



April Newsletter Head Start Blended @ Blue Lake Elementary School

For the month of April, we will begin with the Grow it Try It Like it nutritional lesson on Sweet potatoes. The children will investigate a sweet potatoes and learn where a sweet potatoes comes from. We will taste it and share if we like it.. Then we will continue with the theme “Let’s Move.” We will sing songs, dance, play games, and exercise. We will compare the different ways we move and the importance of exercise for our bodies. In math, the children will be reviewing positioning words such as up, down, in front, and behind as well as shapes and numbers 1 to 10. They will be examining equal groups and learning about whole and parts.

The letters we will focus on this month are J, H, and I. Help your child find and share letters he/she knows when reading together and then practice the sounds. We will use such words as climb, swing, games, leap, and jump.

In Second Step, we will be reviewing focusing attention, strong feelings, and fair ways to play.

If you are going to be late or if your child is going to be absent, you can contact the teachers by calling 386-248-5883.

Ms. Marilyn and Ms. Barbara

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Parent Meeting **April 5th at 8:00am**



**PERFECT
ATTENDANCE**

for the month of March

Mekhi R.

Ryan R.

Taliyah K.





-From the Desk of: Pamela Fernet, CDS

Day after Day after Day...



Children thrive on routines. The daily routine carried out in the classroom helps children feel safe, secure and happy because they know what happens next.

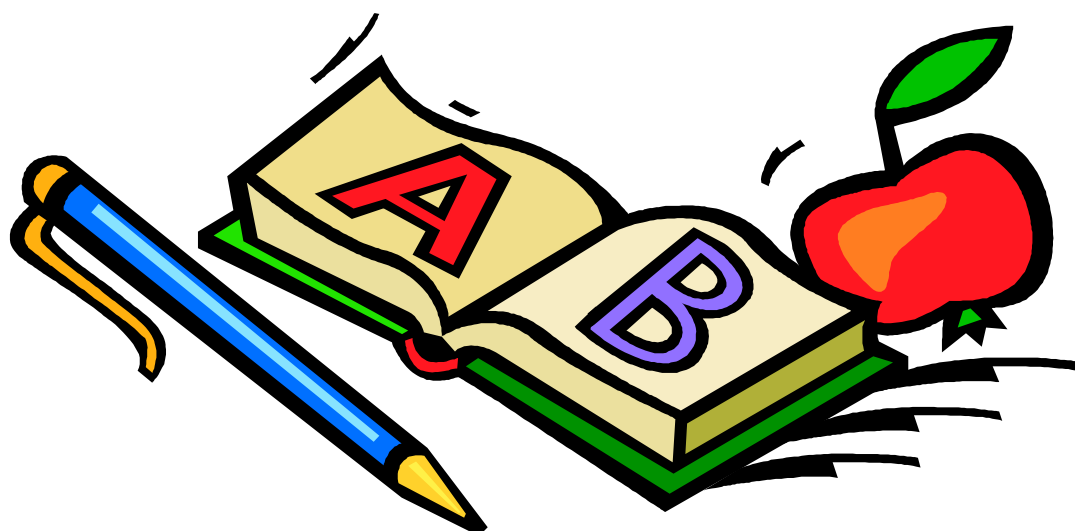
A written schedule is posted in each classroom, and outlines a time frame for the day's events. The schedule includes a balance of activities like arrival time, large group, small group, meals and indoor/outdoor play. Written schedules are critical for managing the day, but they are only a guide.

A picture schedule is available for the children. This helps them understand the routine and that certain things happen every day at school.

"Transitioning" in the classroom, or moving from one activity to the next throughout the day, can cause stress and mistaken behavior in children. To help, a successful teacher will have some creative transition ideas in her bag of tricks and will allow a child to move at his or her own pace whenever possible.

Classrooms that I consider "evolved" often seem loud and chaotic, but a closer look will reveal that the children know the routine, are independent and are working in their own way to achieve a common goal or to arrive at a certain point in the day.

Ask your child's teachers about transitions! They'll be happy to share some really clever ideas that may even help you keep things running more smoothly at home. The children are beginning their transition into Kindergarten this month. There are many things that will be changing, ask your children about this as well.





Policy Council Update – March 2018

The March Policy Council Meeting was held on Thursday, March 26th at Mid Florida Head Start/Early Head Start Administrative Offices in Hernando and Volusia Counties via video conference. Thirteen policy council members were present. One community partner was present. Ten staff members were present.

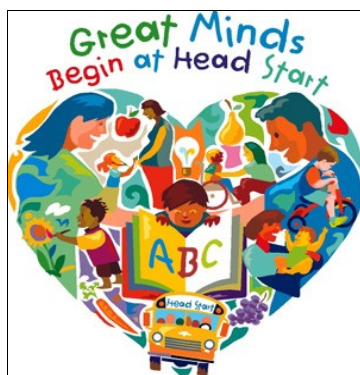
The attendance rate of several classrooms fell below 85% last month. The primary reason for absences was illness.

The following reports were approved: *Budget, Credit Cards, Enrollment/Attendance, Meals and Snacks, Service Areas and Centers.* Parent Activity requests for the following sites were approved: Holly Hill, West Volusia Education Center (WVEC), Osteen and Woodward.

New hires for the following positions were approved: *Volusia County : Part Time Extended Day Teacher at Chisholm Center and Center Aide at West Volusia Education Center (WVEC); Hernando County : Head Start Teacher at Spring Hill and Early Head Start Teacher in Brooksville.*

Glynne Pascal, Education Manager, provided an overview of the curricula being used in the Head Start and Early Head Start classrooms. **Galileo** is a Pre-K curriculum and is a great resource for individualizing lesson plans. Each parent has a log-in code that allows them to check their child's development progress at any time and receive suggestions for at home activities. **Houghton Mifflin** is another Pre-K curriculum that is used in some of our Head Start classrooms as a supplemental curriculum. It is very hands-on and strong in literacy and math. **Second-Step** supports the development of social emotional learning so children can be kind, caring and responsible members in society. **Grow It, Try It, Like It!** is the nutrition education component that encourages children to try different fruits and vegetables. **Creative Curriculum** is used in our Early Head Start classrooms and is very responsive to intentional care giving for ages 0-3. It enables children to develop a secure attachment with the important people in their lives and gain confidence in themselves as learners.

The next meeting is scheduled for 10am on Thursday, April 26th at Lake Sumter College in Leesburg. It will be a face to face meeting.





APRIL 2018 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE DESK OF

Joseline Couto

Family Advocate Coleman #2 and Blue Lake Blended Site

We started taking applications for the school year 2018-2019 for 3 and 4 years old. Please call us for and appointment, and we will let you know what documentation you need and give you an appointment.

Rollover children (returning children) to Blended Classroom, soon I will set an appointment with you to do the rollover packet for next school year 2018-2019.

Nosotros comenzamos a tomar las solicitudes para el 2018-2019 para los 3 y 4 años de edad. Por favor llámenos para hacer una cita, y le daremos la información sobre los documentos que necesita para la cita.

Para los niños que regresan para el Blended Classroom, pronto estaremos dando citas

Para a hacer el paquete de registro para el año 2018-2019.

What to do with your tax refund:

- Get ahead of loan payments
- For the unexpected
- Contribute to your retirement savings
- Grow college savings
- Build an investment portfolio
- Remodel your home