



# HEAD START NEWS

Holly Hill Head Start Newsletter



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## FROM THE DESK OF YOUR CDS

**By: Pamela fennett**

"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

Head Start Early Release days:

5/11, 5/18, & 5/25

Early Head Start Early Release days: 5/11

Student Holiday: 5/30 - Memorial Day



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Connected!



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"Can you believe that the school year is almost over? You truly have contributed a lot with your child education and our school!

Before the end of the school year comes, I would like to give you some survival tips for summer. Most of us feel relieve that during the school year our children have a safe place to stay during the day but, what do we do for summer child care? Well, here are some helpful ideas:

- Family and Friends- we truly have to be thankful for them every day but, during summer we have to believe that they make a huge difference when they assist with the care of our children. We can make a calendar with our friends and family, so everybody can help with our little one's care and at the same time have some time to run their errand or have some well deserve free time. Ex. 1st week: Grandparents and 2nd week: Friend. You can also offer to cover any expenses of your child. Remember to assist them as well if they have children to take care of also.
- Share your sitters- If you or someone you know have a sitter that is trustable, why don share the expenses and have the sitter take care of both families' children? Believe me that you and your friend will save some money during summer. You can offer the sitter to switch house each week and whoever host the house for child care that week can cover the meals for the week (breakfast, snacks and lunches).
- Sports and summer camps- are an obvious option for everybody. If you act early some local cities summer camps or sport programs will offer scholarships to lower the cost. Most the time this option is applicable for children 5 yrs. or older.
- Summer VPK - Did you know that if your child is ready to transition to kindergarten next school year and if you haven't used your VPK voucher during the school year, you can request it for summer? The best part is that multiple places around you will offer free VPK programs.

Finally, I hope that everyone has a great and safe summer! My last summer tip will be in regards of our children summer meals. Volusia County has a Free Summer Meals Program and there are many places near us that will offer it. The program will serve, at no cost, children 18 yrs. and under. You can visit this site to find a location near you: <https://www.summerfoodflorida.org/Parents-and-Families/Find-a-Site>

## A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

## HEAD START

It has truly been an amazing journey to see how our small mustard seeds have blossomed since August. Where does the time go? As we prepare to close this year out it has truly been great getting to know each and every one of you. It has been a year of trial and error with COVID19. We have endured the many challenges that were placed upon us and we can truly say we weathered the storm together. Even though it was challenging we were able to make things happen for our children and families. We want to thank each and every one of you, because without you we couldn't have met the challenges that were placed upon us. We will finish the year out with the following Study, Getting Ready for Kindergarten. We will continue to go over listening rules, Fair ways to play and Ways to Calm Down Techniques from our Second Step Lesson. Parents you can continue to help your child learn more by reading to him/her daily and discussing the characters in the story, what happen first, second and last in the story. Allow them to share what they like most or least about the story. Make it fun!

Always remember you are your child's first teacher.

You make the difference in the lives of your child(ren).

Have a safe and enjoyable summer! Good Luck in Kindergarten!!

Returning students, we will see you in August.

Mrs. Stephanie and Ms. Keyanna

## EARLY HEAD START

Dear Parents,

As we welcome the new month of May. We will explore the topic of seats. We will be investigating where we sit in school; what different types of seats are there? How are they the same and different? What kind of seats help people move? What are the parts of a seat? Can we make a seat?

We want to THANKS you for your continued support in nurturing your child's education and growth with us. Remember that we continue our services and support in the summer.

Ms. Miguelina & Ms. Williams



## PARENT MEETING MINUTES

No Parent Meeting  
Minutes to add at this  
time.



## CHILDREN'S BOOK SUGGESTION

Goodbye Preschool, Hello Kindergarten -  
YouTube

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=r1afBvHi5ro>

## HOME LEARNING / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

We're Hiring-  
<https://www.midfloridaheadstart.com/>

Open enrollment has started!

I will be here all summer in my office serving you and other families as well. If your child is returning next school year, we need to meet to review and complete paperwork. If your child is transitioning to kindergarten and you need their Physical and Immunizations, please contact me for support at 386-238-5333 Ext 110.

## 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.