



Want to praise your child's teacher?

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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Phone Numbers

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**To reach a classroom, please dial
(352) 556-4800, then your
teacher's extension**
2601 –Glorimer Martinez and Yanelis
Colon
2602–Norma Padro and Lucia Quiles
2701 –Sherry Harris & Theresa Scott
2702—B Shelley Benson & Olena
McCumsey
2901—Israa Mosallam & Salyana
Robinson
2902–Theresa Nunez & Wanda Pagan

Message from your Family Advocate

How to support your child's learning

Parents are their children's **first and primary teacher**. As the primary teacher of their children, they are responsible for nurturing their children's healthy development. Parents can assist their children in learning by communicating through their actions, words, readings, and writing¹. Children can learn the crucial skill of literacy at a very young age, and parents are in a unique position to influence early learning in a variety of ways.

Classroom News

Class 601. Welcome parents and children to our new school year. We are so happy to have your children in our class. This month, we will continue with our home visits. I know this past month went fast and it was hard for you and the children, but we are here for them. We are still working on the theme My Self; I want your child to feel comfortable in our class. Your child will be learning ABC letters, ABC sounds, colors, and numbers and each morning would be practicing their names. Also, in our circle time I'm working with Second Step is where they will be learning social emotional skills and concepts. We are practicing breathing techniques. Remember, parents every Wednesday is Early Release Day. I know this is going to be a great

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year. Thank you for all you do for your child. –Mrs. Glorimer & Mrs. Yanelis

CLASS 602. We are excited to welcome you to a new journey of learning and growth. As partners in your child's education, we are committed to providing a nurturing and stimulating environment where your child can thrive academically, socially, and emotionally through our Second Step curriculum. During the first couple of weeks, we will begin to do activities to develop gross motor skills, fine gross motor skills and coordination. We believe in fostering a strong foundation for your child's development. Through our carefully designed curriculum, your child will have the opportunity to learn and explore a variety of

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skills that will set the stage for their future successes. Extra information will be sent to your weekly communication or feel free to contact me, any questions or concerns at npadro@MFCS.US.com or Lquiles@MFCS.US.com
–Mrs. Norma & Mrs. Lucia

CLASS 701. Welcome to September. We will continue to work on our first six weeks study, we are learning each other's name in our classroom. We are learning classroom rules. 1. Listening ears. 2. Walking feet. 3. Looking eyes. 4. Hand and feet to yourself. We are also doing Second Step about listening. When the children arrive at 7:50-8:00am., they hang up their

backpacks and wash their hands. They go to the table and write their name and draw a picture. We are working on recognizing letters in their first name. We are also working on numbers 1-10. Please remember, early release is every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. We are still working on home visits. Thank you.
~Ms. Sherry and Ms. Theresa

CLASS 702. Hello, September! We will continue to work on our First Six Weeks Study during which we learn about our names and the names of friends in our class. We are learning the classroom rules and procedures and how to share and take turns with the materials. In Second Step, we are learning how to listen and focus attention so learning can take place. Every morning, we find and "write" our names as the first step towards name writing and recognition. We are starting to learn the letters of our names and how to count and identify numbers 0-20. Please remember, school drop off time is 7:50am- 8am and we appreciate if you can be on time as much as possible to minimize disruption of the children's learning. Pick up time is 2 p.m. except for every Wednesday is an Early Dismissal Day and pick up time is 1p.m. unless your child is enrolled in our aftercare program. We are still working on home visits so if you haven't already had yours, please let us know when you are available after school so we can get them completed before the deadline at the end of September. Thank you for your cooperation! ~Miss Shelley and Miss Olena

CLASS 902. Welcome to a new school year! We are going to enjoy our special time together this year. Our school year will be starting off with learning the routine, rules, and getting to know everyone in the classroom. The children have been doing an amazing job learning and working with us, teachers. One of the first things we are working on is name recognition too, so please practice finding their name around home too. Please, if you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to get in contact with us. Here's to a FANTASTIC year!
~Theresa Nunez and Wanda Pagan

Parents are the best teachers

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/>

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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.