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**Upcoming DATES:**

Open House— November 3rd

November 11th— Veterans Day

November 21st–November 25  
( Thanksgiving Break)

Parent/ Teacher conferences—  
all month

Parent Connect –12/13



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## Message from your Family Advocate

By: Gigi Alexis

Hello Families!

Thank you to those parents that attended our Parent Committee Meeting in August!!!

It has been a challenging school year and you families have made it looked so easy. Our Parent Committee Meeting went really well, we now have a Chairperson, a Vice Chairperson, a Secretary and a Policy Council Representative which are all parents here Head Start. Please help us welcome those volunteer parents as they working hard to help us build parent connection. We also have a few parents volunteering in the classrooms, if you are interested in volunteering with us, let your advocate know.

### Some reminders are:

Early Head Start hours are from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Head Start hours are from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Please bring your child to school on time and every day. If your child is absent or going to be late, please notify your Family Advocate or Teaching staff. Parents, we want to remind you to please update your physicals and immunizations. Close-toed shoes are re-

## Classroom 806

We are headed into November full speed where the days are getting shorter and the nights are cooler. And our class is excited to learn many new fun things such as investigating the exciting world of brushes, containers, rocks and shoes! We'll also be mixing different watercolors, singing Choosy songs and explore fall weather as well as continue with our colors, numbers and new words. A big part of November is Thanksgiving, and for this, we will be learning about what it means to be grateful to our families, friends, foods and healthy bodies! A friendly reminder to our families to please bring extra clothes for your kiddos, especially in this changing weather. To the families, thank you for the opportunity to teach and learn from your children. Each one is unique and brings so much joy to our class. Happy Thanksgiving everyone! Thank you, Ms. Rose & Ms. Norma

### **Classroom 809**

Fall is here, our class will be investigating shoes this month. We will learn why we need shoes. We also will see the different types of shoes. Even though we are not old enough to put on our own shoes, but we will try to experiment taking them off. We also will celebrate our shoes. Shoes are an important part of our life style. So no matter how old or young you are enjoy your shoes. Thanks, Ms. Jacina & Ms. Audrey

### **Classroom 811**

Paper, oh the possibilities! In the month of November our class will be learning all about paper different objects that are made out of paper. We will be using different types of paper as well different textures of paper. We will be having our 'Fall into Reading' Family Engagement on November 17th at 1:45. We will be making hand print turkeys also on November 10th at 9:00. We are so thankful for all of our 811 early head started families. Thank you, Ms. Rosa & Ms. Bridget

### **Classroom 807**

For the month of November we are exploring brushes. The children will get the opportunity to feel, look at and use different types of brushes. We will have the chance to play with brushes in water and to make art. We will talk about how different types of brushes are used, how we use them, and who uses them. Please remember to bring a change of clothes for your child! Thank you, Ms. Sue & Miss Suzi

### **Classroom 812**

Fall is finally here! This month we will be learning about rocks and everything that makes them so unique! Since the weather is changing please keep in mind to change any extra clothes you may have in your child's cubby to some colder weather clothes. As always if you have any questions feel free to ask Ms. Kaylee or myself and we will always try to answer it the best we can. Thank you, Ms. Trixy & Ms. Kaylee

## Classroom 902



As we learned all about Buildings this month, we used our reflection books in the Block Center to look at different parts of buildings to create our own

Hello Families! Happy Fall!! As the beginning of the year comes to an end, we are happy to say we are really getting our classroom routines and expectations down! We've all been working hard to remember to use our Safe Place to regulate our emotions with use of our breathing techniques! Ask your child which technique is their favorite to help them practice at home! This month we will be starting our new study all about Trees, just in time for Fall!! We will learn all about trees, how they grow, and how different weather/seasons affect them! We want to welcome families in to be a part of our classroom and volunteer! Ask us how you can get involved! As always, we are here for your family as a whole, reach out to us as needed!

-Ms. Brittany & Ms. Jackie

## Classroom 903

Wow, the month of October has flown by and it has been a busy and fun month for room 903! We have been continuing our Pet study and our class discussion of Pets. The next unit we are going to be going into is our Tree Study. We have also been busy making our Moana themed costumes for our Fall parade. The children have been having so much fun making their costumes. You may have noticed that we have started journaling. In their journals kids have started practicing writing their name. They have been doing such a good job! We have also been going over our letters and our letter sounds. Please remember to send in a blanket for nap time and extra clothes to keep in school. As we start to have cooler weather, don't forget coats and jackets as we go outside early in the morning. The at home activities for the month of October are to bring in a family photo for our class family tree and a letter sounds activity. Again, we have been having so much fun and it has been a pleasure working with your children. Bring in a family photo for our class family tree If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to either myself or Ms. Stefanie.



