not available for this month.



CHILDREN'S BOOK SUGGESTION

HOME LEARNING / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

As the weather becomes colder many families may enjoy warm dishes. Cooking together as a family increases your family's health. Cooking together teaches children about nutrition and gives them appreciation for a variety of foods and healthier foods.

POLICY COUNCIL UPDATES

December Policy Council met via Zoom on December 16, 2021. Quorum was established with 13 community reps present. Heidi Rand, requested a change to the agenda to place Denise Mercado, Inclusion Coordinator on the agenda to present a training on Inclusion. Denise explained the process of the Inclusion Team reviewing every screening conducted on children and then reviewed with families and referred when needed. The inclusion team educates parents on the entire referral process to empower them to advocate for their child. If a child is under 3 they are referred to our partner Early Steps. If the child is over 3 they are referred to our partner Fiddlers on the Hernando County side and Child Time in Volusia. These partners come directly onsite and work with the teachers and child in the Head Start classroom. The Inclusion team also goes directly into the classrooms to observe students and work with teachers to assist with strategies and material usage through modeling. Denise mentioned that a higher number of children on the autism spectrum are being seen and due to this the inclusion team is being proactive and going through an autism spectrum navigator training through UCF to provide the highest quality support. The November meeting minutes were approved. Amy Thomas, Deputy Director of Children's Services, introduced Michelle Hann the new Education Manager for Hernando/Sumter County. The Budget and Credit Card statements were approved. The Enrollment, Attendance and Snack reports were approved. Tanya Hall, Deputy Director of Program Services, presented the Recruitment Action Plan and was passed. Heidi Rand presented and discussed the Temporary COVID-19 Vaccination, Testing, and Face Covering Policy. She stressed that this is a temporary plan and subject to change and be put on hold based on any changes from the Office of Head Start. Following an open discussion the vote was 8 yes and 6 no. The majority passed the temporary policy. Seth Williams, Health Manager, stressed that all of our regular health prevention strategies and our procedures with students currently in place would not change if the temporary COVID-19 policy is to be implemented or put on hold. Heidi Rand presented the Criteria for Selection of Children for 2022-2023 program year and was passed. Staffing Reports were presented for information purposes.

All Service Area and Center Reports were presented and approved. Next Policy Council meeting is Thursday, January 27, 2022.

How To Catch A Snowman (Read Aloud) Winter/Storytime by Adam Wallace and Andy Elkerton
<https://youtube/w1T4S1z0luQ>