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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



**From the Desk of Jeamary Garcia, CD\$**

Can't believe March is already upon us. It seems like the months are flying by much too quickly. February was a flash and I am sure summer will be here in the blink of an eye. We had lots of exciting events that occurred in February and have much more to come in March.

We are delighted with the progress of all our children at this point of the school year. All have totally excelled in all their preschool activities. Our staff feels so fortunate to have such delightful, bright and beautiful children.

We also appreciate all of our parents' efforts in our behalf. Your participation and communication makes our job so much easier. Thank you for taking the time to allow the Teachers to complete the home visits.

March presents another fun filled and busy month in our center. We will continue to fill the student's days with a combination of fun activities, educational games and many other events.

*Don't forget Daylight Savings Time starts on March 12, 2023.*

*Set those clocks ahead one hour.*



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## Phone Numbers

### Contact Us.

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### Family Advocate:

Cassandra Givens (386) 681-7662

### Deltona Lakes rm101

### Teachers :

Ms. Lorraine & Ms. Olga  
(386) 681-7617

## Message from your Family Advocate

**Cassandra Givens**

Hello March!! Hello Parents!!

Has this year passed by so quickly or what?? It's already Spring Break for our school and Spring is just around the corner. Daylight Savings Time is coming on March 12<sup>th</sup>!! Turn your clocks AHEAD ONE HOUR Early Sunday Morning!! Please know that we are in the process of getting ready for the 23-24 school year. Ms. Cassandra, your Family Advocate, will be reaching out to the community to inform them of EHS/HS taking new student applications and to our families of the returning students at Woodward and Deltona Lakes Head Start to set up appointments for re-enrolling this year's students. She will also inform you of any medical paperwork like school physicals and shots that are needed for your child. If you have a child that has shots and physicals due over the summer, you can still submit them over the Spring Break and summer vacation. You do not want them to expire and delay your child's entry back to school in the Fall!!! Please feel free to call her at 386-681-7662 if you have any questions.

## Classroom #101

This month we are doing the study of Insects. Exploring the Topic: What are insects? What do insects do? What insects have seen? What is this insect? Showing picture. What insects would you like to collect? How do they live and eat?

Volusia county is teaching amazing critters. They will learn the life cycles of insects. What critters hop? What critters walk? What critters fly?

Ms. Lorraine and Mrs. Olga

### Children's E-Book Suggestion.

BACKYARD BUGS

<https://youtu.be/mr6gXLiuN8o>

I LOVE INSECTS

<https://youtu.be/0i04-q3nCh8>

# Home Learning / Family Engagement Activities

## Secret Seed Garden



### Soil samples arranged in a Secret Seed Garden.

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Maybe you've planted something with your kids and watched it grow, but how about trying a Secret Seed Garden as a gardening activity? Seeds are all around us, just waiting in the soil to grow. By gathering dirt from several areas, you can grow a garden and see what pops up from those secret seeds.

- 3 scoops of dirt, each from a different location
- Spoon
- Shoe box lid
- Marker
- Plastic bags or plastic wrap
- Scissors
- Water
- Tape

**Step 1:** Collect several spoonfuls of dirt from three different places. Keep the samples of soil separate.

**Step 2:** Divide the inside of a shoe box lid into three sections, and mark them off with a marker.

**Step 3:** Label each section with the name of the place where you collected the soil sample.

**Step 4:** Line the lid with a plastic bag that has been cut open or a piece of plastic wrap.

**Step 5:** Place each sample of soil in the section with its place name. Sprinkle water over the soil in each section.

**Step 6:** Cover the lid with a piece of plastic wrap or another plastic bag. Seal the cover with tape to create a greenhouse.

**Step 7:** Set the lid in a sunny window, and check every day or two for signs of any plants growing from secret seeds.



### Important Dates:

#### Early Release:

3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29

**Parent Meeting :** 3/22 at  
11:00 am

**No School:** 3/6, 3/10

#### Spring Break:

3/13– 3/17

### Parent Meeting Minutes

No Parent Meeting was held in the month of February.

### Quote Corner:

THERE'S NO  
WAY TO BE A  
PERFECT PARENT  
AND A MILLION  
WAYS TO BE  
*a good one.*



# **Policy Council Notes**

**Meeting Date February 23rd, 2023**

February Policy Council met via Zoom on February 23, 2023. Quorum was established with (10) policy council representatives present.

January 2023 Policy Council minutes were approved.

Budget and Credit Card reports reviewed by Tanya Hall. All approved.

Enrollment and attendance report reviewed by Jennifer Fowler. All approved.

Meal & Snack reports for December 2022 reviewed by Seth Williams. All approved.

New Policy and Procedures reviewed by Seth Williams. All Approved.

Program Instructions and Information Memorandum from the Office of Head Start. Informational purposes only.

Staffing Reports & service area reports. Information purposes only.

Parent Activity Funds Requested for Spring Hill, approved.

Leadership team highlights reviewed.

Other business and announcements discussed, simply for informational purposes.

Next Policy Council meeting is Thursday, March 23, 2022.