



HEAD START NEWS

Highland Early Head Start Newsletter



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FROM THE DESK OF YOUR CDS

By: Jennifer Tinstman

Happy May!!

It is hard to believe it is already May! .

Our Early Head Start classrooms are open during the summer months and we have lots planned for them. Our last EHS day will be Friday, July 22nd.

We are all enjoying working with you and your children and have seen so much growth and development in each one of them.

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 hope everyone will enjoy a safe and fun summer ahead!



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Wednesday Early release dates for May:
 May 11th + June 3rd (for HS and EHS),
 No School for Students: Monday, May 30th---Memorial Day
 No School for Students: Monday June 20th - Juneteenth Holiday
 No School for Students: Monday, July 4th
 Last day of school: Friday July 22nd



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"Hello Parents and Guardians,
Can you believe that the school year is almost over? I hope that every one of you has a great and safe summer. Many churches and Volusia County have a Free Summer Meals Program and there are many places near us that will offer it. The program will serve children 18 yrs. and under.

I will be in my office all Summer serving you and other families as well. Please contact me for support. I can be reached at 386-956-3883. If your child is returning next school year, we need to meet to complete a rollover application. If your child is turning three make sure you have filled out a Head Start Application. It's a different program and the child doesn't automatically go from Early Head Start to Head Start.

A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

HEAD START

Classroom 1-EHS

Highland 1 will be studying rocks....YEAH! The children love rocks! We will learn about different textures and what we can do with rocks. We will also paint rocks. I know parents have seen our plants growing in the foyer. See if your child know which plant is theirs. They worked very hard planting them
Ms. Michelle

Classroom 2-EHS

Highland 2 is currently working on exploring brushes and all of the different ways brushes can be used to complete different tasks, like sweeping or painting. we will also be learning this month about paper and all of the fun ways paper can be used for like painting, coloring, drawing, origamis and even building things like towers or airplanes.

Mr Hector and Ms Khloe



PARENT MEETING MINUTES

Thursday April 28, 2022 @ 3:00 PM

Three parents were present at the meeting and one staff member.

Ice Breaker

Family Advocate reminded parents to do their rollovers or HS Start applications if they haven't already

Family Advocate discussed what was going on in the classrooms. The children are growing plants and learning about boxes.

Family Advocate discussed being on time for pick up and Attendance and shoe policy

Family Advocate also discussed the "What You Do Matters Curriculum" Cognitive Development



CHILDREN'S BOOK SUGGESTION

"All the colors I See" by Holli Conger and
Illustrated by Pamela Kennedy
<https://youtu.be/z-NpfKO3DNU>

HOME LEARNING / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Homework 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.

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.