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You can contact us via our website <https://www.midfloridaheadstart.com/> or by calling us: 1-888-277-0010

Director of Early Learning Services,
Tanya Hall (THall@MFCs.US.com)
Please also feel free to reach out to us should you have concerns about your child(ren)'s program.

From Your Site Supervisor, Ronjaneen Harris

Welcome everyone to the 2023-24 school year. My name is Ronjaneen Harris and I am the Site Supervisor for Spring Hill and Bushnell Head Start. We look forward to working with you and your child(ren) and providing them with life-long skills and experiences that are necessary for school readiness. I have met many of you as you bring and/or pick up your child(ren). This school year, we are using the Creative Curriculum which is based on well-known theories of child development. Our teachers work very hard to get your child(ren) ready for kindergarten. We ask that you take part in your child's education and ask questions, complete and return your child's educational home activities which are sent home twice a month, attend monthly parent meetings, support the teachers, and volunteer in your child's classroom if possible. Please remember to dress your child in closed toe shoes and bring a set of changing clothes in case of an accident.

You can reach me, Ronjaneen Harris, at 352-556-4800, extension 2209.



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To reach Bushnell classroom 2,
please call (352) 568-0821, then
your teacher's extension.

Classroom 2:
Heloise Gibbons and Rosa Arias

Message from your Family Advocate

Hello parents and families. Welcome to a new and exciting school year. We would like to thank you for being with us this school year. As we begin this new year, there are just a couple of reminders and important dates. Please remember that on September 22, there will be an In-Service Day for our center.

School begins for Head Start at 8am and pick up is at 2pm. If your child is going to be late or absent, please call the center.

Emergency Contact and Pick Up: Please make sure your student's information is up to date as possible. If you need to update your contact information, including your address, please see any available staff member for a change of information form.

If you are interested in volunteering, please see the first available staff person.

This month's Parent Connect (Meeting) is Thursday, September 13, at 1pm. Please use this opportunity to advocate for your child, family, and center. ~Rosa Arias, family advocate

Classroom News

Dear parents and students, Welcome back to school. I hope this message finds you well and that you have had a fantastic summer break filled with relaxation, adventure, and quality time with loved ones. As the new school year approaches, we would like to extend a warm welcome to our returning families and a heartfelt greeting to our new parents and students who are joining our school community for the first time.

For our new parents and students, we understand that starting at a new school can be both exciting and overwhelming. Rest assured that our school community is built on strong values of inclusivity, respect, and support. We have team of caring educators and staff members who are here to guide you every step of the way. Whether you have questions, concerns, or simply need a friendly face to lean on, we are here for you.

To our returning parents and students, welcome back! We are thrilled to continue our journey together. This year promises to be even more extraordinary as we build upon the knowledge and experiences gained in previous years. We are excited to witness the growth and achievements that lie ahead for each of our students,

This month, our Teaching Guide Study is about Clothes. Most young children are fascinated by clothes! Buttons, snaps, and zippers present exciting new challenges for young children, and preschool children often have strong opinions on their favorite colors, fabrics, and styles. Your child might love to put on and take off his/her clothes, dress and undress a favorite doll, or try on adults' clothes to play pretend. Your child has also probably noticed that some clothes are reserved for special occasions or used for work or hobbies. This interest in clothes has inspired us to introduce a study of clothes: the clothes in your home have different fabrics, colors, patterns, sizes, closures, and uses that your child can identify and explore through a variety of learning experiences. This study-related activity offers guidance for helping your family explore the topic, investigate questions about it, or celebrate your learning together through hands-on discovery. You'll also find a question here to help you effectively share your child's learning and discoveries with your teacher.

Each month, we will be sending out two Home Activities for you to do with your child. After completing the activities, please sign and return to your teacher. For September the name of our two activities is, (Clothes for Tomorrow and Clothes Call)

Warmest regards, Heloise Gibbons, Teacher, Bushnell Classroom 2

Parents are the best teachers



Parent Connect Meeting minutes are coming next month

Parents are the best teachers. I'm sure we've all heard sentences that involve something similar at some point. Looking back on our lives, I'm sure everyone would agree completely. Science tells us that our diet plays a major role in our lives, and it is our parents who raise us to the best of their ability. So technically, they're responsible for all of our success. However, sticking to the task at hand, it is pretty clear right off the bat that parents have a huge role to play in children's lives from the start.

Read more at: <https://supedium.com/useful-informations/the-importance-of-parents-as-their-childs-first-teacher/>



Quote Corner:

If you are not willing to learn, no one can help you. If you are determined to learn, no one can stop you.

— Zig Ziglar

Upcoming DATES

September 4—Labor Holiday –No School

September 22—In-Service/Student Holiday

September 6, 13, 20, 27—Early Release @ 1:00pm

Policy Council Notes

Meeting Date August 24th, 2023

August Policy Council met via Zoom on August 24, 2023. Quorum was established with (9) policy council representatives present.

June 2023 Policy Council minutes were approved.

Welcome and Introductions presented by Tanya Hall, Director of Early Learning Programs. Michelle Hann, Education Manager for Hernando and Sumter County was introduced.

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

Enrollment and attendance report reviewed by Jennifer Fowler, ERSEA Manager. All approved.

Meal & Snack reports for May & June 2023 reviewed by Seth Williams, Program Manager. All approved.

Information Memorandum reviewed by Taya Hall. All approved.

Policies and Producers reviewed by Tanya Hall. All approved.

Staffing Reports & Acceptance of Service Area Reports reviewed by Tanya Hall.

Next Policy Council meeting is Thursday, September 28, 2023.