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Interim Director of Early Learning Services, Tanya Hall (THall@MFCS.US.com) the Deputy Director of Children's Services, Glynne Pascal (GPascal@MFCS.US.com) Please also feel free to reach out to us should you have concerns about your child(ren)'s program.

From the Desk of: Jeamary Garcia, CDS

Language and Literacy

Language and literacy begin in infancy as babies are programmed from birth to communicate. While the development of language is instinctive, it does require attention, repetition and approval from loved ones to flourish.

We surround the children in our classrooms with books, words, music, and the opportunity to hear people engage in conversation. The children are invited to think out loud during large and small group times, and of course, talk to other children and adults throughout the day. Learning to use and love the power of words at this age is the key to reading later in school, so we immerse our children in a language and print-rich environment to help them get started.



Message from your Family Advocate

Cassandra Givens

Hello Head Start Parents,

Recently we have had a few times of confusion with our pick up times, and some of our kids were picked up late from school. Just a reminder about early release and pick up times. The pick up times for our students that participate with Head Start are **1:00 PM on Wednesdays** and on **2:00 PM Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday**. We know that the Volusia County Schools have now eliminated the early release day on Wednesdays until the end of the year, however, we have **NOT FOLLOWED** that policy. I wanted to remind you that we are **Mandated Reporters**. If your child is left here in the classroom after school hours, please note that we are required to report these issues to DCF if they are left here too often. Please feel free to call or email me if there are any concerns or questions you may have.

Thank you,

Ms. Cassandra

Cassandra Givens Hajj-Mak

Family Advocate

Deltona Lakes and Woodward Ave. Head Start

Classroom News Deltona Lakes rm:

Deltona Lakes and Head Start will be learning about compare and contrast along with the study of buildings. Our classroom will explore: What do we know about buildings? What do we want to find out? Where do you go when it's raining outside? How many buildings do you think we will see on our walk today? We will also compare and contrast this month with VCS Frog Street. What is Living and not living? What word rhyme? Which is big, medium, small? Which will sink or float?

Mrs. Lorraine & Mrs. Olga

Children's E-Book Suggestion.

If I Built A House

<https://youtu.be/5G3XOtCpD3I>

Everybody In The Red Brick Building

<https://youtu.be/-inDkP2P3iw>

Home Learning / Family Engagement Activities.

Painting With Ice

Make a batch of ice paints for your kids and let them get super creative while keeping cool at the same time.

Make your own ice paint

What you need:

- 1 cup of water
 - Red, yellow, green, and blue food coloring
 - Short Popsicle sticks
 - Ice cube tray
1. Pour your water into your ice cube tray evenly
 2. Add just a tiny drop of red food coloring to four different cubes and mix well
 3. Add just a tiny drop of yellow food coloring to four different cubes in mix well
 4. And just a tiny drop of blue food coloring to four different cubes and mix well
 5. Then add a tiny drop of green food coloring to four cubes and mix well
 6. Place a short popsicle stick into each ice cube mold
 7. Freeze for about 4 to 6 hours or overnight
 8. Pull on the sticks to remove from the tray
 9. Lay old newspaper down on the table before you paint, as food coloring will stain
 10. Hold the wooden sticks to paint with

And the fun can begin! These run super smoothly on the paper and the colors are great (kind of water color). This ice painting activity will be a hit over the summer (perfect if you're throwing a summer party).



Upcoming Events:

No School:

11/8/22-Teacher/Student Holiday

11/11/22-Veteran's Day

11/21-11/25 Thanksgiving Holiday

Parent Meeting:

To be determined.

Parent Meeting Minutes

No meeting during the month of October, 2022.

Phone Numbers

Quote Corner:

Parenting
isn't a practice. It's
a daily
learning experience.

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Contact Us.

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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.