Pajama Day in Classroom 903!



## Classroom 904



We took part in a virtual reading by the Early Learning Correlation of Pasco and Hernado County.

Hello to all our parents. Hope you are having a blessed and wonderful day. For this month we will be introducing our new theme; Buildings. We will be changing our classroom into an area of construction; talking about what we want to know about buildings and what equipment we need to construct buildings. Also, we will be talking about Thanksgiving Day and what we are grateful for. Please remember to bring an extra change of clothes for your child to keep in class.  
Ms. Virginia & Ms. Margorie

## A Message from your CD\$

Happy November! As many of you know, I am Jennifer and I am the Child Development Specialist for Early Head Start and Head Start. We have a busy few months ahead of us. This month, teachers will be reaching out to you to plan a Parent/Teacher conference. We would love to have parents come in and volunteer on our classrooms. If that is something that you would like to do, please stop by and speak to your FA or myself and we will be happy to help you get ready to come in and volunteer.

Did you know that November is also National Child Safety Month? Here are some tips and reminders : At your home: keep walkways and areas near stairs clear and clutter free. This will help prevent falls. Assign a designated area for your children to put their toys away. Keep all cleaners, medications and all potentially harmful substances out of reach of your children or use a safety lock on cabinets that are low. Safety in the car: Take off heavy coats, when putting your child in a car seat or booster seat. You can learn which safety seat is best for your child's age and size by checking online with your local state department. Safety with food: Choking on foods can be a serious hazard for many children, both young and old. Some foods are more dangerous, such as hot dogs, popcorn, hard candies and nuts. Cut foods up in to tiny pieces that could be a choking hazard.

## Parent Meeting Minutes

Meeting started at 100pm. This was our second meeting for this school year. Gigi introduced our new Chairperson Miranda. And she in turn introduced our new secretary, Brenda. As of yet we are still in need of a Vice Chairperson. We let the parents know of the upcoming Policy Council meeting on Thursday 27 at 10:00 am via zoom.

Miranda talked about Halloween Safety. Giving tips for trick or treating: costumes should be bright, reflective, flame retardant costumes and above all be safe.

Friendly Reminders-Attendance policy, program hours, early release and no school days for the month of November and December. Applications are still being taken for anyone interested in the program. Please notify your FA if there are any changes in your family info and call if your child will not be in school. We are still in need of parent volunteers.

Distracted driving was discussed. Please never leave a child in the car when you are dropping off another child.

The meeting was closed out with the introductions of Jennifer Hanner, the Child Development Specialist and Jennifer Fowler the ERSEA manager. Each parent was given a basket of books to take home.

## Quote Corner:

Follow what you love and it will  
take you where you want to go.

-Natalie Goldberg

# Policy Council Notes

**Meeting Date October 27th, 2022**

September Policy Council met via Zoom on October 27, 2022. Quorum was established with (14) policy council reps present.

Voting in new Policy Council members along with the Policy Council Chair. Krystal was nominated as chair, and it was seconded. Krystle accepted it, and it was passed.

Nominations for Vice Chair were made, Brenda was nominated and seconded. Brenda didn't accept the nomination. Another nomination was made, Jose was nominated and seconded, Jose accepted and was selected at the Vice Chair to Policy Council. Secretary nomination was up next, Monique was nominated and it was seconded, passed and she was elected secretary. Last seat is the treasurers, Suzanne was then nominated and it was seconded and passed. Suzanne is the reassures for this Policy Council executive team for this program year.

Chair – Krystal

Vice Chair - Jose

Secretary- Monique

Treasurer – Suzanne

September minutes were approved. We then spoke about the August 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 August 2022. All approved.

EHS 3 Grant, reviewed and new roles introduced explained to the Policy Council team. EHS 3 Grant was voted on and approved.

Program instruction information memorandums. Tanya Hall began to speak about Child Incident reporting Health and Safety from the Office of Head Start. Updated Policies and Procedures, and spoke about training that took place. Along with new monitoring projects. 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.

Service area reports, all approved.

Other business and announcements discussed, simply for informational purposes.

Policy Council Member preferences discussed.

Next Policy Council meeting is Thursday, November 17, 2022.