

# October



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Please also feel free to reach out to us should you have concerns about your child(ren)'s program.

## Upcoming DATES

Early release dates:

10/5, 10/19, & 10/26

10/14 OPEN HOUSE & Nutrition Activity at 1pm (Parent involvement).

10/17– Teacher In-Service Day-  
NO SCHOOL



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### **Phone Numbers**

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**Specialist: Arnessia King**

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**Family Advocate: Yvette  
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### **Message from your Family Advocate**

We hope all are safe and well as we continue our cleanup efforts after hurricane Ian. Please keep me informed about any changes with phone numbers, addresses, and custody issues. Please continue to monitor your child's immunization and physical record before they expire. No children will be allowed in school with an outdated physical and immunization. I want to send a friendly reminder that dental visits are due. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Yvette Altman

### **Classroom News**

Hello Families!

We are glad to hear that everyone is safe and sound after hurricane Ian. Our classroom are still working on classroom expectations, daily routine, and classroom rules. The students have been introduced to Second Step, which teaches them how to cope with their feelings, as well as how to listen and focus attention during group time.

As we move into the month of October, we will explore the topic Balls. With our new theme we will investigate what we know about balls? What we want to find out about balls? How balls are used, and the different types of materials used to make balls. We will read the following books during the month of October "Hooray Pinata, "Too Many Tamales "The Gingerbread Man "Just like Josh and "Play Balls". We would like for you to send a ball in with your child on Friday's to use on the playground during our outside time.

Cynthia & Terry

## Parent Meeting Minutes

We had 15 parents in attendance. We did an Ice Breaker and parents had to name some of their favorite things.

Ms. Cynthia, Ms. Terry, and Mrs. Yvette introduced ourselves.

Ms. Cynthia and Ms. Terry spoke about the Home Activities, and we asked when parents would like their next parent meeting.

Mrs. Arnessia introduced herself, and explained who she was and her role within the program.

Items discussed: Were the pick-up list and the importance of putting people on it. We did emphasize if they are not on the list, then we are unable to release the children to anyone.

We asked parents to please update their parent contact forms and if phone numbers and addresses change, to please make sure that we are aware.

We explained about the Drop off and Pick up times. We did let the parents know if they come in late they have to go to the front desk, and it may take a while as teachers have to walk up to the front desk and leave another staff member with all children. We also explained that the kids and teachers may be walking to the Cafeteria, or walking back from the Cafeteria so it will take a minute. As for the pick-up time, we did emphasize if parents are late the gate might be closed so they will have to go to the front office to pick up their child.

We voted on our Policy Council Reps, and we also voted on our Center Reps and thanked them for their participation.

Open floor questions: Parents wanted to make sure they could do their meetings on Wednesdays as that would suit them best because they have other children to go pick up. No concerns at the moment.

### PARENT COMMITTEE OFFICERS

Chair person: Quala Glover

Vice Chair person: Juliette Massey

Secretary: Monica Mathis and Male Involvement Center Rep: Andrew Royster

Meetings were voted by the parents to be held the 1st Wednesday of each month at 1:15pm

### Quote Corner:

“If you want our children to move mountains, we first have to let them get out of their chairs”.

Nicolette Sowder

# Policy Council Notes

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**Meeting Date September 22nd, 2022**

September Policy Council met via Zoom on September 22, 2022. Quorum was established with (19) policy council reps present.

August minutes were approved. We then spoke about the July Budgets and Credit Card statements. Early Head Start & Head Start grants reviewed and talked through. All in target with the Head Start Budget and Grant. All approved.

Review enrollment and attendance report with Jennifer Fowler. All approved.

Review Meal & Snack reports for July. All approved.

Program instruction information memorandums. Tanya Hall began to speak about IM 22/05 8/29/2022 issue date, OHS ARP grant funding. Additional grant funding available. Second IM 9/12/2022 Strategies to Stabilize the Head Start work force. Both IM's discussed and reviewed. No votes needed at this time, information purposes only.

Staffing reports, center reports information purposes only, no need to be voted on at this time.

Discussion about consolidating Early Head Start grants 1,2, & 3. Approved.

Update discussed, Hope Place incident. Deficiency from the Office of Head Start issued. Extension request was approved for 60 days. Plans due by October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Plans discussed for information purposes only.

Policy Council Member preferences discussed.

Next Policy Council meeting is Thursday, October 27, 2022.