



HEAD START NEWS

Osteen Newsletter



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FROM THE DESK OF YOUR CDS

By: Jeamary Garcia

"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

PARENT MEETING MAY 18
EARLY RELEASE: 5/11, 5/18, 5/25
NO SCHOOL: 5/30 MEMORIAL DAY

MAY 25, MUSEUM OF ARTS IN DELAND
JUNE 1, END OF THE YEAR CELEBRATION



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Do you know any other parents with Head start aged children? Now is the time for them to come in to complete an application for the 2022-23 school year. With Spring upon us, many of us are starting our spring cleaning and clearing out those old clothes and toys. Think about donating those things or having a garage sale. It's much easier to clean out those things while the kids are in school!

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A NOTE FROM THE TEACHERS

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Ms. Adela/Mrs. Lydia/Mrs. Linnette



PARENT MEETING MINUTES

Parent Meeting Minutes for April 20, 22

Welcome

Meeting came to order at 12:00 pm

Ice breaker was completed.

We established lack of Quorum with 2 parents present

End of the year activity was discussed and will take place on June 1. Ms. Annette discussed possible parent engagement activities such as something for Mothers like a tea party and a breakfast for dad's. Transition to Kindergarten meeting will take place 4/21/22 at 5:00pm. The children will perform. Ms. Annette presented What You Do Matter's "Feelings".

Reviewed important dates, no school Monday, April 25th. Parent engagement activity April 28th. Memorial Day is May 30th and last parent meeting will take place on May 18th.

CDS, Ms. Jeamary discussed the Museum Night for the families. The teacher said the children are working on talking about buildings, trees and fruit that grows on tress.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:20pm.



CHILDREN'S BOOK SUGGESTION

eBook: Pablo's Tree by Pat Mora
(25) Pablo's Tree - YouTube

HOME LEARNING / FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

Home Activity: Picture This
10a. Engages in conversation and 10b.
Uses social rules of language
Invite your child to choose a picture
and talk about it with you.

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.