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# **UPCOMING DATES**

Nov. 8-NO SCHOOL

Nov. 11- Veterans Day

Nov. 21-25, 2022 No

School/Thanksgiving

Holiday.

Early Release Days for

Head Start: 11/2

11/16 & 11/30 for

EHS: 11/30 only





## **Phone Numbers**

## Message from your Family Advocates

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**Classroom Extensions:** 

Room 10-2: Mary & Gaynell Ext. 102

Room 10-6: Juanita & Jessica Ext. 106

Room 11-1: Ashley & Briget Ext. 201

Room 11-4: Monica & Norma Ext. 204

Room 11-6: Wendy & Kasane Ext. 206

Room 11-10: Kathryn & Danna Ext. 210

How exciting to be already in November! I'll be sharing a few tips that can save you money for the upcoming Thanksgiving Family Dinner. We can still have a great dinner, while saving money. Thanksgiving is a celebration to be thankful for what we have and also to share what we have with others. Here are some helpful tips for this upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday: 1. Family/ Friends Thanksgiving Potluck-The potluck dinner is a great idea in theory: everybody brings one dish to share, and you end up with a feast. Be specific with your instructions, and make sure they're within your guests' cooking abilities and budgets. Assign a different dish to your guest, so you don't end up with three turkeys! 2. Plan the menu ahead: By planning ahead your menu, at least two weeks before the Thanksgiving Holiday. Enjoy your family and friends during the holiday.

## Message from the CD\$

#### Dear Parents,

As Thanksgiving is quickly approaching, I would like you all to know how thankful I am to have you a part of the Hope Place family. It is a joy to work with your children and to be in partnership with you as they learn and grow. It's a busy month with parent conferences, Veteran's Day, and Thanksgiving Holiday. Please make sure you get with your child's teacher to schedule an appointment for a conference. Remember to do your part in the community and vote. Thanksgiving is right around the corner and it is important to fellowship with family and friends. There are many Thanksgiving activities for families; you can share your thanks on social media and give virtual hugs. If you have any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Our program connects and add value to the community by building trust and

## H\$ Classroom 10-2

### Greetings Parents,

We would like to thank all the parents who took the time to attend our open house. In the month of November, we will explore the topic Clothes. We will discuss what clothes are made of, how to make clothes, and wearing different clothes for the weather. We would like to encourage families to talk with your children about their favorite clothing. Our classroom will experience a sensory activity with a pumpkin. We will do pumpkin carving, smell and taste the pumpkin, counting seeds, in which the concept will be working on the numbers 1-15. The children will be writing to spelling their name. Thanksgiving break will start on November 21, please review these basic concepts with your child during the break and enjoy your holiday. After the holiday, we will be conducting parent conferences. Please remember to sign up with your teacher.

#### H\$ Classroom 11-1

Welcome Back! We would like to thank you for your patience through the classroom closure as we create a fresh start together! Our names are Ms. Ashley and Ms. Briget. We are excited to begin this journey with your child and you the parents. We have made some changes in the classroom for your child's benefit and hope to produce an environment that builds trust, security and friendship. This month the children will have lots of learning opportunities as we open up with our 1st 6-week Study "Welcome to School", along with introducing our 2nd Step Curriculum to developing Social-Emotional skills. In the process of learning we will have lots of fun!!! We are excited that you have allowed us to be a part of your child's educational journey. Always know that you can call or email any questions or concerns. Please don't hesitate to talk to

#### H\$ Classroom 11-10

In the month of November we will be learning about clothes. What do we know about clothes? How do we take care of our clothes, what clothes to wear in certain seasons, how do people make clothes, and what type of clothes do we wear at work? Where do we get our clothes? We also will be learning about the number three, the letter C, the color brown, and the shape oval. We will also be starting parent conferences this month. Please make sure you sign up. If you haven't signed up for toys for tots please do so. Also remember to bring a change of clothes and a blanket each week, and to continue to read to your child daily so they can develop a joy for reading.

# **Ouote Corner**

#### Gratitude

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## EH\$ Classroom 10-6

## Greetings Parents,

As we move into the month of November, 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 learn about the different color balls and the shape circle. 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.

### EHS Classroom 11-4

Hello from "Cocomelons "Early Head Start classroom 11-4. For the month of November "We Gather Together", we will be asking our families to bring pictures of them gathering together during the holiday season, to the classroom. We will be counting, comparing family sizes and the uniqueness of each family.

We are in the middle of the study "Containers" (how do people use containers).

We also will be planting, using recycled containers. We will be celebrating Anree turning "2" years old.

## EHS Classroom 11-6

As we move forward into the month of November the weather will be cooling off, please make sure your child is dressed for the changing weather. The holidays are also fast approaching we will start to see lights everywhere soon. So, our study this month will be lights!!! The children will enjoy seeing lights, investigating lights, learning how we use lights, what objects make light, how to turn lights off and on and so much more. Look out for lights everywhere! Any questions or concerns please contact us and let us know!

# **Quote Corner**

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# **Policy Council Notes**

# **Meeting Date: October 27, 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 reassurers 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.

# **Parent Meeting Notes**

# **Meeting Date October 25, 2022**

Introductions
Classroom Updates-CDS and Teaching Staff
Policy Council Updates
Parent Curriculum – Your Brain and It's Amazing Potential
Safe Trick or Treating
Questions and Answers

Attendees: Jamie Iraci, Bernadette Flake, Arnessia King, Gaynell Johnson, Wendy Raspberry, Kathryn Matthews, Dana Gordon

April Butler, Myia Hayward, Ivelise Hernandez-Gonzalez, Zionisha Stinson, Terriona Stevens, Brittani Pickney

#### Minutes:

Classroom Updates – Classroom 11-6 is working on containers and brushes. Classroom 11-10 is working on classroom rules, letters in their names, trees and leaves and will be holding their Parent Conferences soon. Classroom 10-2 is working on clothes and dramatic play and shapes and numbers. Classroom 11-1 is starting their curriculum from the beginning and reviewing the classroom rules as the students acclimate to the new teachers. CDS discussed giving teachers praise – Open House and Spirit Week

**Policy Council Minutes were reviewed** 

Parent Curriculum was focused on the development of the child's brain and how parents can help promote health development at home.

Safe Trick or Treating tips were provided to parents, along with a discussion on safe practices.

Important dates were provided to parents and it was iterated that Early Release will follow the Head Start calendar, not the VCSD calendar.