



HEAD START NEWS

Chisolm Early Head Start & Head Start Newsletter



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FROM THE DESK OF YOUR CDS

By: Jeamary Garcia

Going to Kindergarten

It is hard to believe that this is our last newsletter. Our preschool year is winding down and many of our preschoolers will be off to kindergarten in the fall. Remember, going to school is a natural progression for children and most will be very ready to go. To help your child look forward to a new school, be sure to talk positively about attending kindergarten. Talk often about making new friends, learning new things, growing up, and becoming a "big boy or girl."

Plan to attend your school's orientation with your child, visit your public library and read, read, read to your child over the summer months. Head Start "transition bags" contain some terrific ideas for learning new things and having big fun.

We thank you for entrusting your child to us this year. We have enjoyed working with all of the children in our care and have seen growth, development and skill acquisition in all of the boys and girls. We have also witnessed how the children have grown in the way they deal with frustration and the care and concern they express for one another.

Thank you for being your child's first and most important teacher and working with us on behalf of your child. We thank you for your support throughout the year. We feel a close partnership with our parents and send you our best wishes.

Hoorah for preschoolers!!! We appreciate your support. Have a wonderful and safe summer!



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Early Release HS: May 11th, 18th & 25th
and EHS: May 11th
No School: May 30th Memorial Day



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Let's Get
Connected!



Hello Families,

The end of the 2021-2022 school year is quickly coming to an end. If you have not completed your 2022-2023 application, please call me so we can set up an appointment to do so. If you know anyone who is looking for childcare please let them know we are also accepting new applications.

Wednesday May 18, 2022 from 10:30- 12:00, will be our 2021-2022 Spring Fling. We will need Volunteers!!!! Please try to attend our upcoming May 4th @ 12:30 parent meeting for more details. This will also be the last chance to get your name in for the bike raffle, the bike will be raffled at the end of that meeting.

A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

EARLY HEAD START/ HEAD START

Classroom 1:

This month we will be working on the study containers. We will ask the questions; what do containers hold? What are their uses? What are the different types of containers. We continue to work on our class routine how to manage our feelings and emotions.

Ms. Amber and Ms. Tania

Classroom 2:

April showers bring May flowers. This month we will finish up our study on gardening. Then we will move on to our study about Recycling. We will answer the questions; What things can be recycled? How can we do our part to recycle? We will remain focused on preparing our upcoming Kindergarten for elementary school. We will work on recognizing letters, numbers, shapes, colors and writing our name. In Second Step, we learn how to speak up assertively when something happens we don't like and talking how to make new friends in Kindergarten.

Thank you for sharing your children with us!
Ms. Maria and Ms. Britnie



PARENT MEETING MINUTES

Chisholm HS/EHS
Parent Meeting Minutes
April 6, 2022

- Meeting started at 12:30pm
- Introductions
- 5 parents in attendance
- Discussed kindergarten Roundup dates, registrations and resources to ensure their child is academically ready for kindergarten.
- Discussed Summer VPK programs, how to sign up for program.
- Week 5 of "What You do Matters" children's cognitive development. Reviewed age appropriate documents.
- No school on April 25, 2022
- Meeting closed at 1:00 pm



CHILDREN'S BOOK SUGGESTION

Michael Recycle by Ellie Bethel Michael
Recycle book reading - YouTube
Big Box of Shapes by Wiley Blevins Big Box of
Shapes - YouTube

HOME LEARNING / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Head Start: Talk to your children about what you can recycle around the house. Go on a nature walk and pick up trash in the neighborhood or local park. Talk to your children about what things can be recycled and what you can do to keep our Earth clean.
Early Head Start: Allow your child to practice putting on lids to containers around the house. Grab several containers and put them in a pile. Allow your child to match the lids with the containers and practice putting them on.

POLICY COUNCIL UPDATES

April Policy Council met via Zoom on April 28, 2022. Quorum was established with 13 present.

Annette Becklan, Head Start Mental Health Consultant, presented and trained the members with a thorough presentation on Social and Emotional Mental Health.

The March meeting minutes were approved. The Budget and Credit Card statements were approved. The Enrollment, Attendance and Snack reports were approved.

Jennifer Fowler presented request for Parent Activity Funds that were approved.

Heidi Rand presented on ACF-PI-HS-22-02 on Head Start Funding Increase. This was presented for information purposes only and voting not required. Heidi stated that the focus for the pay increase will go the Teachers and Teacher Assistants. Management is working on the budget to eliminate center positions to help divide the funds.

Staffing Reports were presented for information purposes. All Service Area and Center Reports were presented and approved.

Seth Williams shared the update on writing the No Kids Hungry Grant. He shared that the grant was submitted before April 15th and waiting to hear if the program receives the funding. Until funding is received we do not at this time have funds to provide backpack meals at this time. If approved the program will run for 25 weeks. Seth explained that the Sunshine Health grant was not approved.

Next Policy Council meeting is Thursday, May 26, 2022.