



November Newsletter Head Start Blended @ Blue Lake Elementary School

We will begin the month of November with a nutrition lesson about crooked neck squash. The children will learn what it is, how it grows, taste it, and even make a recipe.

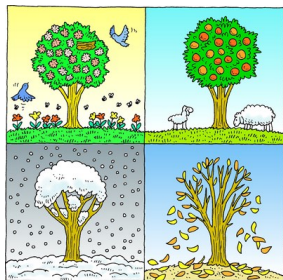


The next theme is "Seasons All Around." The children will discover what the seasons are, what is unique to the seasons, and how they change. We will discuss how the seasons affect what we do and what we wear. In math, we are learning first, middle, and last, as well as focusing on the numbers 6 to 10, and creating graphs. The letters that we will focus on this month are U, Y, and W. Help your child find and share letters he/she knows when reading together and then practice the sounds.

In Second Step, we will be learning how to handle accidents, care and help your friends and recognize feelings in our bodies.

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

We want to thank the parents who have donated various items to our classroom. The children are very excited to use the watering cans for our up and coming garden. They have enjoyed the toys in the center areas.



Ms. Marilyn and Ms. Anita

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Parent meeting will be on **November 1st, 2016 at 8:00am.**
- **No school on November 11** (Veteran's Day)
- Parent Activity will be on **November 16th, 2016 at 11:15am.**
- **No school on November 23, 24, and 25** (Thanksgiving Holiday)
- **Field Trip December 9th to The Christmas Tree Farm in Eustis**



Hi, I am Nelly Pagan Santos, your new Family Advocate. I'm so excited to be a part of this team and to enjoy a productive partnership with parents to ensure that our children achieve their highest potential. We recognize that in order to be successful in our school, the children need support from both home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education.

We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

- 1) Attends school daily and arrives on time ready for each day's learning experience.
- 2) Completes all homework assignments given by teachers.
- 3) Is read to daily by their parents so the child to develop a love for reading and improve literacy skills.
- 4) Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life.
- 5) Informs you if he/she needs additional support in any area.

In this month we celebrate Thanksgiving Day and we would like to encourage our families to reflect and give thanks for all the blessings you have received. Enjoy this upcoming holiday with your family and loved ones. Our best wish is for all of you to spend quality time together and to make moments you will always remember.

Parents play a very important role in their children's lives and education. Your active participation, presence, and support in the school activities is the basis for our children success. So let's be active!

Happy Thanksgiving Day!

The wonderful teachers and myself feel privileged to be part of this school family and we thank you for your support and volunteer services throughout this school year.

Cordially,

Nelly Ann Pagan, Family Advocate (352) 277-1619



Hola, mi nombre es Nelly Santos Pagan su nueva Representante de Familia. Estoy muy emocionada de ser parte de este equipo y de poder disfrutar de una relación productiva con los padres para asegurar que nuestros niños alcancen su máximo potencial. Reconocemos que con el fin de tener éxito en la escuela, los niños necesitan apoyo tanto de hogar como de la escuela. Sabemos que trabajando en equipo con usted, será de gran diferencia en la educación de su hijo(a).

Le pedimos que guíe y apoye a su hijo(a) en el proceso de aprendizaje al asegurar que:

- 1) Asista a la escuela todos los días y llegue a tiempo, listo para la experiencia de aprendizaje de cada día.
- 2) Complete todas las tareas dadas por las maestras.
- 3) Todos los padres lean a diario a su hijo(a) para desarrollar el amor por la lectura y mejorar las habilidades de lectura y escritura.
- 4) Que los motive a compartir con usted las experiencias escolares diarias, para que sean parte de su vida escolar.
- 5) Le mantendremos informado(a) si él / ella necesita apoyo adicional en alguna área.

El equipo de maestras y yo nos sentimos privilegiadas de ser parte de esta familia y de esta escuela, y agradecemos por su apoyo y tiempo como voluntarios durante todo el año escolar.

