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

**Upcoming DATES**

**11/11 No School**

**11/21-11/25 Thanksgiving**

**Break**

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Classroom extensions is your child's classroom number.

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## Message from your Family Advocate

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## Classroom 301 News

Hello family and friends from 301

Can't believe October is gone; we had lots of fun learning and growing. Can't believe November is here; times fly by when you are busy learning and having fun. This month we will be working on the Seat study. Learning everything about seats. Let's have fun and learn together with our children. Please contact us if you need anything; we are here to help always. Have a great month.

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Happy Thanksgiving!!!

## Classroom 302 News

Hello Parents

We cannot believe that we are already two months away from the end of the year 2022.

November is a beautiful month, and our class 302 is very excited about the nice weather.

This month our children will learn about shoes like: " What do our shoes look like?, How do we take our shoes off and put them on, " How are our shoes the same and different?

Also, our class will continue to enjoy our beautiful weather with our nature walk while the children learn how the leaves fall from the trees and the different birds singing and jumping on the branches.

Ms. Maria and Ms. Laurel

## Classroom 401 News

Hi from Room 401!

We are so excited to be exploring clothes and dressing up. We have been practicing with our dress-up clothes and how to get dressed and undressed. We even have older classmates helping with socks and shoes for the younger ones. Great teamwork! We have started exploring pumpkins and have even made fall shaker bottles that were sent home to practice making rhythms and patterns with sound!

Ms. Alma and Ms. Olivia

## Message from your CDs

Hello Families

Welcome to November! October is over, and November brings with it the scent of pumpkin pie, cranberries and of course, delicious turkey. But one thing you may not know about November is it is also recognized as National Child Safety and Protection Month. National Child Safety and Protection Month is an entire month dedicated to recognizing the unique potential dangers many children face in their everyday lives, and taking tangible steps of prevention against those challenges.

This month looks at the world through the eyes of a child, so today we look at how you can recognize National Child Safety and Protection Month, and keep the children in your life safe. **Safety at Home**- First and foremost, children should be safe at home. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, on average, 12,175 children ages birth to 19 die each year in the United States from an unintentional injury. You can prevent some of these injuries by making sure your home is a safe environment for children of all ages. Some helpful tips for safety-proofing your home include: Keep walkways and areas near stairs clear of clutter to help prevent falls. Give your children a designated place to put their toys, then work to make sure they follow through. Keep all cleaners, medications and other potentially harmful substances up high and out of reach of children. If you do keep products on lower shelves or areas, use a child-proof lock for the cabinet. When cooking, use the back burners of the stove and turn handles toward the back of stove, so children aren't able to reach or knock the pots over. Test the fire alarms in your home regularly and have a plan in place with your children in case there is a sudden fire in the home. For younger children, keep small items out of reach to avoid suffocation or choking. For infants, put them to sleep on their backs without blankets, pillows or toys in the crib. **Safety in the Car**-When riding in the car, children should be fastened with a seat belt into the appropriate 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 state department. Make sure the fastening on the seat is secure—not too tight and not too loose. **Safety with Food** Choking on food can be a serious hazard for many children, both young and old. Some foods are more dangerous, such as hot dogs, hard candies and nuts. Foods like these cause up to 40% of all child choking deaths. Help prevent potential issues by monitoring what your child eats, and breaking or cutting it up into smaller bites whenever possible. **Safety around Water**-According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, drowning is the leading cause for children ages one to four. It's incredibly vital to monitor children when swimming or near a water source, provide adequate safety swimming materials and stay close by in case children experience any issues. Water can be a fun activity for the family, but requires special attention to make sure children stay safe.

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## **Parent Meeting Minutes**

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## **Quote Corner:**

The more that you read, the more things you will know, the more that you learn, the more places you'll go."– Dr. Seuss

# 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.