En este mes celebramos el Día de Acción de Gracias y nos gustaría animar a nuestras familias para reflexionar y dar gracias por todas las bendiciones que han recibido. Disfrute de estos próximos días de fiesta con su familia y seres queridos. Nuestros mejores deseos para todos ustedes es que puedan pasar tiempo de calidad juntos y hacer de esto memorables momentos para siempre recordar.

Los padres juegan un papel importante en la vida y educación de nuestros niños. Su participación activa, la presencia y el apoyo en las actividades de la escuela es la base del éxito de nuestros niños, así que seamos activos!

Cordialmente,

Nelly Ann Pagan, Representante de familia
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Policy Council

UPDATE of October 2016 Meeting

The October Policy Council Meeting was held on Thursday, October 27, 2016, at the Holiday Inn Express in Leesburg. This was a face to face meeting. Twenty one parents were present. Parents in attendance were the newly elected 2016-17 Policy Council representatives. Ten staff members were present. Two community members were present. Policy Council Training was conducted by Head Start Director, Heidi Rand.

Election of 2016-17 Policy Council officers was held. The following officers were elected: Chairperson, Amanda Edwards – Hernando Center, Vice-Chairperson, Trevene Christian – Westside Center and Secretary, James Norton - Malloy Center.

The following reports were approved: Budget and Credit Card, Meals and Snacks and Attendance.

Review of updates to the Head Start Performance Standards was tabled due to limited time available for discussion.

The following persons were approved for hire:

Christine Barletta was approved for hire as a Full time Extended Day Teacher for EVEC.

Erika Brenes was approved for hire as a Teacher Assistant for Coleman.

Denise Thompson was approved for hire as a Disability Services Coordinator for Hernando, Sumter and Volusia Counties.

The next Policy Council meeting will be at 10am on Thursday, November 17, 2016. This meeting will be a video conference meeting. Volusia county representatives will meet in the conference room at the Volusia Administrative Office in Deland. Hernando and Sumter County representatives will meet in the conference room at the Hernando Center.



Helping Your Child Become a Reader

Ms. Karen – CDS
Volusia Head Start



Your preschooler knows a lot of things that he or she didn't know as a baby. If they've been read to, they already know these things about **books:**

- Books are fun.
- Books are read from front to back.
- Pictures should be held right-side up.
- Reading is done from left to right.
- The language of books is different from spoken language.
- Words have different sounds in them.

There are familiar and unfamiliar words.

These things, called “emergent literacy skills,” are important building blocks toward the day when your child will read by him/herself. How can you help your child to develop these skills?

It's EASY!!!! Just keep reading out loud!

Visit the library often. Choosing a wide variety of different books to read aloud will help your preschooler increase his or her vocabulary and learn about many different topics at the same time. Your child will soon understand how stories are structured and what “characters” actually do in them. Your child also will learn that:

- Text is words written down.
- Letters in a specific order form a word.

There are spaces between words.

Teachers help children understand these basic concepts everyday, but parents must help, too. Giving your child a head start with books now will help **enormously** when your child starts formal reading instruction soon in school.

For more information, talk to your child's teacher, visit the classroom, or call me at 386-527-2963. This article was adapted from www.Kidshealth.org, Story Time for Preschoolers.

It's A Health Thing!

Free Health Seminar Series

When: Wednesday November 16th, 2016

9:30am– 12:30 pm

Where: Volusia county Health Department

1845 Holsonback Drive, Daytona Beach



Featuring Dr. V. Rodriguez III covering common childhood illness issues

Please RSVP to Your Family Advocate.

Registered participants will receive: breakfast, a health guide and a goody bag! Transportation available from Malloy, WVEC, Holly Hill and EVEC.

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Platicas de Salud Gratis

Cuando: Miercoles, 16, de Noviembre 2016

9:30am 12:30pm

Donde: El Departamento de Salud Del Condado de Volusia

1845 Holsonback Drive, Daytona



Con la participacion del Dr. V. Rodriguez III

Por favor confirme su asistencia con su Representate de la Familia.

Participantes registrados recibiran: desayuno, una guia de salud y una bolsa de regalos! El transporte sera disponible desde Malloy, WVEC, Holly Hill, y EVEC.